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'Shake-up' for constituencies

- 42nd seat 'set to be created'
- Drastic changes discussed

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AS THE Boundaries Commission continues to meet ahead of the 2012 general election, there are claims it is contemplating introducing a 42nd constituency and reshuffling others.

This 42nd seat is expected to be created by removing Bimini and the Berry Islands from their current seats, and amalgamating them into one constituency unto themselves.

Both of these current seats are represented by PLP MPs Obie Wilchcombe and Vincent Peet respectively.

In the last general election, West End and Bimini had 3,517 registered voters, and 2,551 voters in the North Andros and the Berry Islands seat.

According to what information could be gleaned from the Parliamentary Registry yesterday, it appears there are 1,084 registered voters on the island of Bimini and 375 in the

Berry Islands.

If and when these two islands are combined, it will create one of the smallest constituencies to date, second only to MICAL which had just 1,283 registered voters in 2007.

Besides from the creation of a possible 42nd seat, other changes being discussed by the body include a drastic shift in the Killarney, Mt Moriah, Clifton, and Golden Isles seats.

According to well-placed sources close to the discussions, in Killarney it is rumoured that Oakes Field and Rock Crusher may be removed as they are reported to be strong PLP areas, and be transferred off to the Fort Charlotte constituency.

Additionally, it is reported that White Grove will be moved into the Mt Moriah constituency in an attempt to strengthen the FNM's somewhat "weakened" position there.

In Clifton, the FNM's Kendal Wright may be cut

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PM EXPECTS CHINESE TO BE 'RESPONSIVE' ON BAHAMA MAR

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PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham expects officials from the China State Con-

struction and China Import Export Bank to be very responsive to his government's "concerns" over the \$2.6 billion proposed Baha Mar development during a very

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CAR CRASHES INTO LAKE KILLARNEY

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CRASH SCENE: A man was injured yesterday after his car flipped over on Coral Harbour Road and ended up in Lake Killarney. Emergency services arrived on the scene and took the man to hospital – there was no news on his condition up until presstime.

PICWELL FORBES 'LOSING GROUND IN CONSTITUENCY'

ALTHOUGH winning his seat by the largest margin out of any candidate in the 2007 general election, Picwell Forbes, the PLP's Member of Parliament for South Andros, is reportedly beginning to lose considerable ground in his constituency.



PICWELL FORBES

As a first time MP for the area, Mr Forbes's financial woes have been

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NO ACTION AGAINST LAWYERS ACCUSED OF MISCONDUCT

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LAWYERS criticised for serious misconduct in a 2003 Supreme Court ruling appear to have escaped disciplinary action from the Bar Association, as transcripts from the trial have not yet been received.

Senior Justice John Lyons accused lawyer Derrence Rolle and James Thompson of serious misconduct and wasting court time as they represented

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POWER CUT HITS PRISON MAXIMUM SECURITY WING

A DAMAGED power cable and generator which left the maximum security wing of Her Majesty's Prison in darkness for 17 hours did not compromise security, Prison Superintendent Dr Elliston Rahming insisted last night.

Dr Rahming said a cable feeding power to the prison was struck by lightning on Monday night, followed by a generator that provided power until about 1am on Tuesday then breaking down.

A new generator was installed and was up and running by 5pm yesterday.

Asked if there was any threat to prison security during the blackout, Dr Rahming said: "Absolutely not."

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Four injured in gun attack

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FOUR men were shot and injured, some seriously, in a gun attack in the Market Street area on Monday night.

Two of the men were yesterday listed in critical condition in hospital, the other two were said to be stable.

Police are questioning a 23-year-old Wright's Lane man in connection with the shooting.

Officers were called to the scene of the shooting at Bimini Avenue off Market Street at around 8pm.

According to eyewitnesses and initial reports, the four victims were in a yard at Bimini Avenue when they were approached by a group of men allegedly armed with handguns.

It is reported that gunshots were discharged in the direction of the group of men, which resulted in all of them sustaining gunshot injuries.

Police investigations are continuing.

GOVERNMENT ministers were encouraged to adopt legislation to outlaw shark fishing at a breakfast briefing on shark conservation hosted by the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) yesterday morning.

Experts from the international non-profit organisation the Pew Environmental Group told Cabinet ministers how such legislation would not only ensure the health of the coral reefs and sustain vital fisheries, it would also continue to support the lucrative shark tourism industry as local populations are unmatched elsewhere in the Caribbean.

Director of global shark conservation for the Pew Environmental Group Matt Rand explained how shark populations are declining worldwide as 73 million a year are fished for their fins to be used in the Chinese delicacy shark fin soup. "Because of this luxury item

Outlaw shark fishing, Ministers are urged



Stuart Cove's Dive Bahamas

BEAUTY OF THE DEEP: Pew Environment Group director of global shark conservation Matt Rand dives with a reef shark in the Bahamas.

these creatures are being wiped off the planet," Mr Rand said.

"The oceans have evolved for more than 400 million years with sharks and they never had predators.

"Suddenly the hunters have become the hunted, and we are taking that top predator out of the ecosystem and by doing that we are disrupting the

whole marine balance. "For a country that depends on fishing, disrupting the marine balance could have severe consequences," he said.

Sharks thrive in Bahamian waters by virtue of a long-line fishing ban imposed 20 years ago to prevent them from becoming by-catch - fish caught unintentionally.

Around 40 species of sharks are estimated to live in Bahamian waters.

Because of the healthy population the Bahamas has become known as "shark diving capital of the world" and attracts visitors to the tune of \$78 million a year.

It has also supported 60 scientific research publications over the last 20 years, and allowed for a healthy marine environment.

Mr Rand said: "There are few locations where you can get in the water and see sharks, and you have defacto protection now, but not legislative protection.

"We think this would be a great opportunity, not only for the sharks, but also for the Bahamas."

The Pew Environmental Group has worked with governments around the world and was successful in Palau and the Maldives which have become sanctuaries for sharks.

Although sharks have never been targeted by the fishing industry in the Bahamas, the threat of international demand for shark fins was raised when sea cucumber export company Sunco Wholesale Seafood Ltd CEO James Mackey told *The Tribune* he would explore the



Photo by Shawn Heinrichs for the Pew Environment Group
SENSITIVE: Salmon sharks are one of the most biologically sensitive species of shark. These were fished for their fins in Kesenuma, Japan.

possibility of shark finning from his operation in Mastic Point, North Andros for export to Hong Kong.

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Larry Cartwright reassured interested parties attending the event at the British Colonial Hilton yesterday that "the current policy of the government is to not allow for the export of shark fins, etcetera."

However he did not indicate whether he would implement legislation to protect sharks as he commented on their multifaceted importance for the marine ecosystem, tourism and scientific research.

"In this vein I applaud the efforts now being made by the BNT and others to protect sharks in the exclusive zone of the Bahamas," Mr Cartwright said.

As apex predators, sharks feed on large fish, which in turn feed on herbivorous fish that control levels of algae on the reef. Removing them from the equation could have an unprecedented impact on large fish, herbivorous fish and algae

levels. BNT president Neil McKinney said: "In this country it's not just sharks, but the entire marine ecosystem that we need to try to protect, because if we break the web, or a link in the chain, there is a cascading effect.

"The loss of sharks would directly impact our coral reefs. We have to protect what we have. We cannot be a bread basket for the rest of the world and we have to be very careful so that it is here for generations after us.

"That is why there is a need for legislative protection, because policy can be changed much more easily than legislation."

BNT executive director Eric Carey added: "A lot of times we advocate for issues when species are almost beyond recovery. We have a good opportunity now to do something for sharks while they are still healthy in the Bahamas."

To find out more and support the campaign log on to www.bnt.bs or www.pew-sharks.org.



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FISHING FRENZY: Around 5,000 blue sharks were fished for their fins on a single day in Kesenuma, Japan.

PHOTO: Shawn Heinrichs for the Pew Environment Group.

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LOCAL NEWS

Hubert Ingraham coy on his political future

PM: my actions speak louder than words

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BEIJING, China - Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham played coy about his political future, telling reporters his actions speak louder than his words.

"I told you all before, my actions speak louder than my words," he said, before laughing, when asked about his pledge to tell the Bahamian people before the end of the year if he will seek re-election as prime minister.

When The Tribune commented that his actions implied he would stay on as leader of the FNM with the hope of serving another term in office, he replied: "The idea is for you to deduce what you wish."

Confident

When asked to measure his political strength at the moment, he said he is still confident his party has the support of the Bahamian electorate.

"When we have an opportunity to go to the people of the Bahamas, I believe that the public of the Bahamas will respond to us in a positive way.

"Elections are about choices, people choose in the next election whether they want (opposition leader) Perry Christie to be prime minister or Hubert Ingraham. Whether they want the FNM to be the government or the PLP, it's very simple, straightforward," he said, adding that these statements did not mean he planned to offer himself for re-election as prime minister in 2012.

There have been recent heated exchanges between Mr Ingraham and members of the opposition in Parliament. When asked why, Mr Ingraham said perhaps he has been more emotional



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham visited the Bahamas' Honorary Consulate office in Hong Kong, China on Monday. Pictured at the Consulate from left are: Sherry Rodgers-Brookes, PA/Corporate Affairs Manager, Freeport Harbour Company Limited; John Meredith, Honorary Consul for The Bahamas to Hong Kong and Executive Director of Hutchison Port Group; Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and Gary Glibert, CEO of the Freeport Container Port, Freeport Harbour Company Limited and the Grand Bahama International Airport.

because "maybe the provocation is greater".

"The opposition has become more aggressive in the House and we've been responsive to it.

"We are willing to take it as easy as they wish or as hard as they wish," he said.

FNM MP for Bamboo Town Branville McCartney recently told The Tribune that his party has bad public relations and would have a tough fight in 2012.

Lead

When asked to respond, the prime minister said, "I don't discuss my members, he's still a member of the party and so I do not respond to members of my party. When I have to respond to members of my party, I do other things. I lead the FNM".

As for whether the next election will be a tough one

for the FNM, that is for the public to decide, the nation's chief said.

"The public will have to determine that.

"We think we've done a good job but the public will decide whether we should get another shot.

"I am hopeful and the public gives me every reason to believe that they think that when they have to make a choice between us and them, that they are likely to choose us over them," he said.



RIBBON CUTTING: Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham prepares to cut the ceremonial ribbon marking the official opening of The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) Office in Hong Kong, China on Monday.

Bahamas economy 'in much better shape than last year'

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BEIJING, China - The Bahamas' economy is in much better shape today than it was a year ago, although there is still a long way to go before the country sees a full recovery after the economic downturn in 2008, said Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

"Things are not as bad today as they were a year ago, fewer people have their electricity off today than had it off a year ago, some 6,000 more people are connected to electricity than the last time I got numbers as compared to last year the same time. The government revenue is better for the first three months of the year this year than it was last year," he said.

"Economic activity is beginning to show some prospects, it's not been as bad as it was, but it's going to take quite a while. Tourism is doing better, fishermen are getting higher prices for their fish than they did last year, there's a reasonable amount of construction activity going on - not as much as we'd like. So yes, we are seeing some signs (of a recovery)."

Mr Ingraham's comments were made to reporters on the sidelines of a welcome reception held to mark his second official visit to China.

He is in the country at the invitation of the Chinese government to discuss issues with

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

Mr Ingraham told *The Tribune* he would also like to see the Bahamas' tourism market snag a larger share of visitors from China.

"The Chinese will tell you that 48 million Chinese travel outside of China annually, many of them go to the United States, New York, Disney (theme parks) etc. And so the extent to which the Bahamas can attract some of them would certainly be in our interests," he said, adding that Chinese tourists need visas to enter the Bahamas.

"There's been a small number, but more and more persons are entering the middle class in China and are able to afford to travel and so there is opportunity for increased visitors from China in places like the Bahamas," he said.

Mr Ingraham and his delegation, which includes National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest, Labour Minister Dion Foulkes, Speaker of the House of Assembly Alvin Smith, Chairman of the Airport Authority Frank Watson, are scheduled to visit Shanghai later this week. Before returning home, Mr Ingraham plans to stop in Barbados for the funeral of that country's late Prime Minister David Thompson.

Prime Minister meets with Hutchison Whampoa officials

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BEIJING, China - Meeting with Hutchison Whampoa officials in Hong Kong on Monday, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham expressed satisfaction with the rising occupancy rates reported by the corporation, but said this does not constitute a complete turnaround for its troubled Grand Bahama resort property.

The prime minister also hinted at upcoming issues with some of Hutchison's unionised workers.

Mr Ingraham met with the officials during a brief stopover in Hong Kong before departing for Beijing.

While not revealing details of that meeting, Mr Ingraham said occupancy levels for one of the group's hotels, the Our Lucaya Beach and Golf Resort, appear better than in recent times.

"We discussed Our Lucaya extensively and those discussions will continue," said Mr Ingraham.

"They are probably doing a little better now... because the cruise ship that comes in has some business so their occupancy levels are higher now.

"If their room revenues are better, I don't know, but their occupancies are better than they were."

"We are very pleased that Hutchison continues to stay with the property, continues to keep all the people employed, and it is our hope that they will have a harmonious relationship with the union because there are concerns about some of the issues that are coming up and so I will also be having some discussions with the hotel union about the property," he said.

Meetings are also scheduled with persons who have "expressed some interest in things," said Mr Ingraham who refrained from calling these persons prospective investors in the Bahamas.

Two straw vendors to stand trial in New York

THE cases of two of the final four Bahamian straw vendors in custody in New York have gone before the courts, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported.

In a statement issued yesterday, the ministry advised that the cases of Gale Rolle and Marva Ferguson began on Monday.

A trial date of November 4 was set after both women entered 'not guilty' pleas. They are the first of the vendors to do so.

Five of the vendors have already pleaded guilty and were sentenced to time served, placed on probation and released.

The nine Bahamians were arrested on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States on September 18.

The ministry said: "Ms Rolle and Ms Ferguson have been released on their own recognisance pending trial, and are residing at accommodations arranged by the Consul General and approved

by the court. "The Consul General will continue to monitor their cases, as well as the cases of the final two remaining Bahamian nationals."

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Study: conservation slowing extinctions

GOVERNMENT Ministers attending a Bahamas National Trust breakfast briefing yesterday on shark conservation were urged to introduce early legislation to ban shark fishing in the Bahamas.

Since the announcement by a Mastic Point, Andros, businessman that he was considering expanding his sea cucumber export market to include shark finning to satisfy the Hong Kong market, the protection of sharks has become a priority.

It is estimated that about 40 species of sharks thrive in Bahamian waters. This is attributed to the long-line fishing ban introduced about 20 years ago when sharks were unintentionally scooped up in the long lines dragged along the ocean floor to catch other fish. Other than Palau and the Maldives, which are now shark sanctuaries, the Bahamas also has a healthy —so far undisturbed — shark population.

According to the experts this is the first time in its 400-million year existence that sharks have had a predator — a predator in the form of man who now threatens their existence and eventually the whole marine ecosystem.

It is especially bad news for the Bahamas, its coral reefs, its fisheries and its growing shark tourism market.

Malcolm Ritter, AP science writer, reports that according to a new analysis, on average 52 species of mammals, birds and amphibians are taking a significant step toward extinction each year.

But if not for conservation efforts, the march would be even faster.

Efforts to save endangered animals are making a difference, even as about 1 in 5 of the world's backboned species — mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish — are threatened with extinction, according to a study published online in the journal Science.

The report was released as delegates from more than 190 nations meet at a United Nations conference in Nagoya, Japan, to set 20 measurable targets to combat the loss of many diverse species.

"Our results should be a timely wake-up call to governments in Nagoya," said Stuart Butchart, a study author and global research coordinator at BirdLife International. "Biodiversity is in a desperate state. Its situation is getting worse, but our results show we can turn the situation around. We just need greater political will and resources."

The study considered almost 26,000 species of vertebrates — animals with a backbone — whose conservation status is on the "Red List" of the International Union for Conservation of Nature. It found that about one-fifth of vertebrate species are "threatened," meaning they are close to going extinct in the near future. That ranges from 13 per cent

of birds to 41 per cent of amphibians.

The one-fifth number isn't much of a surprise, but the new study is the first global audit of vertebrates, said Craig Hilton-Taylor of the IUCN, a study author.

To look for trends, the authors used a statistical measure that tracks how particular species have moved among the eight categories of the Red List — an indication of improvement or worsening of their conservation status. Because of data limitations, they focused on birds, mammals and amphibians. Their results translate to an average of 52 species moving one category closer to extinction each year.

Amphibians, which include frogs and salamanders, showed the fastest decline, with mammals second. The trend was less severe for birds, but still included creatures like the green-coloured Hose's broadbill of Malaysia and Indonesia, which has suffered declines in its forest habitat.

About 1 in 6 declines in conservation status in the study resulted in extinction, the authors said. The extinctions include the golden toad of Costa Rica and a Hawaiian forest bird called the Kamao.

To study whether conservation efforts like protecting habitat or controlling predators were helping, the authors examined cases where a species' status improved, moving away from extinction. That was the case in 68 of the 928 reclassifications they found, almost entirely due to conservation action, the authors said. Nearly all involved mammals or birds, because they have a longer and better-funded history of conservation efforts, the authors said.

Humpback whales, for example, moved from "vulnerable" to being at low risk for extinction because of protections against commercial whaling, the authors said.

In all, the researchers calculated that the overall march toward extinction would have been some 20 per cent faster if no conservation steps had been taken. But they also said the true impact is much greater than their calculations could show.

"Conservation is working, it's just not enough" at current levels, said Ana Rodrigues of the Centre for Evolutionary and Functional Ecology in Montpellier, France, a study author.

Stuart Pimm, a conservation expert at Duke University who didn't participate in the study, agreed that the results contain good news.

"A lot of those species would have been moving a lot faster (toward extinction) if it weren't for conservation efforts," he said. "Conservation efforts really do work, they're just not stemming the full extent of the losses of species. The overall trend is still downhill."

Proof there is still good in the world

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Please allow me space in your daily to express sincere gratitude to two young men who showed that there is still good in the world.

Monday, October 18, 2010, I had occasion to use one of our capital's busy thoroughfares at the "after work" period when I had a tyre "blowout". Because of this I had to manoeuvre the car onto the grassy verge.

We were able to dislodge the spare tyre and began the process of removing the disabled one from the car. This would be no easy task and it would be dark before we would complete the task. Just then we heard a vehicle pull up behind us and a voice said, "Can we help you?" Two young men jumped out and told us to take up the sheet I was about to kneel on and to put our jack back in the car.

One of them went back to the truck and brought out a

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good sized box. In it was one of those pneumatic jacks. They told us to step aside and within five minutes the car was raised the tyre removed and the spare one was installed.

We were profuse in our gratitude to them and to the Almighty God who sent them at the right time to help us. They were like two angels on a mission. They might not have seen themselves in that light but to us they were our helpers.

My family and I take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Dwight Griffin of Baha Mar Company and Mr. Deran Munnings of New Providence Development Company, who saw fit to help without asking for any reward. One of them said to us, "Miss, there are still some good peo-

ple in the world." They then related how, they had already passed us on their way. They said they looked at each other and decided that they had better go back an help those people. We are so grateful you turned back. You could have continued on your journey without giving it a second thought.

Thank you, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Munnings for what you did and thank you to all of those persons who influenced your development to this point in your lives. They must have done an excellent job.

Letters of commendation are being forwarded to your respective places of employment. You may encounter some "friendly teasing" as a result of this letter, but continue to be "lights" in our Bahamaland. You will always be in our prayers. You will never be forgotten

F.A.E DILLET
Nassau,
October 19, 2010.

Straw Market has become a modern day USA Flea Market

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Please allow me some space in your newspaper. It's a sad situation, that the straw vendors found themselves in. The reality is that the vendors didn't take heed about the law. They were warned over and over again. The reality is that the bags were fake designer's collection, supposedly very expensive items that they couldn't afford, and anything that is purchased on the "black market" means that is illegal goods — plain and simple.

The Straw Market has become a modern day U.S.A. Flea Market where anything could be purchased — drugs, numbers, breakfast, jewellery, designer bags, illegal immigrants and the list goes on. It is no more rules and standards that govern the Market. It seems that The Market Association has let the Straw Market deteriorate to the situation that has occurred to date.

It is time that the Straw Vendors wear proper uniforms like the Hair Braiders Association. The vendors should wear Jean-T-Shirt or Androsia printed blouses with jeans. In my opinion, Ms. Strachan has not done a good job. It is time for a new dynamic young body to lead the Straw Market Association to the next millennium.

MS. SHEENA THOMPSON
Nassau,
October 4, 2010.

Considering comments by Opposition and union leaders

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I refer to the comments made today by the Opposition and union leaders concerning ZNS.

Considering the deep economic depression worldwide, including The Bahamas:

(1) By what means would these gentlemen make payments to redundant staff of up to two years, when there are few funds in the Treasury? Certainly ZNS has no spare funds.

(2) As one questioner asked: How much has the Union paid ZNS staffers after collecting dues for all the past years?

(3) There is a difference between capital improvements such as roadworks and expenditure on current account for staff emoluments. The latter total determines the profitability of the company, a negative result would place the company in jeopardy of closing down. The former would make the institution more attractive for sale to prospective buyers.

(4) It was also reported locally that the sheer size of the staff when compared with major networks and viewer coverage in the United States indicated that the station was heavily overstaffed.

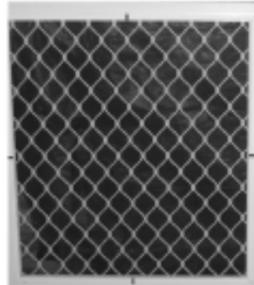
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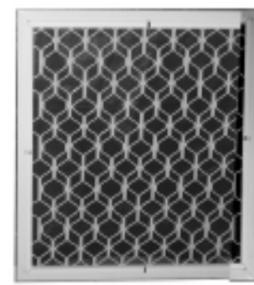
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LOCAL NEWS

Sentencing hearing of pair convicted of son's manslaughter is adjourned

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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THE sentencing hearing of a mother and her former boyfriend convicted of manslaughter in the 2007 death of her one-year-old son had to be adjourned yesterday.

Makisha Brown, 25, and Leroy Rolle, 20, were convicted of manslaughter in the death of Levano Brown in mid-September.

The child had reportedly suffered blunt force trauma to the

head and abdomen, lacerations to the head and bruises about the body.

Brown and Rolle were found not guilty on the charge of murder but were convicted on the alternative charge of intentional manslaughter. The sentencing hearing was adjourned yesterday after prosecutor Terry Scriven informed the court that the Crown had not had enough time to review probation reports.

He informed the court that the prosecution had only received a copy of the probation reports two

hours prior to yesterday's hearing.

Further, he pointed out that prosecutor Eucal Bonaby initially had carriage of the matter but was unable to be present at the hearing due to illness. Brown's attorney Keith Seymour informed the court that he also did not have sufficient time to go over the probation report on his client.

Attorney Dorsey McPhee, who represents Rolle, informed the court that he had reviewed the probation report and said it was recommended that his client

undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

Mr McPhee said that he accepted this recommendation, stating that he wanted his client to undergo evaluation.

Senior Justice Anita Allen adjourned the hearing to Friday, November 12 at 10am. She noted that if Rolle has not received a psychiatric evaluation by that time, she would proceed with the sentencing of Brown.



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LOCAL NEWS

PM expects Chinese to be 'responsive' on Baha Mar project

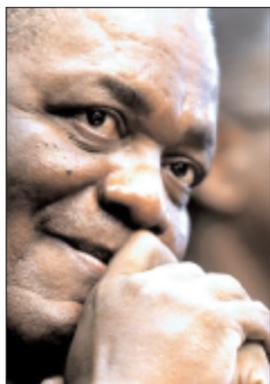
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"useful" meeting scheduled for this morning (last night according to Nassau time).

Speaking to reporters in Beijing on the sidelines of a welcome reception hosted in his honour, Mr Ingraham said he had earlier met with Chinese government official Chairman Wu Bangguo, who acknowledged the Bahamas government's issues with the project.

Mr Ingraham has previously said his government cannot accept the large number of foreign labourers the investors are calling for. He has said he would like to see the expansive project built in stages instead of all at once as the developers have proposed.

When asked if he thought the Chinese would be inflexible in their demand for some 8,000 Chinese workers to be incorporated in the project, Mr Ingraham said: "We're talking about the Bahamas, and so if you're talking about the Bahamas



PRIME MINISTER
Hubert Ingraham

the Bahamas government has a say about what happens in the Bahamas. So that question is an irrelevant question as to whether somebody can come in the Bahamas and find unacceptable what the Bahamas government requires. This is the Bahamas we're talking about, we're not talking about any other country.

"Our position is well-known, we've stated them

publicly and we've stated them privately, and I expect to have a very useful meeting tomorrow. I had a meeting with Chairman Wu this afternoon, he alluded to it, alluded to what they understand and know our position to be. I expect that they will be responsive to our position and that we'll move forward."

When asked when the labour resolution on the project will be debated in Parliament – which was shelved a few weeks ago because Baha Mar had yet to reach an agreement with Scotiabank for an outstanding loan of about \$200 million that needed to be satisfied before the project could move forward – Mr Ingraham said "as soon as we are in a position to do so."

Baha Mar officials hope to break ground on the project before the end of the year. When asked if his administration will make a final decision on the fate of the project before 2010 ends, Mr Ingraham said after his

discussions in China it should not take long to make a decision.

But he added that the developers had other conditions to meet before the project could move forward.

"We don't drag things out. I don't want to put a time limit on it but we're going to have discussions with the two companies here, and we don't see why it ought to take long to make a determination. But to be clear, Baha Mar has an agreement for a Scotia-bank loan to be paid off, that's a pre-condition to anything else happening.

"There are other things, other than the government approval to be done. There are other conditions, including satisfying the Scotiabank loan."

Another major obstacle is said to be the 265-acre land transfers (freehold and leasehold) which Baha Mar's Chinese partners are insisting upon as a condition to consummate their alliance with the Government.

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Daughter of reggae star Bob Marley pleads not guilty to abusing child

KINGSTON, Jamaica

A DAUGHTER of reggae superstar Bob Marley on Tuesday pleaded not guilty to abusing a 6-year-old boy at her daycare center for special-needs children in Jamaica's capital, according to *Associated Press*.

Sharon Marley, 46, entered the plea in the Caribbean country's family court, five days after police alleged she took an autistic boy into a room at her Total Care Learning Center in Kingston and beat him.

The child's mother, who is an employee at Marley's daycare, told investigators that her son emerged from the room crying and bearing several bruises. She promptly filed a complaint with authorities.

Marley's lawyer, Lawrence Haynes, could not be reached for comment.

Marley was a member of the Grammy-winning Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers band with several siblings and was a curator for the Bob Marley Museum in Kingston when it opened in 1986. She has since become a certified early childhood specialist.

Her Tuesday plea in Jamaica's capital came on the same day that 29-year-old Makeda Jahnesta Marley, the youngest daughter of the late reggae musician, received seven years probation for growing marijuana in her home in the U.S. state of Pennsylvania.



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'Shake-up' for constituencies

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out entirely, or pushed further back than his current boundaries.

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cuts being offered in their areas to date," the source explained.

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LOCAL NEWS

Acclaimed comedy 'Tamara Drewe' to open 2010 Bahamas International Film Festival

THE Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF) announced yesterday that Sony Pictures Classics' acclaimed comedy "Tamara Drewe" will be the opening film at this year's festival, which takes place December 1-5 in Nassau.

The special event screening will take place on Wednesday, December 1, at the Atlantis Theatre on Paradise Island. The announce-

ment was made by BIFF founder and executive director Leslie Vanderpool.

Directed by two-time Academy Award nominee Stephen Frears ("High Fidelity," "The Queen," "Dangerous Liaisons"), the film stars Gemma Arterton of "Prince of Persia" and "Quantum of Solace" in the title role, along with Roger Allam, Bill Camp, Dominic Cooper, Luke Evans and Tamisn Greig. The screenplay was written by Moira Buffini.

Based on Posy Simmonds' graphic novel of the same name - which was itself inspired by Thomas Hardy's classic "Far From the Madding Crowd" - this modern take on the romantic English pastoral is a far cry

from Hardy's Wessex.

The movie's present-day English countryside - stocked with pompous writers, rich weekenders, bourgeois bohemians, a horny rock star, and a great many Buff Orpington chickens and Belted Galloway cows - promises to be a much funnier place.

Character

The film starts with the titular character Tamara Drewe returning to the bucolic village of her youth, turning life upside down for the locals.

Tamara, once an ugly duckling, has been transformed into a devastating beauty (with help from plas-

tic surgery). As infatuations, jealousies, love affairs and career ambitions collide among the inhabitants of the neighbouring farmsteads, Tamara sets a contemporary comedy of manners into play using the oldest magic in the book, sex appeal.

The film was an official selection of the 2010 Cannes Film Festival, 2010 Telluride Film Festival and 2010 Toronto International Film Festival.

"Tamara Drewe" is produced by Alison Owen, Paul Trijbits and Tracey Seaward. Executive Producers are Christine Langan, Sharon Harel and Maya Amsellem.

BIFF 2010 begins on Wednesday, December 1st and runs through Sunday, December 5.



OPENING FILM: Gemma Arterton in 'Tamara Drewe'

Man who died after suffering electric shock is identified

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - Grand Bahama police have identified the young man who suffered an electric shock and died as 20-year-old Kamal Cooper.

Mr Cooper, a resident of Freeport, was with friends on Friday at the old abandoned Stone Crab Restaurant on Taino Beach when he touched the transformer and was knocked unconscious to the ground.

He was transported by ambulance to Rand Memorial Hospital where he was detained for observation. However he died on Saturday.

Investigations are continuing.

Public reminded that voter registration continues

VOTER registration continues on a daily basis in New Providence and the Family Islands, Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel reminded the public yesterday.

Registration centres opened at locations throughout the country on October 4 as preparation of the new Voter Register begins.

The aim of the opening of multiple centres in New Providence, Grand Bahama and the Family Islands is to facilitate an early national voter registration drive.

Persons applying for registration must be Bahamian citizens, 18 years and older and must have resided in a particular constituency for three months or more.

Voter Registration Centres are opened in New Providence between the hours of 10am to 4pm at:

- The Parliamentary Registration Department, Farrington Road
- The Town Centre and Marathon Malls
- The General Post Office, East Hill Street
- The Sub-Post Office, Carmichael Road
- The Sub Post Office, South Beach
- The Sub-Post Office, Elizabeth Estates

In Grand Bahama, centres are opened between the hours of 9.30am- 4.30 pm at:

- Parliamentary Registration Department, Freeport
- Administrator's Office, Eight Mile Rock
- Administrator's Office, High Rock (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

In the Family Islands, registration takes place at the Administrators' Offices in the various Family Islands between the hours of 9.30am to 4.30pm.

First time applicants for registration must provide proof of citizenship, preferably a valid Bahamian passport or a birth certificate along with an official ID

Persons previously registered may present the current voter's card.

All applicants for registration are informed that the revising officer may request other reasonable evidence (i.e. documents) that he/she considers necessary to prove that the applicant is qualified to register, and has not already been registered.



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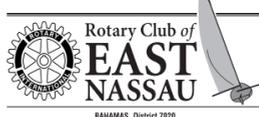
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3. The body of the essay must not exceed 1,000 words. Adults may assist the child in filling out the entry form, but not in writing the letter.
4. Limit one essay per child. All entries must be received by the Rotary Club of East Nassau before Nov 30, 2010.
5. Only essays accompanied by original entry forms clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopy, fax, carbon or other copies will not be accepted.
6. One winner will be chosen from each age category. The decision of the judges is final.
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What should we do with ZNS?

By LARRY SMITH

This article was originally published in September, 2006.

THE question of what to do with ZNS is once again on the front burner. We could have had



cable TV here in the early 1960s, but it was blocked for political reasons. With a population of only 130,000

back then, the high cost and impracticality of a national TV station didn't make sense to some when we could just watch Florida TV, but it was insisted upon by politicians and intellectuals – ostensibly to protect our cultural identity.

So we had to wait until 1977 for the government to implement TV, and privately-operated cable television was withheld until 1995. Over the years, ZNS TV did little or nothing to promote Bahamian culture, but a great deal to promote Bahamian politicians.

The people who started TV-13 were all trained in Canada, where broadcasting was set up along the lines of the BBC, which was the United Kingdom's sole broadcaster until 1955. That authoritarian model fitted in nicely with the inclinations of our local politicians. But the British and Canadians were more scrupulous about fairness and diversity.

According to its charter, the BBC is to be "free from both political and commercial influence and answer only to its viewers and listeners". A \$4 billion budget is funded by license fees and programme sales. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was also a monopoly until the mid-1950s. It is funded by a government subsidy supplemented by ad revenue.

But things went a little differently in the United States, where radio was fully commercial by the 1920s and television by the 1940s. In fact, there was no US government involvement at all until 1967, when the Corporation for Public Broadcasting was created by Congress. As a private non-profit, it gets a yearly government grant on the order of \$400 million a year, but most of its funding comes from private donors.

And, much like the British and Canadians, the Americans insisted on "strict adherence to objectivity and balance" and outlawed government interference in broadcasting.

Today, Bahamians can watch hundreds of digital channels via cable or satellite. And since ZNS runs mostly old movies and foreign soaps, the question that naturally comes to mind is, why do we need it? And more to the point, what value do we get for

the \$13 million plus a year we spend on it?

The answer for some, is because Bahamians must be able to watch Junkanoo on TV, as well as special events like state funerals, parliamentary openings or political conventions. But Cable Bahamas has a community channel and a parliamentary channel that also do these things – at no direct cost to the taxpayer. In fact, the obligation to do them is written into its license.

Charles Carter, the former ZNS boss whose private radio station now packages news, and other shows for Cable's community channel, says he supported privatisation even while he was chairman of the Broadcasting Corporation (from 1982 to 1987).

"I argued publicly for private broadcasting and a specific public broadcast status, similar to the CBC, for ZNS. There is a cultural and educational role that can best be served by such an entity that should be editorially independent and responsible, by charter, to the total community. It should be funded by grant and its programming content should reflect the needs, concerns and expectations of our developing society."

This is essentially the same conclusion that the Ingraham government came to in the 1990s, but balked at implementing because of the political and financial implications. Mike Smith, who chaired the BCB from 1994 to 2000, said a 1996 study recommended downsizing ZNS, selling off 104.5FM and running TV as a public affairs service.

"But money was a big problem," he told Tough Call. "The severance package would have cost over a million dollars and the government would not agree to pump any more into ZNS, so we ended up simply transferring some staff to other agencies. Back then ZNS was spending \$13 million a year and earning less than half that amount."

Retired journalist Nicki Kelly, who spent two years on the ZNS board in the early 1990s, recalled that the station's financial condition "was so precarious that it was touch and go every month whether there would be money to pay the staff, let alone the pension plan, national insurance, utilities and all the other expenses."

"On top of that, there were the flagrant abuses by staff who thought nothing of running their own sideline businesses on Corporation time using Corporation equipment, or the clever ruses to run up overtime, or later the coterie of female broadcasters who saw themselves as entrepreneurs and were heavily engaged in running their various enterprises while working for the Corporation."

These descriptions probably still apply, but we don't really know because the BCB hasn't provided audited statements to parliament since the year 2000 – and that report wasn't tabled until 2003.

Sir Arthur Foulkes was BCB chairman from 2000 to 2002 when the last "comprehensive evaluation of ZNS" was undertaken. He told me recently that "the study was done in collaboration with Canadian consultants and dealt with everything: finances, viability of commercial TV, radio, equipment, staff, etc."

The conclusion was that maintaining a multitude of state-owned radio stations in a privatised market was unnecessary and costly, so they should all be divested except for ZNS 1, which would continue as a national public radio service.

Meanwhile, TV-13 would become a public affairs service funded by government grant, with

local programming encouraged by offering seed money to independent producers. The consensus was that 300,000 eyeballs scattered over several islands was not a big enough market to fund TV commercially, especially as the country's two biggest industries – hotels and offshore services – didn't need to advertise locally.

But the 2002 general election intervened and again, nothing much happened. Broadcast journalist Carlton Smith summed it up best when he spoke at a media seminar last year: "Many felt that with the coming of private broadcasting, the Corporation would be forced to change. But more than 12 years later ZNS remains a state-run organisation that, despite the intentions of any government, cannot work in the public interest."

So the question is, what do we do about that?

Well, perhaps we should consider whether we need ZNS at all. Even if it could be detached from direct government control, it would likely turn into a broadcasting version of Bahamas Information Services, another pointless agency whose employees trot behind government ministers to produce "official" news of dubious value.

So if that's the objective, why not just merge ZNS with BIS, producing a single bureaucracy with no ambiguity about what it's supposed to do. Then we could set about the task of redefining the role of BIS.

To recreate ZNS as an authentic public affairs service would require strict legislative guarantees of autonomy, and the station would have to be operated by a genuinely independent authority, with a cross-section of community representation. A massive fire wall would be needed to ensure independence, and, frankly, it's hard to see any Bahamian government acceding to this.

If we retain ZNS, the question of finance arises. And there are really only four options here – advertising sales, license fees, donations or tax subsidies.

Since we have ruled out ad sales and there are likely to be few donors until a reconstituted ZNS proves itself, we are left with public funding in one of two ways. The government could allocate a yearly contribution for ZNS, as it does for other government departments. But without strict guarantees, this would only deepen political control.

An easier approach would be to add a tax to Cable Bahamas' monthly subscription. Most of the 90,000 households in the country are served by cable, so a \$5 a month fee could generate over \$5 million a year, which ought to be sufficient to operate a slimmed-down ZNS.

And at the risk of stating the obvious, why don't we just mandate Cable 12 to cover important state functions and cultural events, disband TV-13, and license private stations? Wendall Jones already has approval in principle for his public affairs station, which will come on stream as soon as new broadcasting regulations are in place. And it is rumoured that others may also get a license.

But unfortunately this debate will soon be overtaken by events, because the government has hired a Canadian consultant to advise on a huge investment to replace TV-13's old technology with new digital equipment. That means funds may be allocated before the way forward has been properly and publicly charted.

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Supervalve chief opposes grocery store booze sales



RUPERT ROBERTS

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Supervalve president Rupert Roberts yesterday came out against any plans the Government might have to grant grocery stores the right to sell liquor in-house to their customers, a move which rival retailers and at least one local liquor manufacturer have expressed their support for.

Meanwhile, some small liquor retailers told *Tribune Business* yesterday they would fear being pushed out of business if grocery stores were permitted to sell liquor. "They are being greedy," said Mr Gordon (who declined to give his first name) of Gordo's Liquor Stores, adding: "The rich will stay rich and the poor will stay poor" if the proposal is acted upon in New Providence.

However, the argument advanced by Supervalve president and owner Rupert Roberts on the subject of food store liquor sales is based on social rather than financial considerations.

"I don't think we should make alcohol more accessible in this island, in this country, than it is now. We have enough problems now and it's getting worse. A lot of it is drug and alcohol related, and so I don't think alcohol should be any more accessible," Mr Roberts said.

"The Christian Council came out against it and we've done without it a long time. We see young men gathering around walls drinking and we don't want to encourage that," said the businessman.

Gavin Watchorn, chief executive of AML Foods, said earlier this month that the foodstore chain had been granted permission by the Grand Bahama Port Authority - whom he dubbed "progressive" for their decision to approve the move - to sell alcohol within their Grand

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Bahamian banker expands to St Kitts

- Owen Bethel sets up 'fully-fledged Internet-based' operation as Montaque Financial Corporation, targeting global investment banking market
- Says Bahamian regulators 'not ready' for such an operation, but says Nassau operations will gain 'spillover' benefits from new venture
- Pledges to discuss future expansion of Bahamian operations with sector supervisors
- Urges authorities to create climate for similar firms here, and encourages Bahamian firms/individuals to expand abroad



OWEN BETHEL

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A leading Bahamian banker yesterday told *Tribune Business* his next expansion is set to take place imminently from St Kitts via a "fully-fledged Internet-based bank", adding that this should not be seen as a

"loss" for the Bahamas since this nation was "not ready" for such an institution.

Owen Bethel, president and chief executive of the Nassau-based Montaque Group, told this newspaper

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Wholesaler gains Customs 'comfort'

- * AG's Office gives undertaking government agency will not detain or refuse to clear imported trailers belonging to Kelly's (Freeport) or other Port licencees in absence of bonded goods sales report
- * Move protects wholesaler's sales rise, and increased duty collection, for key Christmas season
- * Customs official alleges 95% of Port licencees compliant with bonded goods sales requirement

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A leading wholesaler was yesterday given "particular comfort" that its busiest sales period of the year would not be disrupted by the actions of Bahamas Customs, the Attorney General's Office giving an undertaking that the government agency would not detain its imported goods or refuse to accept due duty payments prior to their dispute going to trial.

Fred Smith QC, the Callender's & Co attorney and partner representing Kelly's (Freeport) in its application for a Judicial Review of Customs' demands that it produce a 'bonded goods sales report', told *Tribune Business* last night that in view of the undertaking by the Attorney General's Office, the company would not proceed with its efforts to obtain a Supreme Court injunction preventing Customs from detaining or refusing to process imported goods.

Speaking after both sides appeared before Supreme Court Justice Hartman Longley, Mr Smith said the undertaking applied to the imports of all Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) licencees, meaning that Customs cannot interfere with any firm's goods being processed on the grounds that they have not submitted a 'bonded goods sales report'.

"I can say that we are very pleased that the Attorney General's Office has given this undertaking," Mr Smith told *Tribune Business*. "It was therefore not necessary to insist on seeking an injunction, and gives Kelly's a particular comfort during the busiest season of sales for the year."

Referring to the main issue in the dispute, the attorney added: "We hope this can be tried as soon as possible, so that the public, licencees, the Govern-

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FRED SMITH

AML Foods/ City Markets deal talks broke down

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Talks between BISS-listed AML Foods and City Markets over a deal that would have seen the latter acquire some or all of the struggling supermarket chain's assets have broken down, *Tribune Business* can reveal, with the latter's largest shareholder and operator, Trinidadian conglomerate Neal & Massy, said to be actively exploring a variety of options to ensure the firm's survival.

Although both companies described speculation about such talks as "rumours", and denied anything was happening, this newspaper's investigations yesterday confirmed that a potential deal between the two food retailers had been on the table - and was under active discussion/consideration - until Monday.

The nature/terms of any deal, and whether it involved AML Foods acquiring all or just part of City Markets' business, remained unclear and murky yesterday, both sides being reluc-

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5,000-acre return holds up \$1.8bn development

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The Government is expecting a statement "fairly soon" from the developers of a proposed \$1.8 billion mixed-use resort for Mayaguana on when they may restart their development plans, which were stalled in February 2008 when the global credit crunch/recession bore down.

Minister of Tourism, Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace,

was unwilling to say what this expectation was based on yesterday, but emphasised the Government's support for the development getting underway on the southern island.

"The government is trying to find ways to accelerate the pace of development in Mayaguana. We want to see development there but it's taking a while because the circumstances are not the very best under which to get this

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"I am very pleased and humbled to have received this recognition," said Mr Lawrence in a statement.

"I thank the small but proud community of Staniel Cay in the Exumas, where I grew up in the 1960s, for its involvement in my formative years. At the time there was not a single television nor a single telephone. Communications with the capital and the rest of the world were handled by ship to shore radio."

And, addressing in particular the younger members of the audience, he added: "With hard work and determination you can get to where you want to go in life no matter how modest your beginnings."

Extremely active in promoting the Bahamas, Mr Lawrence is the current chairman for the

"I am very pleased and humbled to have received this recognition."

HONOURED: John Lawrence

Caribbean and Latin American Region of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP). He is also president of the Bahamas Sailing Association (BSA), the country's national authority for the sport of sailing.

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Wholesaler gains Customs 'comfort'

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ment and the Port Authority can be clear as to what the law is."

The three containers belonging to Kelly's (Freeport) that were previously detained by Customs have now been released, and Mr Smith said the agency had now also accepted the company's \$50,504 payment for September 2010 duty-paid sales.

Reading out a copy of the undertaking, Mr Smith said it read thus: "Until judgment in this matter or further Order, neither the Respondent, nor any Customs officer or employee or agent of H.M. Customs, may detain goods, or refuse to process imported goods for entry in the usual way, or refuse to accept returns for Duty Paid Sales, or otherwise take enforcement action against the applicant or other GBPA Licensees, on the basis of non-receipt of duty exempt bonded sales reports or on any other basis not sanctioned by law."

Kelly's (Freeport) had previously expressed fears that without Customs being restrained from seizing its containers, its traditional 25 per cent Christmas season sales increase, plus continued employment for 100 staff and a likely 50 per cent rise in Treasury duties, were in jeopardy.

Christopher Lowe, Kelly's (Freeport) operations manager, said in an affidavit: "This is a critical time for [Kelly's], as during November and December we experience a 25 per cent increase in sales. More importantly, for [Customs], is the fact that most of the purchases at this time are by non-licensees, with the result that Kelly's duty-paid sales payments to [Customs] are 50 per cent higher in November and December."

"During the period between now and Christmas, between 40 and 50 containers/trailers of goods will be shipped to the Applicant. The continued refusal of [Customs] to release the Applicant's goods will cause serious financial hardship to the Applicant, with the possibility of forced reductions in staff, not to mention denying the Public Treasury hundreds of thousands of dollars in Customs duty."

Meanwhile, Customs yesterday filed an affidavit seeking to justify its seizure of the now-released trio of Kelly's (Freeport) trailers. Assistant Comptroller Lincoln Strachan, who heads up the agency's Freeport operations, alleged that 95 per cent of licensees were "compliant" with regulations that allegedly require the submission of a "bonded goods sales report".

Tracing the history, he alleged that "the dire economic climate" of Grand Bahama resulted in GBPA licensees making an informal agreement in 1989 where they could sell bonded goods to other licensees "as well as non-entitled persons".

This measure, Mr Strachan said, was not cov-

ered in the Hawksbill Creek Agreement and was designed to bring economic relief to licensees.

He alleged that the practice required the submission of monthly sales reports/declarations for both 'bonded goods sales' and duty-paid sales to Customs on the 15th of every subsequent month, enabling the agency to ensure all duties payable were collected.

Kelly's (Freeport) is challenging the 'bonded goods sales' aspect, and Mr Strachan alleged: "The legality and enforceability of this practice became an issue raised in subsequent court challenges."

"As a consequence of said challenge, it became necessary to amend the Customs regulations to cure this mischief and to legitimise the Comptroller's powers to demand such reports and declarations, and to provide for the form and content thereof."

Amendment

Mr Strachan alleged that this amendment took effect on May 27, 2009, and "should have put to rest any doubt about the legitimacy" of requiring a bonded goods sales report from all GBPA licensees.

"These reports and declarations are part and parcel in assisting the Comptroller to satisfactorily account for and control the disposition of all bonded and dutiable goods, and to safeguard against potential abuse," Mr Strachan claimed.

"That I am advised and verily believe that the Customs records show that, to date, some 95 per cent of the licensees are compliant with the regulation, and those in default have been issued with reminders to become compliant."

He alleged that despite meetings between Customs and Kelly's (Freeport), including the latter's attorneys, no solution was forthcoming, hence the decision to seize the company's now-released trailers because the demand for a bonded goods sales report was "lawful and not arbitrary".

Bonded goods sales is a practice whereby Freeport-based wholesalers, such as Dolly Madison, Kelly's (Freeport) and Bellevue Business Depot, are able to sell products to other GBPA licensees for use in their respective businesses only, without any duty being paid to Customs/Government on their sale. It is a report on this activity that Customs is seeking, but Kelly's (Freeport) and its attorneys are arguing that this has never been requested before, and is not included in any statute law, policy or agreement concerning their relationship.

The current practice, they argue, is that on the 15th of every following month, Kelly's and other licensees submit a report on sales where duty is post paid - such as sales to residents and non-GBPA licensees - together with the relevant duty sum.

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Bahamian banker expands to St Kitts

that the Montaque Financial Corporation would formally go live via the Internet on November 1, and added that it was not connected to his Nassau-based companies as a subsidiary or branch. The only "common factor" between the two, he said, was himself.

Interest from his existing clients/investors "in the formation of a fully-fledged Internet-based investment bank" had spurred the creation of Montaque Financial Corporation, Mr Bethel added, with plans for it to provide investment services, electronic cash transfer card services, the issuance of pre-paid debit cards, cash management and e-banking. The second phase will involve electronic custodial, cash processing and payroll services, along with credit cards.

The Bahamian banker explained that St Kitts' jurisdictional reputation, particularly its anti-money laundering, Know Your Customer and due diligence requirements, together with where it figured on the

OECD's listing "and ultimately the package of economic citizenship as a structure within estate planning", were the "key elements" in settling on this jurisdiction.

Opportunity

And, with St Kitts being a member of the CARICOM Single Market Economy (CSME) and CARICOM, Mr Bethel added: "The opportunity to look at that Caribbean market, being based in the market itself, provides a number of opportunities."

When asked whether the Bahamas was missing out, Mr Bethel responded: "I prefer not to think of it that way. I don't think the regulators were ready for a truly fully-fledged Internet-based bank."

"I don't think it is a loss, but the opportunity for others to develop in that vein should be considered by the regulators."

Depending on discussions with the regulators, we will certainly look at the scope of our existing operations here in the Bahamas, and will certainly look at expanding that even further."

Mr Bethel said he had obtained the required banking licence and approvals from the St Kitts authorities last year, and because it had no link with his Montaque Group and its various companies in Nassau, it did not have to be approved by the Bahamian regulators.

"Having said that, it is the intent to discuss with the regulators, more the securities side because we are truly an investment advisor, the scope of this new venture," he told Tribune Business.

Mr Bethel said the Montaque Financial Corporation's creation would provide "spillover benefits for the Montaque Group of Companies" in Nassau, adding: "Certainly, we will see the value in the invest-

ment advisory part of the group providing services to the operations there. Estate planning may require the use of foundations, International Business Companies and structures available here, and we will certainly channel them through the opportunities here."

Urging other Bahamian entrepreneurs and institutions to look beyond this nation's shores for growth possibilities, Mr Bethel said of his St Kitts venture: "I truly see it as an opportunity to expand horizons, and just as groups of individuals and institutions move into the Bahamas from their home countries based on opportunities the Bahamas offers, we in the Bahamas can do likewise and explore the possibilities that exist elsewhere to service existing and future clients effectively."

"The whole world is outside of the Bahamas. There are a number of opportunities that exist for institutions here, and I

would certainly not only encourage institutions, but individuals to explore the world markets.

Financial

"Particularly, if they're looking at the financial services industry, it has truly become a level playing field."

"The Bahamas has moved to the lower ranks of that field. If there is a level playing field, the whole idea becomes for entrepreneurs in the Bahamas to look elsewhere and take advantage of reciprocal rights and opportunities that exist elsewhere."

"My approach would be to encourage others to look at other opportunities that exist." Mr Bethel added that, in particular, he was thinking of Bahamian legal and accounting firms.

Declining to specify how much he had invested in setting up Montaque Financial

Corporation, Mr Bethel said it would begin life with a staff of three, expanding as business ratcheted up. While the licence had been obtained last November, its launch had been delayed until now to ensure that the software - critical to an Internet financial services provider - was in perfect working condition. This would enable clients to trade across exchanges and perform numerous transactions.

Montaque Financial Corporation was not a bank, Mr Bethel said, adding that it would only grant loans to clients where they were backed by investments.

Asked how he expected his St Kitts venture to perform, Mr Bethel said: "That's the million dollar question. Certainly within reason, and with growth prospects we think are there. Over time, we think the market is ideal in that global financial services is at its lowest point....."

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Super-value chief opposes grocery store booze sales

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Bahama stores.
He said its Solomon's SuperCentre brand had made representation to the Gov-

ernment to allow this to happen in New Providence, too, noting that such a change would bring the industry in the Bahamas in line with the law in places like the US and

Europe. Mr Watchorn said the service would provide "an added benefit" to Bahamian shoppers, saving them time and potentially money, too, and rejected claims it would increase incidences of youth drinking as weak, given the proliferation of alcohol sales throughout the Bahamas.
City Markets also appears to be moving in the direction of incorporating alcohol sales into its business strategy, although it is unclear if they, too, have called on the Government to relax the law.

Chief executive Derek Winford did not return a call on the matter yesterday.
Over the weekend, the troubled company followed in the footsteps of Robin Hood, opening a new liquor section at its Cable Beach branch. The liquor sales are run out of a separately constructed building next to the supermarket itself, in order to remain in compliance with the law as it stands.
Lynden Johnson, sales and marketing manager for the Bahamian Brewery Beverage

and Company, which produces Sands, High Rock and Strongback beer, and also operates three liquor retail stores, said his company supports the sale of alcoholic beverages in food stores.
"I think they should relax the law. From where we sit, in terms of brand exposure, it would not hurt us, it would help us," Mr Johnson said.
"For those who are suggesting it will hurt our kids, it's worth remembering that in almost all of our homes for the most part there are bars -

liquors on the shelf, beers in the fridge - and kids don't touch it."
Mr Gordon, of Gordo's, a family business of which he is a part owner, said the entry of more supermarkets into the alcohol retail industry would have a "big impact" on small retailers like him. "We have enough competition from small liquor stores. We were the first here in the south west and now there are 14 others, all in the past three years," he said. "It would take us out of business in the long run."

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tant to talk after signing a confidentiality clause.
Several sources, requesting anonymity, told Tribune Business that AML Foods was "looking at pieces of it". They explained that the proposal being pitched was for the BISX-listed food retail group to take over some of City Markets' 11 stores, and to also acquire its head office - which is owned by the company's employee pension fund.
Neither Derek Winford, chief executive of City Markets and its parent company, Bahamas Supermarkets, nor Basil Sands, the latter's chairman, returned Tribune Business's calls seeking comment despite messages being left for both men.

Sale

However, one source close to the City Markets camp suggested any deal would likely have involved the sale of the entire company, explaining that it would be difficult to separate/untangle different assets and parts.

When contacted by Tribune Business, Gavin Watchorn, AML Foods' president and chief executive, initially said: "We're too busy focusing on our own business."

However, when this newspaper told him it understood that the BISX-listed firm and its management had been working intensely on the deal at the end of last week and over the weekend, Mr Watchorn gave a

AML Foods/City Markets deal talks broke down

long pause before stating: "No comment, because there's no comment to make."
Dionisio D'Aguilar, AML Foods' chairman, said he could not discuss the situation due to a confidentiality clause that bound the BISX-listed food group and City Markets. "I have to say no comment. I'm not at liberty to comment," he told Tribune Business, when contacted about the potential deal and why it broke down.

This newspaper understands that despite trying as hard as it could to make any deal for City Markets 'make sense', after days of number crunching AML Foods was unable to do this, and decided to end its interest.

The company, which is likely acquisition 'gun shy' following the financial pain (not dissimilar to City Markets' current woes) it endured for several years in the past decade following a string of purchases that did not work out, is thought to have balked at the considerable capital infusion that its competitor's business required.

AML Foods itself is not flush with cash, and increased competition is impacting its profitability, while another factor is thought to have been the debt burden it would be required to assume.

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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.26	1.00	AML Foods Limited		1.01	1.01	0.00		0.150	0.040	6.7	3.96%
10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund		10.63	10.63	0.00		0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%
6.18	4.50	Bank of Bahamas		4.90	4.90	0.00		0.598	0.260	8.2	5.31%
0.58	0.18	Benchmark		0.18	0.18	0.00		-2.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%
3.49	2.84	Bahamas Waste		2.84	2.84	0.00		0.168	0.090	16.9	3.17%
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		10.24	10.24	0.00	500	1.227	0.310	8.3	3.03%
2.84	2.36	Colina Holdings		2.50	2.36	-0.14	10,000	0.781	0.040	3.0	1.69%
7.00	5.40	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		6.59	6.59	0.00		0.422	0.230	15.6	3.49%
3.65	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs		1.85	1.85	0.00		0.111	0.045	16.7	2.43%
2.55	1.60	Doctor's Hospital		1.77	1.77	0.00	60,500	0.199	0.110	8.9	6.21%
8.99	5.94	Fanguard		6.07	6.07	0.00		-0.003	0.240	N/M	3.95%
10.20	7.29	Finco		8.10	7.29	-0.81	5,000	0.287	0.520	25.4	7.13%
11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank		9.74	9.74	0.00		0.645	0.350	15.1	3.59%
5.51	3.75	Focol (S)		5.46	5.46	0.00		0.366	0.210	14.9	3.85%
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00	500	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	0.800	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	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	5.01	6.01	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.5056	1.4076	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5056	4.65%	6.96%	1.482477	1.460225	30-Sep-10			
2.9265	2.8300	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9187	1.10%	3.13%	2.919946	2.911577	30-Sep-10			
1.5579	1.4920	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5579	3.37%	4.42%	1.539989	1.524278	30-Sep-10			
3.2025	2.8522	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.8624	-8.16%	-7.49%			31-Aug-10			
13.6388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.5642	1.47%	2.95%			30-Sep-10			
114.3684	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.3684	9.98%	12.49%	109.392860	107.570619	30-Jun-10			
106.5528	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	106.5528	4.75%	7.18%	100.779540	105.776543	30-Sep-10			
1.1318	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1318	3.85%	5.22%			30-Sep-10			
1.0969	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0969	2.71%	6.44%			30-Sep-10			
1.1320	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1320	3.79%	5.71%			30-Sep-10			
9.6938	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.6938	3.77%	5.71%			30-Sep-10			
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.5308	-2.23%	4.10%			30-Sep-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	7.8830	2.15%	6.29%			30-Sep-10			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00											
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks											
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Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume											
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume											
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BUSINESS

5,000-acre return holds up \$1.8bn development

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development (the I Group's proposed resort project) going," he said.

The I-Group's vision for Mayaguana initially included plans for an airport, utilities, a marina village, residential lots, private villas and condos, two 200-room hotels, two golf courses, an equestrian ranch facility, a 500 acre industrial park and nature preserves.

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said he anticipates a much scaled-down version to replace this vision when the company returns to the island.

"If you look everywhere around the world and see investments being made,

these are difficulty times for investors, so I wouldn't be surprised if they come back with something a little less ambitious," he said, adding that "no one on the planet believed the original plans would move along with pace that they talked about originally".

Negotiate

Meanwhile, the Government continues to negotiate the terms of its exit from the joint venture it had initially entered into with the I-Group to develop Mayaguana - negotiations that were first revealed in July 2009.

"It's very difficult," said Mr

Vanderpool-Wallace of the process of agreeing on the terms of the Government's exit.

"The reason it is taking so long is because there is an agreement already signed and in place, and it's a matter of trying to find common ground to get some development moving forward Mayaguana."

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace told *Tribune Business* that exactly which portions of the 10,000 acres in Crown Land

originally agreed to be granted to the I-Group under its Heads of Agreement with the Christie administration would be rescinded by the current government, under its proposal to take back a 5,000-acre tranche, is a significant point at issue in these discussions.

Nonetheless, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace noted that the proposal is that the company could again get access to the second 5,000 acres if it pro-

vides evidence of certain levels of development being achieved.

The Minister had previously stated that it went against this government's approach to development to grant large areas of Crown Land all at once without such evidence being shown, with a "phased approach" being preferred.

Phone calls and e-mails sent to the I Group seeking comment were not returned yesterday.



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BUSINESS

British newspaper launches new, condensed companion

BENJAMIN TIMMINS,
Associated Press
LONDON

A British newspaper launched its condensed and cheaper version on Tuesday in hopes of luring back dwindling numbers of paper readers and resuscitating poor sales.

The Independent, owned by Russian tycoon Alexander Lebedev, launched the spin-off called "i" — a daily tabloid that shares the main paper's editorial staff, but focuses on news briefs and digested opinion pieces aimed at "time-poor newspaper readers" and younger people.

The new daily will cost just 20 pence (\$0.32), compared to The Independent, which costs 1 pound (\$1.59).

Andrew Mullins, the new paper's managing editor, said it will bring in readers who have



(AP Photo/Ian West/PA)

IN THE NEWS: A man collect a copy of the new newspaper I at a newsstand in London, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010.

shunned paid dailies. "We are creating a newspaper for the 21st century," he said.

Found in 1986, The Independent has the smallest circulation out of all of Britain's 11 national daily papers, which have all suffered from decreasing sales.

The Independent currently sells around 183,000 a day, down from about 250,000 in

2006. The paper was bought for 1 pound (\$1.58) in March by Lebedev, who also owns The Evening Standard. That paper received a boost in circulation when it became a free daily in 2009. The condensed "i" has a daily sales potential of more than 200,000, Mullins said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

But analysts were skeptical that the new paper's "at-a-

glance" strategy and low price can achieve its aims.

"I think 'i' is an attempt by the publishers to have their cake and read it too," said George Brock, Head of Journalism at City University London. "They've got a serious quality paper costing too much to run and they want to try and pull off the trick of using its material in a briefer ... slicker way."

Brock also said the digested read may not have enough substance. "You've got to have substance for people to want to read your newspaper, at any price," he said. "But I think 'i' doesn't have very much of it."

Some readers, however, have responded positively. On its first day, "i" received numerous good wishes and comments on Twitter, with many suggesting the paper compares favorably to its main rival — the 1.3 million-daily-circulation free paper Metro.

"I think ('i') is definitely a step up from Metro in the terms of its news agenda," said David Bennett, 27, a web designer.

WALL STREET: STOCKS WAVER
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NAIL-BITING: Peter Tuchman works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, in New York.

NEW YORK

Stocks had slight gains in late afternoon trading Tuesday after a rise in consumer confidence offset disappointing news on home prices and earnings.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose about 15 points. Stocks started the day lower after weak results from Texas Instruments Inc., U.S. Steel Corp. and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Shares of Dow component DuPont fell after the chemical maker's earnings fell. A better report about consumer confidence in October helped stocks pare their losses and then edge higher in afternoon trading.

"The consumer confidence numbers were encouraging," said Bernie McSherry, vice president of strategic initiatives at Cuttone and Co. It's a sign shoppers "may be reaching into their wallets heading into the holiday shopping season."

Ford Motor Co. and Coach Inc. were among the few bright spots in the big batch of earnings reports released Tuesday.

Drugmaker Bristol-Myers Squibb reported a better-than-expected profit, but revenue fell short of forecasts. Sales were hurt by the health care overhaul bill passed earlier this year.

U.S. Steel surprised analysts by reporting a quarterly loss, while chipmaker Texas Instruments said it expects sales to moderate during the fourth quarter because of low consumer demand.

Traders were also moving out of riskier assets as the dollar strengthened. A stronger dollar makes stocks and commodities more expensive because they are priced in dollars. The dollar rose against Japan's yen and the euro Tuesday.

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BUSINESS

Toyota and Honda lead the quality rankings but GM gains

TOM KRISHER, AP Auto Writer DETROIT

The most problem-free cars and trucks are made by Honda and Toyota, but Ford is closing in fast and General Motors is making big quality improvements, according to Consumer Reports magazine's 2010 reliability rankings.

Ford and GM continue to narrow the large quality gap that once separated Toyota and other Asian automakers from their Detroit rivals. Large overhauls of American car companies in the last few years have resulted in fewer brands and better vehicles from Detroit.

This year's rankings, based on a survey of about 960,000 magazine subscribers, also restored recommended ratings for several recalled Toyota models and bumped up a pair of Korean brands. Chrysler, however, continued to languish.

Consumer Reports ratings are widely used by buyers shopping for cars and trucks. The magazine is the third-largest factor used by Americans to pick vehicles, topped only by brand loyalty and recommendations from friends and family.

For the third year in a row, Toyota's Scion brand had the fewest problems of any brand in the survey. The Toyota brand ranked sixth. Lexus, which had been a top finisher in past years, fell to ninth.

Scion has only three older models with few options, and as a result, there is less chance for reliability problems, said David Champion, senior director of auto testing for Consumer Reports.

Toyota generally fared well in the survey despite recall-



AP Photo/Paul Sancya

SPEED MERCHANT: Matthew Brown assembles a six speed transmission at the Ford Motor Company Van Dyke Transmission Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich., Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. The most problem-free cars and trucks still are made by Honda and Toyota, but Ford is closing in fast and General Motors is making big quality improvements, according to Consumer Reports magazine's 2010 rankings.



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

ing more than 10 million vehicles worldwide for a variety of problems including sticky gas pedals, floor mats that trap the accelerator and brake fluid leaks.

Knock

"Toyota's taken a slight knock from the issues with their recalls," Champion said.

The magazine's survey asks owners to ignore recalls unless they have experienced a problem, easing the impact, he said. Lexus, however, has expanded its model lineup but the quality has slipped.

The Ford brand ranked 10th, still four slots below Toyota and six below Honda. But Champion said the Dearborn, Mich., automaker has several individual models that are better quality than Toyotas.

The company is led by its Fusion midsize sedan, which outranked Honda's Accord and Toyota's Camry. Ford's quality resurgence began around 2005 and has continued in small steps ever since, Champion said. General Motors showed the most improvement, but Champion said it still has a long way to go. GM had 69 models with average or better reliability, up from only 21 last year. GM's top-ranked brand was Chevrolet at 17th.



(AP Photo/Carlos Osorio, file)

SMOOTH OPERATOR: In this July 26, 2010 file photo, Ford's Group Vice President, Global Product Development, Derrick Kuzak helps unveil the 2011 Ford Explorer at the Ford world headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC NEWS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

LONDON — Britain's economy grew 0.8 percent in the third quarter, twice as fast as economists had expected and perhaps calming fears of a double-dip recession.

The growth followed a rate of 1.2 percent — a nine-year high — in the second quarter, when restocking of inventories and construction surged. The combined expansion was the strongest back-to-back performance by the British economy in a decade, the Office for National Statistics said.

BERLIN — A leading survey showed German consumer confidence is steady, with an improvement in views about the economic outlook offset by a drop in personal income expectations.

Shares dropped in Europe, however. Germany's DAX index closed down 0.4 percent, France's CAC-40 was 0.5 percent lower and in Britain, the FTSE 100 index fell 0.8 percent.

TOKYO — Japan's Cabinet approved an extra budget to help finance \$63 billion of stimulus spending aimed at spurring the country's lackluster economy as it battles deflation and a strong yen.

Shares mostly fell in Asia. The Nikkei 225 stock average closed down 0.3 percent, Australia's S&P/ASX 200 shed 0.5 percent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index slipped 0.1 percent and the Shanghai Composite Index fell 0.3 percent. South Korea's Kospi added 0.2 percent.

DUBLIN — Ireland's government said it must slash euro15 billion (\$20.8 billion) from its annual budgets in a four-year plan designed to bring Europe's highest deficit back within EU limits.

BRUSSELS — ArcelorMittal, the world's



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BUSINESS CALL: British Business Secretary Vince Cable arrives at Downing Street, London, for a Cabinet meeting Tuesday Oct. 26, 2010.

biggest steel maker, posted Tuesday a 48 percent jump in third-quarter net profit, but said higher raw material prices and muted demand dampened its expectations for the rest of the year.

CANBERRA, Australia — Key lawmakers signaled they might scuttle the Singapore Exchange's \$8.3 billion cash and shares takeover offer for the operator of the Australian bourse.

PARIS — French garbage collectors waded through mounds of reeking trash as they headed back to work and some oil workers deserted their picket lines in signs of fading momentum in the battle against raising the retirement age.

ATHENS, Greece — Greece's central bank governor says the government must not relent in its planned deficit-cutting efforts but warns against further tax increases, which would deepen the recession.



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The Tribune Taste

The art of wine tasting



By **JEFFARAH GIBSON**
Tribune Features Writer

FIRST you select the wine of choice and after pouring it into the cleanest glass you can find hold it against either a white cloth or white piece of paper and then examine it.

What does the colour look like: is it reddish, is it a deep brown, yellow, or gold? Swirl it around—are the legs thick or thin? What does the tint around the rim look like?

Take a whiff, do you smell the fresh aroma of apricots? Taste it. What is the texture like, is it smooth, or harsh? Does it leave an after taste, or did the taste go down as you swallowed.

All of these pointers are things that you should consider when you partake in any wine tasting exercise. And if you plan to attend the 20th annual Bahamas National Trust Wine and Arts Festival this Saturday at the Retreat on Village Road these pointers can surely be used.

Tribune Taste spoke to Rusty Scates wine division and catering manager at Bristol Wines & Spirits on Gladstone Road who gave a few tips on wine tasting.

The three steps in tasting wine are: Sight, Smell and Taste.

As wine tasting is a multi sensory exercise, Mr Scates said one must use most of their senses to effectively examine wine.

“There is a formula to wine tasting. And this formula involves sight, smell, taste, and after taste,” he said.

When it comes to examining the appearance of wine taking note of the colour of the wine can give an idea of the wine’s age.

“Colour varies greatly even within the same type of wine. For example, white wines are not actually white, they range from green to yellow, to gold and brown. Deeper colour in a white wine is usually an indication of more flavour and age and possibly more complexity.

However if the wine has turned brown, it may have gone off. Whereas age improves many red wines, it is not good for most (not all) white wines. Red wines are not just red; they range from pale red to a deep brown red, usually becoming lighter in colour as they age. While looking at the wine also look to see if it is cloudy or clear or if there is any sediment in the glass. This will give you an idea of the condition of the wine,” Mr Scates explained.

Every wonder why people swirl their wine glass? Mr Scates said swirling the wine lets you examine it’s body.

“The way the wine streams down the side of the glass tells you much about the wine. These streams are called ‘legs’ and good legs may indicate a thicker body and higher alcohol content,” he said.

After swirling the wine, smell it. Take in the aromas and think about what you smell.

“It may be difficult at first to describe the aromas but with practice you will notice similarities and differences between wines. Take your time to evaluate the wine. You may even want to write down your impressions, trying to describe exactly what you smell,” he said.

You have completed two stages of wine tasting— now its time to taste the wine.

“The initial stage is the first impression of the wine and it is where the wine awakens your senses. Then swirl the wine around the inside of your mouth and draw in some air.”

The next thing Mr Scates said to do is examine the body and texture of the wine and assess whether it is harsh or smooth.

The final stage of your wine tasting experience is the aftertaste or the finish. At this point you want to take a moment to assess the wine’s overall flavour.

Mr Scates suggest taking note of things like, the impression left on your tongue or, the texture of the wine and if it was appropriate for the type of wine.

Flash Back

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

BY ROLAND ROSE



May 22, 1967
The running of the first Bahamas 500 mile powerboat race.



Below:
Odell Lewis being interviewed after winning the 500 in his Mona Lou III no 49. Mr Lewis shown here with his navigator is from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. They completed the race in 12 hours, 36 minutes and 20 seconds



The Tribune Entertainment

Bahamas National Craft Association's 13th annual BahamArts Festival

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

THE Ministry of Tourism and the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) are coming together on Saturday, October 29 to October 31 to present the 13th annual BahamArts Festival 2010 which will showcase more than 100 booths filled with Bahamian arts and crafts.

The event will take place at the Heritage Village, Arawak Cay Fish, starting 10 am to 11 pm daily.

The theme for this year's festival is called "Endless Possibilities." The mission is to bring together artisans and artists throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to cultivate a "Craft Village" which displays indigenous Bahamian made products, souvenirs and gifts for both tourists and locals alike.

The event will feature interesting arts, crafts, clothing, accessories, jewelry, packaged and processed foods that will

be displayed throughout the one hundred booths during this three day event.

This year, BAIC expects participation from 30 Family Island Handicraft Associations which have been formed as a result of their intense handicraft training initiatives throughout the Family Islands over the past three years.

According to the BAIC, this year's National Craft Week will include the following events: "National Church Service, BNCA's Annual General Meeting and the BahamArts Festival which features the likes of the Victory of the Bands, Gala Tea Party and Gospel concert."

Tribune understands that apart from the actual events, the BAIC's Handicraft Department will honour Louise Bullard as it's 2010 BahamArts Honoree. Ms Bullard hails from Mangrove Cay, Andros.

"Titta, as she is fondly called, has been plaiting straw since her paternal grandmother taught her, before she lost her sight as a teenager. Her grandmother made mats using the fifteen string and eleven string plaits on a wooden frame made of sticks."

Ms Bullard moved to Nassau as a teenager to work at the Salvation Army and retired after eight years. "Titta has

been plaiting straw to sell to vendors and is seen here with her latest role of coconut and top plait. She has three children, numerous other relatives and attends Holy Family Catholic Church on Robinson Road."

The Official Opening Ceremony on Friday will be moderated by Charlene Lockhart-Bain of the Ragged Island Craft Association along with Lillian McDonald of the Grand Bahama Craft Association.

There will be a prelude by The Royal Bahamas Police Force Band and a presentation of the islands by The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Rangers.

Going further, there will also be a chance for people to view the Blowing Of The Conch Shell followed by a welcome and remarks by Edison Key, MP Executive Chairman/BAIC. Also, a performance by the Centre for the Deaf School is scheduled to be apart of the activities.

After the opening ceremony on Friday, October 29, 2010, there will be the best booth and best product contest and great Bahamian entertainment throughout the day that will end with the wonderful music of Falcon and the Band.

On Saturday, the "Victory of the Bands" which is said to be extremely



(L-R): Former Governor General His Excellency AD Hanna, several Bahamian beauty queens, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, other government and BAIC officials and the BahamArts 2009 honoree cutting the ribbon, Doris Cleo Grant Strachan.

well received by the public, will start at 2 pm and will include school and community bands, competing for first, second and third place prizes. The night will again feature Falcon and the Band and various artisans.

Sunday afternoon will be the Gala Tea party at 2 pm where persons will

compete in a table decorating contest and have "finger foods" with Bahamian drinks, such as lemonade and bush teas.

A Bahamian Gospel Explosion featuring various praise teams, gospel choirs, youth choirs and individual artists will start at 6 pm. The entire festival will close with a Junkanoo parade.

BIFF set to screen Short Film "EROS"

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

AN official selection has been set for a short motion picture film "Eros" to be screened at this year's seventh annual Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF).

The writer and director of the film, Andrew Blum of New York City expressed that being selected is "overwhelming."

BIFF is a non-profit organization committed to providing the local community and international festival-goers with a diverse presentation of films from the Bahamas and around the world.

In addition to showcasing films that might not otherwise be released theatrically, BIFF provides unique cultural experiences, educational programmes, and forums for exploring the past, present and future of cinema. BIFF aims to raise the level of filming, participation and education throughout the Bahamas and the world.

Mr Blum told *Tribune Entertainment* that BIFF would be their first big festival they take part in. "We had a few screenings around New York City recently, but they were quite humble," he said.

"I knew that BIFF had screened some very fine movies in the past, and I was humbled to have been invited. This film is really important to me, and I am always happy for the opportunity for new people to see it."

Mr Blum said: "On a more personal level, I'm always looking for new excuses to travel. I have never been to the Bahamas before. I'm from New York, and I'm really excited for the great Bahamas weather. I feel very lucky that my first film is being so well received"

According to Mr Blum, there was not much to prepare for the festival, except for the travel reservations. "There are four of us coming down that includes myself, the film's producer, editor, and composer. We finished the film about three months ago," he said.

Going further, he said he has never actually made a fictional film before. He has always thought that he wanted to make documentaries, believing that documentaries contained more truth than works of fiction. "Seeing this film as a way to either confirm my idea, or prove me wrong. I know it would be a process I'd have to take seriously and dedicate a good deal of energy to in order to be fully satisfied," he said.

Mr Blum continued: "I am just starting out in the film industry. I'm always reluctant to tell people, but I'm only twenty-one years old. I guess I feel like my age ruins my credibility. I'm still a full-time college student, as well as a filmmaker. I also work full time as the 'Director of Production' for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) television show 'Talking Movies.'"

In the film Blum delivers a heart warming tale of love and relationships that many can relate to. He said, "When I wrote the film, I was in the middle of my first long term relationship. My girlfriend at the time and I were having some problems connecting. It was at that point that I first learned that the present is not a linear extension of the past. For me, and I presume for others, the past and the present are oftentimes more conflated."

"I find it difficult to condense my feelings about this film into a few paragraphs of text. My first instinct is to acknowledge the extent to which the film is the collaborative process of many minds and creative energies. I can think of no better way to make a film than to bring the feelings and talents of those whose I respect most into one exhibitive whole."



ANDREW BLUM

PRESENTATION TO MAYOR

Photo courtesy of Richard Brown

Local writer and magazine editor Diane Phillips, right, presents a copy of Air Currents magazine featuring a story on West Palm Beach's revitalization to the city's Mayor Lois Frankel, following a presentation by Mrs Phillips to the WPB City Commission. The South Florida city's \$30 million rebirth caught the magazine's attention with many of the city's issues mirroring those in Nassau, where the editor is based. "Like cities throughout the world that have fallen victim to a rush to the suburbs and more recently to gated communities, West Palm Beach had to play by the two basic magnets of winning friends and influencing business to move back in," Mrs Phillips wrote. "It had to be clean and safe. But beyond that it had to create an environment that made a statement and offered a wow factor." The article helped celebrate West Palm Beach's success story and the official opening of the 'new' city, an event that drew some 80,000 people. The magazine's cover featured an architectural rebirth closer to home, the Bullion in the British Colonial Hilton. Air Currents is the official in-flight publication of Continental Connection operated by Gulfstream International Airlines, serving approximately one million passengers a year between Florida and The Bahamas.



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OCTOBER 27 - WEDNESDAY
Islands of the World Fashion Week Film Series

• Islands of the World Fashion Week presents its Fashion in Film Series with the screening of "Valentino," 8pm at Galleria Cinemas West.

OCTOBER 28 - THURSDAY
1st Atlantic Canada/Bahamian Golf Tournament

• The Construction Industry, in conjunction with the Bahamas' Home and Builder's Show, present the 1st Atlantic Canada/Bahamian Golf Tournament, 3pm at the Cable Beach Golf Course. Cost: \$90, includes nine holes of golf, hours d'ouvers, door prizes, presentations, cash bar and business mixer. Proceeds in aid of Ranfurly Home for Children. Email: ncurtis@bahcon.com Telephone: 677-5094.

OCTOBER 29 - FRIDAY
"Haunted Halloween"

• Heineken Green World presents "Haunted Halloween", an all-inclusive event you dare not miss! Cost: \$20/with costumes; \$30/without costumes. Gates open 8pm at The Secret Gardens.

OCTOBER 30 - SATURDAY
Annual Ranfurly Home for Children Raffle and Mini Fair

• The Ranfurly Home for Children hosts its annual raffle and mini fair to help raise funds for its daily operation. 12pm-6pm on the Home's grounds. Tickets: \$1/per ticket; \$20/per book. Prizes include a 2011 Suzuki Swift, jewellery, gift certificates to both Super Value and City Market, and so much more! Telephone: 393-3115.

NOVEMBER 3 - WEDNESDAY
Islands of the World Fashion Week Film Series

• The Islands of the World Fashion Week's Fashion in Film Series continues with the screening of the ever-popular "Devil Wears Prada," 8pm at Galleria Cinemas.

ARTS

Karina Glinton crowned Miss Elizabeth PLP 2010!



By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

The Elizabeth Branch of the Progressive Liberal Party came together to host the Miss Elizabeth PLP 2010 Beauty Pageant featuring contestants that performed admirably and demonstrated their beauty, character, talent, intellect, and commitment to the Elizabeth community.

The event was held at the Rainforest Theatre, Wyndham Crystal Palace Hotel on Saturday, October 23. After eight weeks of preparation, each of the contestants represented the constituency of Elizabeth with excellence. While all of the contestants were seen as winners, there was only one that was able to be crowned as the ultimate winner and carry the title of Miss Elizabeth PLP 2010.

Member of Parliament for Elizabeth, L Ryan Pinder extended congratulations to the contestants: Miss Sage Aloeve - Diondra Smith, Miss Tuvalu Court - Bronique Wilson, Miss Orchard Close - Karina Glinton and Miss Riviera Lane - Gabrielle Mckinney, Miss Pollen Close - Derricka McDonald and Miss Opaco Way - Janelle Hart.

In a statement Mr Pinder congratulated Karina Glinton who captured the judges to be crowned the new Miss Elizabeth PLP 2010. "I am confident that Karina Glinton will represent the Elizabeth Constituency well," he said.

He continued: "In Elizabeth, my team focuses on community building. It is for this reason that the pageant was designed as more than a traditional beauty pageant. The host committee ensured that the pageant was structured so as to include events that focused on community development and commitment, as well as character building in our young ladies."

The contestants participated in a number of community events, including visits to the Willie Mae Pratt Centre for Girls, local educational institutions and churches. "I am pleased with the personal growth of all the contestants. Each contestant is a future leader in the Elizabeth constituency and a true asset to the community as a whole," he said.

As part of her prize Karina Glinton will receive a two-year scholarship to The College of the Bahamas to continue her current studies in accounting. "In Elizabeth, we believe that education is an important element in the development of our youth, and encourage all to pursue their dreams through education and training," said Mr Pinder.

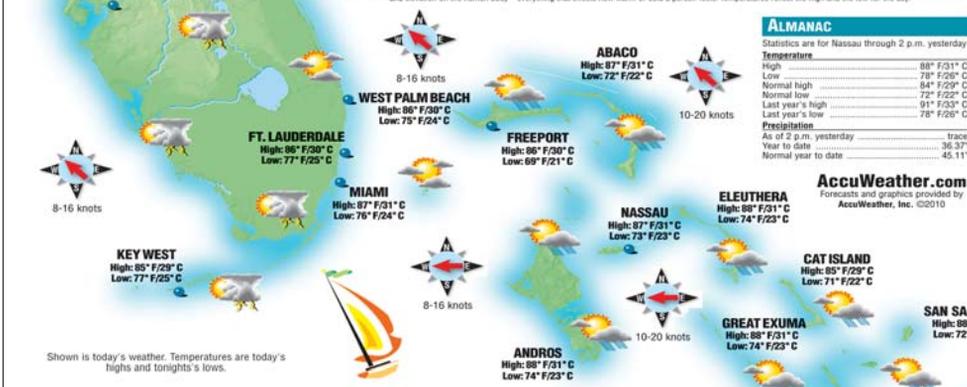
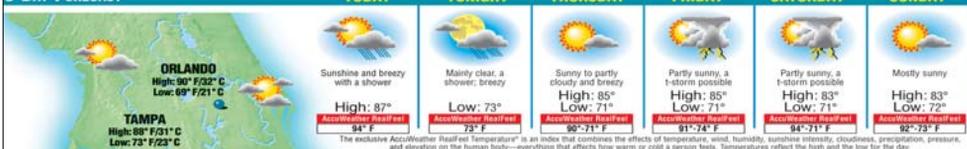
LIZZY QUEEN: Karin Glinton poses in her costume during the pageant motorcade and left with Elizabeth MP Ryan Pinder after being crowned Miss Elizabeth 2010.

THE WEATHER REPORT

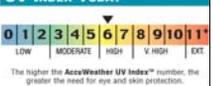


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5-DAY FORECAST



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Time	High	HR (ft.)	Low	HR (ft.)
Today	10:13 a.m.	3.2	3:46 a.m.	0.4
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Friday	11:59 a.m.	3.1	5:32 a.m.	0.7
Saturday	12:30 a.m.	2.5	6:37 a.m.	0.7
Sunday	1:37 a.m.	2.6	7:47 a.m.	0.7
Monday	2:43 a.m.	2.8	8:56 a.m.	0.6
Tuesday	3:45 a.m.	3.1	10:04 a.m.	0.4
	4:05 p.m.	3.0	10:24 p.m.	0.0

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Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High: 88° F/31° C
Low: 78° F/26° C
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Normal low: 72° F/22° C
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Last year's low: 78° F/26° C

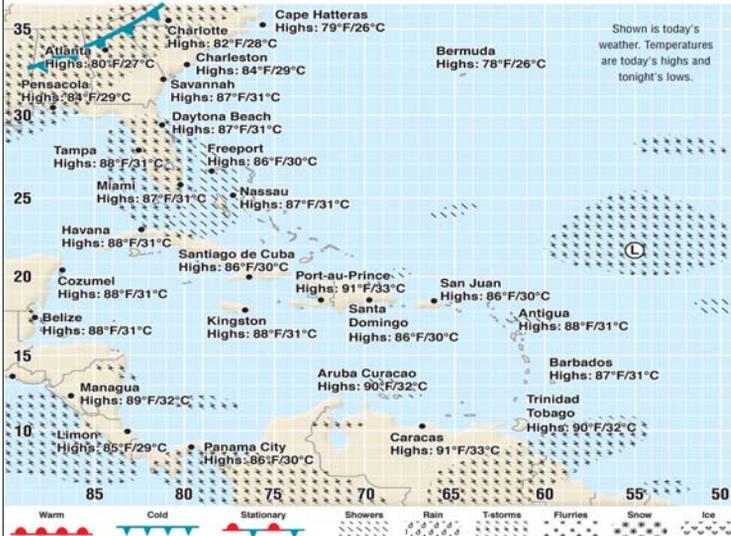
Precipitation
As of 2 p.m. yesterday: trace
Year to date: 36.37
Normal year to date: 45.11

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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:14 a.m.	Moonrise	10:15 p.m.
Sunset	6:33 p.m.	Moonsset	11:24 a.m.
Last	Oct. 30	New	Nov. 5
First	Nov. 13	Full	Nov. 21

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



MARINE FORECAST

ABACO	ANDROS	CAT ISLAND	CROOKED ISLAND	ELEUTHERA	FREEPORT	GREAT EXUMA	GREAT INAGUA	LONG ISLAND	MAYAGUANA	RAGGED ISLAND
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The art of wine tasting
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Karina Ginton crowned Miss Elizabeth PLP 2010!
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The Arts

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Crazy Beautiful

By JEFFARAH GIBSON • Tribune Features Writer

TRUDY Barry can't draw!

This is probably unbelievable after seeing how she turns the human figure into an expressionistic art piece. What is also intriguing is that most of her body art work was completed with the help of q-tips and baby wipes.

"I can't draw. It is something that I would love to learn how to do because if I am able to sketch my ideas before hand, I think my vision of what I want to see on a person's body can come alive," said the artist.

Although she has done face painting as Kocoo the clown for her company Unique Facial Art & Designs Kocoo she turned into "Selina" (the name that she paints under) the body artist over night.

"I attended a week long conference that would assist me with my clown company but I ended up only staying for two days. But when I got to this workshop I saw naked models just walking all around. They were in the nude and they were so comfortable with their nudity and then I realised it wasn't about the nudity

anymore it was about the art," she said.

Now when she gets ready to paint tiger stripes the human figure becomes her canvas.

"I don't see breasts, or legs or arms, what I see is a canvas where I can paint my visions," she said.

On November 28 "Selina" will introduce herself and her work to the Bahamas in a nude gallery still image show entitled "Crazy Beautiful" which will be held at Superclub Breezes in the Ocean View Suite. The show is a collaboration between Selina and two upcoming Bahamian photographers Kovah Duncombe and Lamon Bethel.

The nude gallery show, will open with a live body painting demonstration by guest artists from the United States.

The show will also feature a silent auction, where individuals will be able to purchase pictures of her body art work.

It has always been "Selina's" goal to bring to the forefront talented young individuals and she said the show aims to do just that.

"As a young artist I know that we have a number of talented young photographers out there who produce good work

and they are just two who I decided to work with," she told *Tribune Arts*.

"I want to get young artists known because they do an excellent job. We have talented young individuals in the Bahamas who can facilitate any event like movies, or music videos or wherever it is needed."

Part of the proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to the Elizabeth Estates home through the HLB Foundation which Selina is the local administrator.

"I chose the Elizabeth Estates home because often times you hear about charitable events in aid of the Ranfurly home but I hardly every hear things about the Elizabeth Estates home so that is the reason why."

And when she is not Kocoo the clown, Selina, or working as at her accountant job, she is engaging herself with projects at the Elizabeth Estates Home.

"I did an Easter extravaganza where I painted the kids' faces and that gave me so much joy because I don't have any kids and it gave me great joy to see those kids' smile and as of right now those kids are my own social project," the artist

explained.

"Selina" paints for Bennigons on Tuesdays and at the Sandals Royal Bahamian Resort on Wednesday's and Friday's.

Additionally she will be painting for Halloween at a secret location. Persons interested can contact her at 465-2505.



QUICK LEARNER: In just two day "Selina" learnt to make artistic expression on the body.

'I don't see breasts, or legs or arms, what I see is a canvas where I can paint my visions.'

- Selina

