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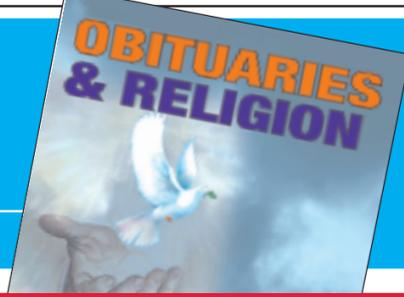
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STRAW WARS

Vendors vent their anger over govt policies for new market

By CELESTE NIXON
 Tribune Staff Reporter

AN ANGRY crowd of straw vendors yesterday declared "war" on the Government over its proposed policies for the new straw market.

Minister of Public Works and Transport Neko Grant, outlined the new rules during a speech yesterday at the Straw Market roof-wetting ceremony.

Reacting to Mr Grant's revelations of rent hikes and the banning of counterfeit goods, among other stipulations, president of Straw Business Persons Association Esther Thompson branded the Government "a joke" and warned ministers: "Get your act together - the war is on."

She and about a dozen

other vendors approached the press immediately after Mr Grant's speech to voice their disapproval with the new regulations.

In the new market, Mr Grant said only Bahamian goods will be sold, counterfeit products will be completely prohibited, vendor licenses will be restricted to Bahamian citizens, and rental charges will range from \$200 to \$250 per month, \$46 to \$58 per week or \$6.50 to \$8.20 per day.

The new guidelines and policies are expected to assist "in the more effective and efficient management of the new Bay Street straw market," said Mr Grant.

But Mrs Thompson declared the vendors' intention to defy the new rules.

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ABOVE: Straw vendors, including president of Straw Business Persons Association Esther Thompson, spoke out yesterday.



LEFT: Minister of Tourism Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace speaks at the roof wetting ceremony at the new straw market building site yesterday.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff



TREATMENT COMING: Little Kadin Finley.

Help for little Kadin after Tribune story

THANKS TO the charity of family, friends and complete strangers following the publication of his story in *The Tribune*, Kadin Finley, an infant burdened with a massive, and ever enlarging, growth, can finally afford the necessary medical treatment.

One-year-old Kadin and his family will soon be taking the first step towards combating the condition that has dominated his physical development since birth.

Kadin was diagnosed by doctors at Princess Margaret Hospital with the rare condition known as Klippel-Trenaunay Syndrome or KTS, which cannot be treated in the Bahamas.

KTS is a congenital circulatory disorder characterised by abnormal benign growths on the skin, consisting of masses of blood vessels.

Medical sources indicate that the condition is progressive and can lead to life-threatening complications such as internal or external bleeding, or even heart failure if left untreated.

Kadin's mother, Arnette Finley, told this newspaper in a previous interview that her son was born with a slightly enlarged arm and chest.

Over time the growth grew larger, becoming a physical burden to Kadin and a financial one for his family. But without health insurance or any other source of money available, family members were concerned that they might not be able to afford to get him help abroad.

Since September, when Kadin's story first appeared in *The*

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THE TRIBUNE featured Kadin's story in September.

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MOTHER IN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO BURN HER CHILDREN ALIVE

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A GOOD Samaritan saved the lives of two young children yesterday when it appeared that their mother attempted to burn them alive early yesterday morning.

Shortly before 9.30am, an anonymous caller informed

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MURDERED MOTHER OF TWO MOURNED ON LONG ISLAND

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LONG Island residents are mourning the death of murdered mother-of-two Shande Cartwright.

Shande, 22, was stabbed to death on Monday night in Adelaide Village. The first reports received by the police said she was attacked by two armed men near a beachfront

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TROUBLE BREWING IN THREE KEY PLP CONSTITUENCIES

TROUBLE is continuing to brew in three key constituencies for the PLP where new candidates are slated to run for the party in the next General Election.

In South Beach, where Myles Laroda seems set to gain the party's nomination, PLP sources explained there is a growing feud between supporters of the former PLP candidate Wallace Rolle and Mr Laroda's new team.

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BAHA MAR CONTRACTORS TO RECEIVE \$1M FOR TRAINING THIS WEEK

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ONE million of the \$8 million allocated to train Bahamian contractors and tradesmen who will work on the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar project will be made available this week, said Labour Minister Dion Foulkes.

The senator said this rep-

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LOCAL NEWS

Motorists angry at traffic conditions

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ANGERED by what has been described as unbearable traffic conditions, motorists are calling for greater coordination between public service agencies and consistent maintenance of traffic signals.

Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) repairs were named as the cause for the extreme traffic delays on Shirley Street on Tuesday which had severely affected motorists and business owners on Monday. Traffic was reduced to a near stand-still as BEC workers and their equipment created a bottleneck on the two-lane street.

One Shirley Street business owner said: "The whole island was screwed up yesterday because they wanted to change a pole at 9am in the morning. So they took their time on a very busy day and also decided to trim trees?"

"For six hours they had traffic backed up – it's ridiculous. If they were going to do something, why was there no coordination with the Works and Public Transport?"

The business owner added: "They just can't disrupt traffic on a street like this with no sort of planning. Ambulances have to come past here, the prison vans, it was just pure havoc with only one lane. The police had to eventually come and tell them to move their trucks as it was getting nearer to the time for the prison bus to come through – there was no space for people to get out of the way."

In addition to the high concentration of traffic due to

BEC REPAIRS caused severe traffic delays on Shirley Street this week.



widespread roadworks, residents and business owners heading to and from the eastern part of the island claim malfunctioning traffic lights make an already strained situation unbearable.

During the evening rush hour, motorists claim nearly two hours of traffic delays have been added to their normal travel time.

One motorist said: "I'm sick and tired of reaching a main intersection and having the lights off. It's a wonder we don't have more accidents than we do nowadays."

Major areas highlighted were lights at the intersection of Village Road and Shirley Street, and the ones on East Bay Street right before the Montagu ramp.

In July, the malfunctions were largely attributed to load shedding being conducted by BEC.

Officials from the Ministry of Public Works and Transport explained that the lights auto-

matically switch to "flash mode" whenever there is a power surge, as a safeguard against electrical damage.

Motorists in the capital then, said they were fed-up with the inconsistency of traffic lights, they feared malfunctions would only increase as the country moved into the second month of the rainy season – as heavy rain was also noted as a possible contributor.

Another motorist added: "None of the lights in Nassau work, we've hired a company to come and fix the lights but they can't fix the lights because they say BEC can't keep the

power on to run the lights. I don't understand how in a country that considers itself ahead of the rest of the Caribbean – we can't even have traffic lights that work."

Requests for an update on the status of traffic lights in the capital were not returned up to press time yesterday.

As there is a mobile maintenance team of private contractors who are responsible for providing maintenance and repair to traffic lights, the public is encouraged to report downed lights to 302-9700, a line at the Ministry of Public Works and Transport.

Presence of 8,000 Chinese workers 'will result in spin-off opportunities for Bahamians'

IN addition to bringing in at least \$8 million in work permit fees for the public treasury, the presence of the expected 8,000 Chinese workers on the Baha Mar project will result in many spin-off opportunities for Bahamians, FNM Senator Frederick McAlpine told the Senate yesterday.

"Bahamians are also guaranteed to reap some of the economic benefits. These persons will need places to stay, they will buy groceries from our grocery stores, they will eat in our restaurants as we eat shrimp fried rice, and they'll eat chicken in the bag and our crack conch. They will ride in our taxis and on our jitneys.

"Madam President, they will visit our drug stores, liquor stores, rent cars and perhaps purchase bicycles. They will be with us until the project is completed. Madam President, might I also add that the Chinese that are coming, but 80 per cent of their pay cheque stays in China, they only get 20 per cent of their salary while in the Bahamas. So I would assume that most of them will return home in order to collect the 80 per cent for their labour," he said.

Senator McAlpine said the public can be assured that the government will do "due diligence" in ensuring that "all foreign workers have been returned to their place of natural birth, and we thank them in advance for doing so."

HOME INVASION CASE SET FOR VOLUNTARY BILL OF INDICTMENT

PROSECUTORS have indicated that they intend to proceed with a voluntary bill of indictment in the case of four men charged in February's home invasion and shoot-out in Coral Harbour.

Brothers Derek and Jermaine Stuart, 37; Kelvin Cooper, 35; and Jeffrey Wilson, 55, have been charged in connection with the incident.

The men are accused of conspiring to commit the armed robbery of Georgette Butler on Thursday, February 18.

They are also charged with breaking into Ms Butler's home and, while armed with a handgun, robbing her of \$30,000 worth of assorted jewellery, \$1,650 cash and a Dell laptop computer valued at \$1,900.

The men were initially arraigned on the charges in May and are on bail.

They are represented by attorneys Geoffrey Farquharson and Murrio Ducille. Prosecutor Sandra Dee Gardiner informed Magistrate Derrance Rolled-Davis that the Crown was proceeding by way of Voluntary Bill of Indictment in the matter.

The matter has now been adjourned to December 13 when the indictments will be presented.

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China keeps pressure off North Korea

BEIJING — When North Korea tested a nuclear device last year, China issued bland criticism and urged Pyongyang to resume diplomacy. After a South Korean navy ship was sunk, most likely by a North Korean torpedo, Beijing sent its sympathies but called the evidence inconclusive.

Now that North Korea has unleashed an artillery barrage on a South Korean island that killed four people — including two civilians — and raised tensions in the heavily armed region, Beijing again appears unwilling to rein in its neighbour.

For all China's growing international might, its tolerance of North Korea's wayward behaviour shows how differently Beijing sees the world — or at least its corner of it.

"There is zero chance of China, either in open or in private, putting major substantive pressure on North Korea," said Shi Yinlong, professor of international relations at Beijing's Renmin University.

As impoverished North Korea's most important diplomatic ally and source of crucial food and fuel assistance, China holds the sort of influence that could bring Pyongyang to heel. But keeping the region stable so that China may continue its upward trajectory is the Chinese leadership's No. 1 priority. If that means putting up with the occasional North Korean provocation, experts say, so be it. China has reasons to worry if the current, tenuous peace dissolves. It lost an estimated 400,000 troops in the 1950-53 Korean War. Another conflict or a meltdown of North Korea's dictatorship could send hundreds of thousands of North Koreans across the border, burdening Chinese provinces that only in recent years recovered from painful restructuring of the planned economy. Worse, a South Korean victory would bring to China's threshold a U.S. ally that hosts American military forces.

Following Tuesday's bombardment, Beijing has so far shied away from calling North Korea to task.

In its first written statement about the incident, China's Foreign Ministry said China feels regret about the loss of lives and property and urged all parties to avoid escalation and restart dialogue.

The statement by spokesman Hong Lei said the relevant parties should "oppose any actions that harm the peace and stability on the peninsula."

While it said that China was worried about the developments, it did not condemn either side. State media, the only media there is in China, maintained a mostly studied neutrality, describing the skirmish as an exchange of fire.

"China is very much concerned with the peace and stability of the Korean Peninsula, as both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) are China's close neighbours," the Xinhua News Agency quoted Zha Peixin, a member of the legislature's foreign affairs committee, as saying.

China's strategy to steady North Korea has exacted costs. Beijing's refusal to criticise North Korea after the sinking of South Korea's naval corvette, the Cheonan, in which 46 sailors died, offended Seoul, a key investor and trade partner which had been drawing closer diplomatically. In the United Nations, China shielded North Korea from punishment over the incident.

China's protection of North Korea at times seems so unreasonable that it adds to misgivings among Japan, Vietnam and other nations already upset over Beijing's more forceful assertion of its territorial claims in the East and South China seas.

Relations with Washington may suffer too, just two months before Chinese President Hu Jintao wants to pay a pomp-filled state visit. President Barack Obama has called upon Beijing to restrain its ally. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said U.S. diplomats had delivered a message to China that it was "pivotal" to changing North Korea's behaviour, adding that Beijing has a responsibility to make it clear to Pyongyang that deliberate attempts to inflame tensions with Seoul are not acceptable. Yet far from backing away from Pyongyang, China has in recent years doubled down on its support. As Japan, South Korea and others have reduced trade and aid in recent years in response to North Korean nuclear and missile tests, China has stepped up deliveries of food and other assistance.

China accounted for half of all North Korea's imports and took a quarter of its exports in 2008, according to the U.S. Congressional Research Service. That was before the North's relations with South Korea began souring, taking tourism and investment programmes with them. Politically, Beijing has upped its engagement too, sending a stream of leaders to Pyongyang and twice hosting reclusive North Korean leader Kim Jong Il this summer. The first trip came weeks after the Cheonan sinking. The second time came just before North Korea's Worker's Party held a rare conclave and then a nationwide pageant for the elevation of Kim's son, Kim Jong Un, as dictator-in-waiting. Chinese Politburo member Zhou Yongkang stood with the elder Kim during the festivities.

The steadfastness of Beijing's support at the expense of its international image and relations with Seoul and Washington have raised criticisms even in China that the North Korean tail sometimes wags the Chinese dog. Chinese officials and experts acknowledge the risk, saying Beijing's leverage is limited, given that it is unwilling to throw its economic heft.

"Even if China tried to tell North Korea what to do, it's unlikely they would easily listen," said Gong Keyu, deputy director of the Asia-Pacific Research Centre at Shanghai's Institute for International Studies.

(This article was written Charles Hutzler, and Christopher Bodeen of the Associated Press).

Shame on the Environment Ministry and National Trust

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The Environmental Ministry and Bahamas National Trust should hang their heads in shame for supporting the dredging of almost nine acres of protected seabed in the Exuma National Land and Sea Park.

Not only did these environmental agencies agree to violation of the world's oldest marine park, their relationship to the developer, Prince Aga Khan, during the decision making process has also come into question.

The apparent lack of concern over the consequences of dredging is astonishing, especially given that rising sea temperatures are threatening the very survival of reefs worldwide.

What impact will the silt from the dredging and run-off from land development have on the numerous fragile reefs sprinkled throughout the area?

It's estimated that 10 to 27 per cent of coral has perished worldwide and 40 per cent may

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disappear this year. In the Exuma Cays, some of the once magnificent reefs are already bleached white and covered in a brown growth.

Coral reefs are believed to host perhaps a quarter of all marine species, including an abundance of fish, and are vital to our tourism and fisheries industries.

Indeed, they are our prime food source!

Exuma tour boat operator Raymond Lightbourn has complained that the bar earmarked for dredging is home to hundreds of baby conch along with stingrays.

Mr. Lightbourn said there is already a 225' deep water dock at the prince's Bell Island with a 130' angle branch. What more does the prince need for a private residence?

I understand the National Trust enraged residents during

a town meeting in George Town, Exuma, as it was felt by some that it had already made up its mind to support the development.

What's even more ludicrous is The Trust, while supporting the prince's plans, is the vehicle through which park laws are strictly enforced on locals.

It is against the law to take a single fish, shell or piece of driftwood from the park.

No-one is allowed to light a camp fire to grill a hotdog or hamburger, let alone dredge a protected seabed!

As Exuma tour operator Patterson Smith told the town meeting:

"It's not only about dredging, it's about the park being a no-take zone. But if we can't touch it, why is this one man who is using the island for fun allowed to do so?"

Indeed, why?
Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?

ATHENA DAMIANOS
Nassau,
October 31, 2010.

Freeport, this is the most glorious time of your life

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THE door has been open for many of you to explore and to take advantage of the treasure that God has given you and yet some seems to be shut to it.

There are some unexplored treasures and talent in you that the enemy doesn't want you to see. Now it's up to you to find what they are and use them. Yes some of your eyes are filled with tears, but let them be tears of joy just to know that the time has come for you to be the eagle you were born to be.

Right now there are some nay-sayers around you. There are some around you who think they know it all and want to dictate to you. This is just a way of keeping you at a standstill.

Some people have lost their Eagle instant. They have become a chicken and they have lost their way.

Freeport, this is the most glorious time of your life. Don't be a complainer or a murmurer. Rejoice and give God thanks. Yes you may have made up your bed on some of the jobs but let me encourage you to pick it up. Yes you may have a mortgage or car loan to pay off and children are in school. My question to you is, who give you these things.? I would think it's

God, so He will not allow them to be taken away. I've been there, sat in the same boat and had to swim and paddle my knees. Eventually I was able to get abroad a little boat then a mid-size boat, then God saw my faith and put me on a ship where I am the Captain.

Stop complaining and pray and give God thanks. Ask Him to put more strength in your wings and rise up like phoenix then sore like an Eagle. I have never seen so many faithless pastors in all my life time like I have seen lately on TV. These are the same pastors who stand up in the pulpit and preach on how to have faith in God, how He will provide, how He is our El Shaddi and Jehovah Jireh, how the righteousness was not forsaken nor his seed begging bread. Yet some are helping to add to the hopelessness the people are feeling.

In Numbers 13: 17-33 these so-called men or shepherds are talking just like the sons of Anak in verse 33. The only things they can see are the giants in the land and the people like grasshoppers. Pastors where is your faith. Don't you know that God sometimes moves us out of our comfort zone because he has a greater plan for our lives and some of

us have been asking Him.

The Bible says in Psalm 37:25, "I have been young and I have been old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." Again, where is your faith Pastors? God is the provider and some of the people's best days are ahead of them. A field of blessing has been open to those people. Don't be like the chickens of this world. The only thing they are good for is to make noise and cross the road.

I pray that the people who are going through this change and who have lost their jobs look not to man, but keep their eyes focused on the God of their salvation and soar as Eagles. This is an opportunity that you may never see again. How you handle it, is what matters most. May I tell you that in getting up and brushing off, there are some friends and acquaintances sitting beside you waiting for you to hit the dust. David said in Psalm 61: "Hear my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer." Go forth; walk into your greatest day and opportunity. It's like sand on the sea shore. Your spirit is down but there is a phoenix in you to rise up.

May I borrow a few verses from the beautiful hymn:

"Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt His name; when in distress to Him I called, He to my rescue came."

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LOCAL NEWS

Police release security guard questioned over sex abuse allegations

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THE security guard questioned in connection with a sexual abuse allegation at Gambier Village Primary School has been released from police custody pending further investigations.

Formal charges were not filed against him, said Supt Leon Bethel, head of the Central Detective Unit.

"He was brought in and released pending the outcome of our investigation," said Mr Bethel.

School administrators received complaints from three students that led to the removal of the security guard by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

The students' claims came after the school conducted a series of workshops on inappropriate behaviour.

After further forums were conducted by the Special Services Unit of the MoE, new complaints suggested there may be an

incest problem in the community.

The school is now conducting education seminars for parents in the community and "preventative counselling sessions" for students.

Hulan Hanna, assistant commissioner of police, said the police are working closely with the school to reassure students.

He, along with Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade and other top police officials, visited the school on Tuesday and spoke to students.

"There are so many young people troubled by incest, abuse in homes, neglect, abandonment and marginalisation," said Mr Hanna, speaking of the Bahamas in general.

Many children react to these hardships by adopting violent and deviant behaviour, and Mr Hanna said it is important to "grab and harness" children at an early age, to show them "alternate ways of expressing themselves" before they fall into undesirable behaviour.

Controversial Bahamian film enjoys unprecedented success

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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UNPRECEDENTED success for the controversial film "Children of God" comes less than a year after the Bahamian homosexual love story opened the sixth annual Bahamas International Film Festival.

Director Kareem Mortimer said he is amazed by the success of his first feature length film shown at

more than 70 film festivals around the world this year and winning 13 coveted awards, as well as being shown across the United Kingdom on tour with the British Film Institute London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

Now Mr Mortimer is celebrating a deal with the Philadelphia company TLA Releasing which has secured the rights to theatrical and home entertainment distribution of Children of God

in North America and the United Kingdom. He said the award-winning drama will also be available commercially in 11 countries by March next year.

"We are so incredibly ecstatic," Mr Mortimer said.

"This is a huge achievement for a Bahamian film, and we will continue to bring other countries to the table with assistance from our sales agency as we regard our investors a main priority.

"So many films never get to see the light of day outside of small screenings, and we are happy to have a commercial product that we are working tirelessly to bring returns over the next few years."

TLA Releasing regards the film as the most controversial to emerge from the Bahamas, where screenings

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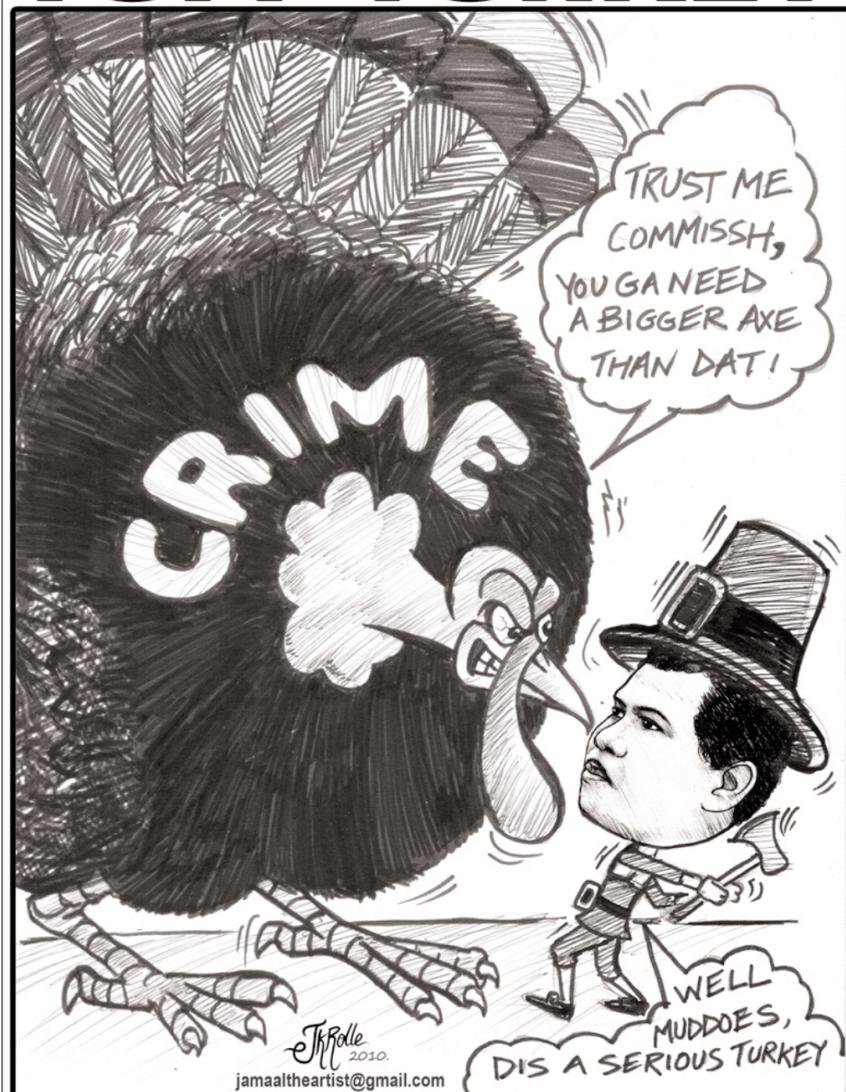
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- 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my foot stool,"
- 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and be come judges with evil thoughts?
- 5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?
- 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?
- 7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?
- 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," [a] you do well;

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GBPA AND HUTCHISON GROUP DONATE TO GRAND BAHAMA CHAMBER'S ECONOMIC PLAN



JOINT DONATION TO CHAMBER – Ian Rolle, GBPA-president (left) and Gary Gilbert, chief executive of Hutchison Port Holding Group (right), both make cheque donations to Peter Turnquest, president and Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce (centre).

THE Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) and the Hutchison Port Holding Group (HPH) both made financial donations to the island's Chamber of Commerce to assist with its economic development plan for Grand Bahama.

On hand for the presentations on Tuesday were GBPA president Ian Rolle, HPH chief executive Gary Gilbert and Chamber president Peter Turnquest.

The donations will be used to fuel the economic development plan for Grand Bahama, that has been undertaken by the Chamber.

"Our goal is to create economic activity and I'm happy to say that this gesture indicates

we're not in this alone. It's wonderful for the island in that we have a number of forces joining together to create a positive thing for the island," Mr Rolle said.

Mr Gilbert concurred whilst highlighting the essential role the Chamber plays within our society.

"We think that the Chamber of Commerce is an extraordinarily important group here in Grand Bahama and we wanted to support them in every way because they bring business to our great city here," he said.

In recent weeks, GBPA had handed-over its own economic development strategy to the Chamber's economic development committee so that both groups could marry their efforts.

Now with Tuesday's cheque donations, the Chamber said it can proceed with an overall

economic plan sooner than anticipated.

"This is very momentous. Today's donation signifies the unity of this community towards trying to create economic opportunities here in Grand Bahama," said Mr Turnquest. "Certainly, with the support of these two organisations we believe that the Chamber will be in a position to complete its mandate to help bring economic development to the island and to complete our study and the work we need to do in order to make that happen."

Mr Turnquest further expressed pleasure at the level of support the donation signified.

"Both GBPA and HPH are good corporate citizens and by partnering together, we are certainly able to do much more than anyone of us could do by ourselves," he said.

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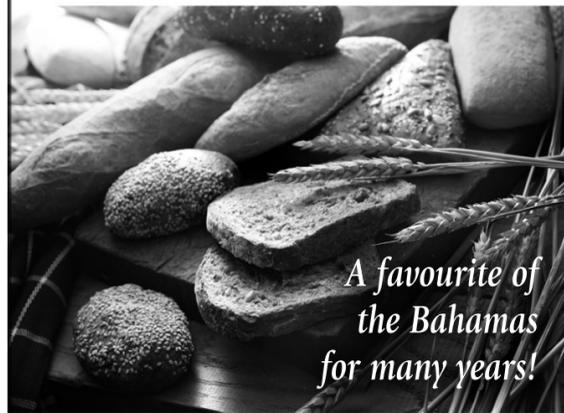


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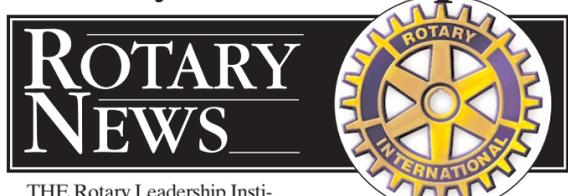
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LOCAL NEWS

Rotary leadership seminars return to Nassau



THE Rotary Leadership Institute, Sunshine Division returned to Nassau in early October to continue three leadership courses for approximately 40 Rotarians over a two-day period, having kicked off the first set of courses in February of this year. Rotary is one of the oldest service organisations in the world with just over 1.2 million members.

“Rotarians work locally, regionally and internationally towards such goals as combating hunger, improving health and sanitation, providing education and job training, promoting peace and eradicating polio; all under the motto, ‘Service Above Self,’” said Mike Levitt, RLI discussion leader and president of the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise.

Mr Levitt teamed up with local RLI discussion leaders who included Rotary Bahamas training chairperson Carla Card-Stubbs, past Assistant District Governor Felix Stubbs and Assistant District Governor Charles Sealy II.

Strategies to improve clubs and tools on becoming better leaders were highlighted while topics varied from ‘The Basics of Rotary’ to structured programmes like Interact, Rotaract, World Community Service, Rotary Fellowships and the Rotary Foundation.

“The value of this training programme is multi-faceted and it is a great opportunity for Rotarians to learn about the inner-works of Rotary as well as to maximise our efforts to share and explore ways to build on what we have and also give back in a better way,” said Mr Sealy.

Ms Card-Stubbs along with her Rotarian husband Felix Stubbs are both past presidents of the Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise and they agreed that “the Rotarians leave energised and enthusiastic and they take their knowledge and apply it to make their Clubs better and also to help build stronger membership.”

Ms Card-Stubbs said she was



excited that as a result of this session a group of Rotarians made up from the six Nassau Clubs formed a focus group to propose and pursue a joint project.

Ten participants completed parts one through three of the RLI courses, thereby graduating from RLI.

In the past year, Rotary Bahamas has been known for their strong work in Haiti as well as local community projects.

The RLI said it seeks to have Rotary Clubs in member districts identify those Rotarians who seem to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations.

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Murdered mother of two mourned on Long Island

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property known as "The Farm."

Police say they are at "a crucial stage in the investigation." It is understood the man who was with her at the time of her death is cooperating with detectives in their investigations.

Shande was graduated from NGM Major High School in 2005.

A secretary at the school said: "Everybody is sad, in total shock. She grew up among us and was just like a Long Islander. She was there from a small child. She was very intelligent, friendly and mannerly, always laughing, and she respected her elders."

The school secretary recalled a time in Shande's senior years when she worked on a class project to fix a garden on the school compound.

"I could see her now running me down to bring back Gatorade from the store for

when they were finished working. She would say, 'thank you, aunty'," she said.

Mary Cartwright, Shande's mother, expressed to her online friends: "What can I say, my first pain and my best friend. Baby, how will I go on without seeing your magical smile, hearing that, oh so beautiful voice, singing to me and hearing you tell me everyday 'mommy I love you'."

"Oh baby I miss you so much already I can't sleep, can't eat. I know you're at peace with God right now, but I promise you one thing my sweet angel, justice will prevail."

Music fans in Nassau remember Shande from her Bahamian Idol performance.

Expressing her condolences online, Andrea Turnquest, a friend of the family, said: "Have my deepest sympathy Ms Mary! I know your daughter through Bahamian Idol. I used to sit down and watch her sing and enjoy myself. Some persons even

ask me if she is my sister. She had a voice of an angel. I know it's not going to be easy. God will comfort you and the family. I keep you in my prayers. I know you miss her like crazy. So sad, she gone too soon!"

Shande lived in Long Island from the time she was eight weeks old with her grandmother and two aunts.

Prudence Cartwright, an aunt who lives on Long Island, said: "Right now we are all upset. It is like a part of our body that is missing. We just hope they catch the person who did it."

According to the family, Shande moved to Nassau just over a year ago and worked as a teller in the Palmdale branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

The Long Island family is now taking care of Shande's two young children – a one-year-old and a three-year-old. They moved to Long Island in September, around the same time Shande separated from her boyfriend, Douglas Pratt, according to her Aunt Prudence. He is the father of both children.

At that time, the family said Shande was going through "rough times" financially, so they offered to keep the children "for a little while."

Prudence said the children's father moved to the Exuma Cays around the same time, working in the construction field. She said he recently visited Shande in Nassau, and is still there.

Mr Pratt could not be contacted for comment.

The family is yet to explain the full meaning of Shande's death to her children.

Prudence said: "The oldest one says 'mummy is dead in the hospital,' but I don't think she knows what dead means, because last night she asked if she could call her mummy. They are both happy though, they are joyful, and the baby is only one year old."

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Baha Mar contractors to receive \$1m for training this week

resents the seed money that will be given to the College of the Bahamas and the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute needed to start the training process and establish the various procedures and infrastructure needed to sustain the programmes.

"The prime minister helped to significantly increase the number of the variety of jobs for Bahamians who (will) work on the Baha Mar project. A major training initiative for scores of Bahamians to the tune of \$8 million, \$1 million of which will be made available as soon as Parliament concludes its deliberation in the Senate

today or tomorrow," the senator told the Upper Chamber yesterday.

"Such training would have a ripple effect throughout the economy as workers leverage this training to take advantage of many other opportunities to use their new skills for many years to come."

The release of the first round of funding will allow the training of registered labourers to begin immediately, Mr Foulkes told The Tribune yesterday during the Senate's lunch break.

A committee, representing Baha Mar, China State Construction, the Ministry of

Labour and Social Development, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce, trade unions, BTVI and COB officials, has been planning the training programme.

Stephen Wrinkle, head of the Bahamas Contractors Association, yesterday welcomed the news stressing that a cash injection is immediately needed for BTVI to begin cosmetic upgrades needed before the start of training courses for Baha Mar.

"I'd like to congratulate the ministry and commend the Government on making those funds immediately available for

the training. That's wonderful news. We certainly need it, we need an injection of cash at BTVI immediately to help with classrooms, set up the lab so they can do the training for carpentry and masonry. The cur-

rent facilities out there are outdated," said Mr Wrinkle.

Persons who want to sign onto the training programme should register with the Department of Labour's skills bank in Nassau or Freeport or at Baha

Mar.

Mr Foulkes added courses for some 7,000 Bahamians needed for full-time work at the resort are scheduled to begin nine months before the four hotels open.

Trouble brewing in three key PLP constituencies

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In 2007, it was claimed that a very senior PLP general in the area openly campaigned against Mr Rolle - resulting in an essential split of the party's vote in the area and ultimately causing the PLP's loss of the seat. However, with Mr Laro-da having some family ties to this same general, PLP insiders fear supporters of Mr Rolle may return the favour in the 2012 and possibly cause the party the seat once again.

With this in mind, sources within the party's camp said supporters of Mr Rolle have started to back the party's other candidate for the area's nomination, Nurses Union President Cleola Hamilton.

The second seat of contention will be the constituency of Carmichael, where party sources said PLPs are still a bit unnerved about how easy it was for Dr Danny Johnson to receive the party's nomination. With essentially every named candidate thus far having to have fought for his chance to represent the area, some within the organisation still feel slighted by the apparent "ease" with which Dr Johnson was able to gain his nomination.

In Kennedy, what had been thought to be a four-way race has boiled down to three candidates after Keith Bell has all but officially withdrawn his name from the nomination.

Attorney Derek Ryan has won the nomination from the constituency's PLP branch - however, attorneys Dion Smith and Craig Butler are said to be the front-runners in the minds of the Candidates Committee in this ever-changing seat.

Yesterday, a party source told *The Tribune* the party

leadership has attempted to have Mr Ryan withdraw his nomination quietly. However, it is understood this will prove "very unlikely."

Our source said: "Dion is a kind of guy who can hang and drink with the guys and that has worked for him in there. He is someone who has

great ambition, but politically we do not know if he is there yet.

"The dark horse in all of this will be Craig Butler who has moved under the radar to position himself quite well, and I believe it will come down to Butler and Dion in the end."

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MINISTER of Public Works Neko Grant, Minister of Tourism Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace and Minister of State for Social Development Loretta Butler-Turner attend the 'roof wetting' ceremony for the new downtown Straw Market yesterday.

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Tribune Staff



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which drew cheers and applause from her supporters. She said: "Whatever could come through customs, that is what straw vendors are going to sell. And as for the new taxes (rent), taxes is supposed to be according to the ability to pay. "The straw vendors con-

Straw wars

tributed greatly to this country. We feel like whenever the foreign investors come, they get this, get that. When are the straw vendors supposed to benefit?" Nyoka Judy Rolle, a straw vendor for more than 35 years, said she agrees with, and supports, the prohibition of counterfeit products "you cannot call yourself a straw vendor if you sell leather." However, the rental fees are extreme, with most straw vendors "not making enough money in this economic climate to pay such a high amount."

The example was given that even with five cruise ships in the harbour, few vendors have made more than \$20 for the day. "How were they supposed to survive with the introduction of the suggested fees?" asked another vendor.

Others expressed their disapproval of the rules saying that whatever products are brought through customs should be allowed to be sold. However, Mr Grant told *The Tribune* that the state of affairs that exists in the Straw Market cannot continue in the new \$11.2 million structure. With regard to the new rent fees, he said: "I'm advised that they pay nothing but National Insurance and a business license fee since the straw market fire. "That was the arrangement because they were under the tent but you'd appreciate we're building a world-class facility. We are talking a mere \$6 to \$8 to a day (in rent fees) and where else on God's earth can you find space for that kind of money?"



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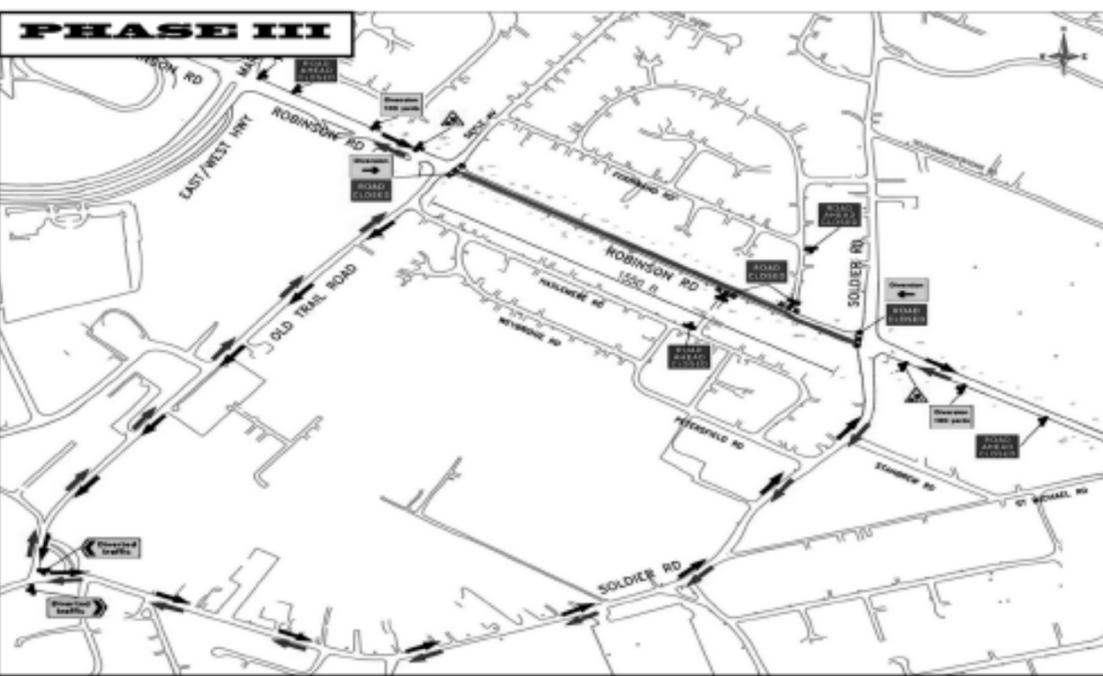
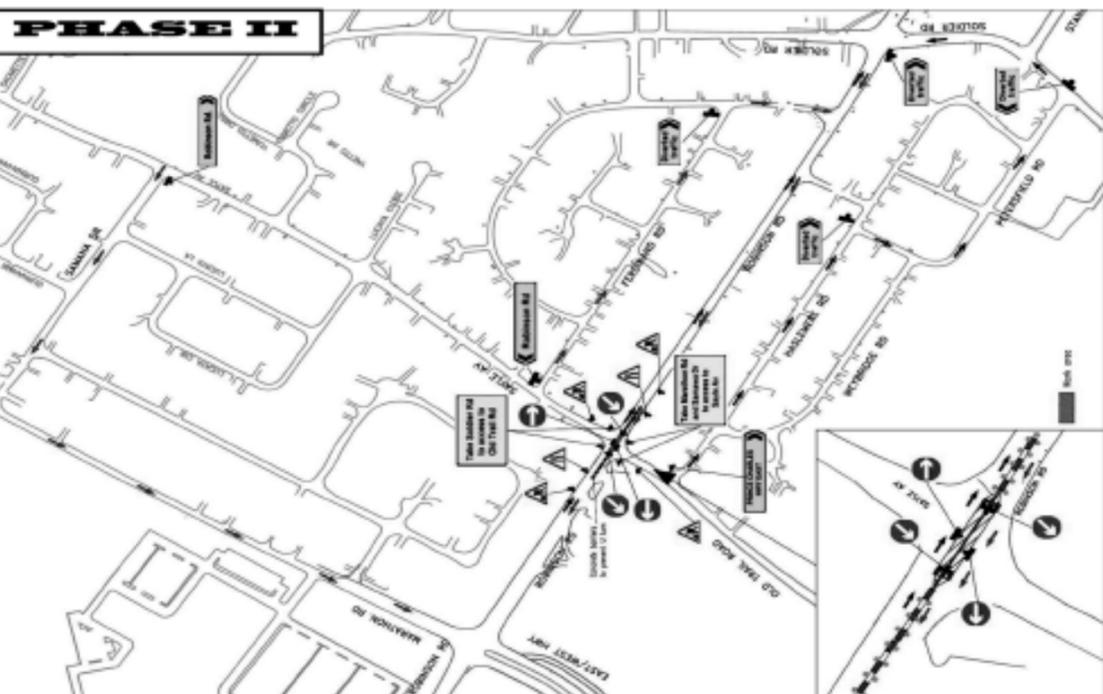
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LOCAL NEWS

Mother in apparent attempt to burn her children alive

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the police that a woman had been seen putting her infant child in her vehicle and setting it on fire.

According to Inspector Warren Johnson, a passerby saw what was happening, got his fire extinguisher, and extinguished the blaze.

Inspector Johnson said that it appears that the mother had removed the fuel cap from the car, inserted a piece of cloth into the gas tank and ignited it.

“When the officers arrived they discovered the good Samaritan standing next to the vehicle with the child in his arms,” Inspector Johnson said.

However, when officers began to question persons nearby they realized that the woman’s other child had not been accounted for.

This is when the officers noticed smoke emanating from the mother’s home – directly in front of the smouldering vehicle.

Breaking their way into the house, officers discovered that a pile of clothes had been set on fire. However, they could not find the older child in the home.

A quick search of the nearby Haitian community found that the child, who police estimated to be between seven and nine years old, had escaped

from the house when he saw what his mother was attempting to do.

The mother, believed to be in her mid-thirties, has been taken into police custody on charges of attempted murder and attempted arson.

The infant child, who was trapped in the burning vehicle, received minor injuries and was taken to hospital, treated, and later released. The

other child had no physical injuries. They both have been turned over to the Department of Social Services.

Officers from the South Western Division are conducting this police investigation.

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Tribune, relatives estimate that nearly \$10,000 in donations has been raised through various efforts.

In addition to assistance promised from the Department of Social Services, the family is scheduled to leave for the Mayo Clinic medical centre in Minnesota, USA on Sunday.

Sheniqa Saunders, cousin to one-year-old Kadin, said since awareness was raised of the infant’s condition, the family has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the community.

Kadin will see specialists for the first time on Monday. Once there, he will complete a routine medical exam which can take anywhere from five

Help for little Kadin after Tribune story

to eight business days.

The trip to the Mayo Clinic – recommended by the Bahamian doctor who diagnosed Kadin’s condition – is likely to set the family back between \$7,000 and \$13,000 for the initial consultation, before travel and accommodation costs.

Mrs Saunders said: “They’re going to assess him, and once they do all the tests that they need to do, then they will make a decision with his mother and doctor as to what form of treatment they are going to take. Hopefully we don’t have to go

back because that is a long way to travel and a lot of money.”

Past fundraisers include two concerts, various drives held by local businesses and taxi drivers, and a cook-out that was held last weekend.

For their support of Kadin’s cookout, which was called

a huge success, the family sought to recognise the contributions of a number of companies and individuals.

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If you would like to donate to Kadin’s medical fund, his account number at the Royal Bank of Canada’s Palmdale Branch is 727- 4269.

If anyone wishes to contact the family to offer any other assistance, Mrs Saunders can be contacted at Sheniqa_37@hotmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

New Zealand rescuers readied to go ahead of blast

**JOE MORGAN, AP
RAY LILLEY, AP
GREYMOUTH,
New Zealand**

toxic gas levels suddenly increased touching off an explosion that dashed all hopes of a rescue, a lost miner's brother and police said Thursday.

Prime Minister John Key declared the disaster a national tragedy, and across New

Zealand on Thursday flags flew at half staff and many churches held services for people wanting to show respect for the miners. Wednesday's massive explosion deep inside the mine on New Zealand's South Island came five days after the men were caught underground by a similar blast and only hours after rescuers reported their first progress in the rescue attempt.

A drilling team broke a narrow shaft through to the mine section believed to be holding the missing workers and two robots had crawled their way into the tunnel, providing the first view from inside the mine.

"She was all go," said Geoff Valli whose brother Keith, 62, perished in the mine. "There was going to be more than one or two (rescuers involved)" in the rescue bid.

"They explained just how close they were to going in. It was bloody scary. It could have been so much worse," he told National Radio.

But when toxic and explosive gas levels suddenly worsened, the first attempt to enter the mine since last Friday's initial blast was scrapped.

Even in the unlikely event that any one had survived the first one, police said no one could have lived through the second.

"The blast was prolific," said police superintendent Gary Knowles, in charge of the rescue operation. "Just as severe as the first blast."

The grieving families, the company and political leaders have all pledged to retrieve the bodies of the missing men.

Mourning father Laurie Drew was one of those pleading for their retrieval from the

mine. "We are just hoping the conditions for the rescuers will allow them ... to recover everything for us. Hopefully it doesn't drag on too long to get the closure that all the families really need, as well as myself," he said. His son Zen, 21, died in the disaster.

Pike River Coal chief Peter Whittall pledged to the families that the top priority was recovering the men from the pit.

"I still want them back and their families want them back and we'll be doing everything we can to make that happen. My love and support are with those guys," he said.

Prime Minister Key warned it could take time to recover the 29 bodies as there would have to be efforts to stabilize the mine before people could go in.

"We know there are a number of options being explored to allow the bodies to be removed from the mine," he said.

Key returned to Greymouth Thursday to meet with the grieving families to give them "comfort and support in probably their darkest hour."

A series of inquiries, including a formal Commission of Inquiry and police and coroner's investigations, are being launched into the tragedy over the next few days.

On Wednesday, shortly after the second blast, Whittall told the families a team had been getting ready to go underground — the families applauded, thinking that a rescue was about to start.

"I had to wait till they stopped clapping to tell them ... that the second explosion occurred," Whittall said afterwards.

TENSE TIMES: Mine blast survivor Daniel Rockhouse, center, is hugging family members following their briefing with police and company officials in Greymouth, New Zealand, after visiting the Pike River coal mine, Monday, Nov. 22, 2010.





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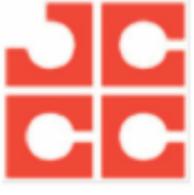
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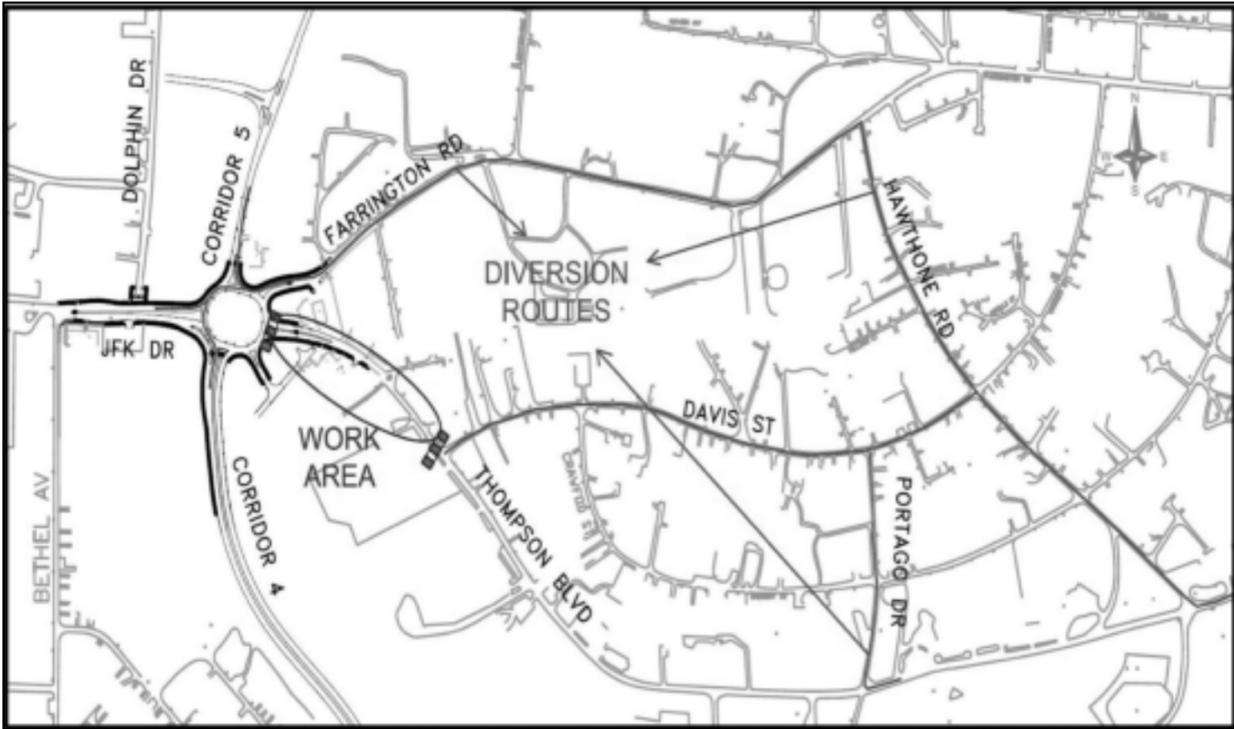
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LOCAL NEWS

Controversial Bahamian film enjoys unprecedented success

FROM page five

of Ang Lee's Oscar-winning gay drama *Brokeback Mountain* was banned in 2005.

Children of God tells the stories of three very different individuals whose paths converge in Eleuthera.

The story of Lena, the conservative, deeply religious wife of a secretly gay firebrand pastor, intertwines with that of Romeo, a handsome young black man hiding his sexuality from his close-knit and loving family; and Jonny, the conflicted and creatively-blocked white artist in search of himself.

The film stars emerging actors Johnny Ferro, Stephen Tyrone Williams,

Margaret Kemp and veteran Bahamian actor Craig Pinder.

After TLA acquired the film from Daybreak Productions, LLC, president and director of acquisitions Raymond Murray said: "Children of God is an entertaining and inspiring romantic drama as well as a powerful social critique of the destructiveness of homophobia."

"It is one of the most important gay-themed films of recent years and TLA is proud to be able to distribute the film."

"Kareem is a talented filmmaker and we expect the film to find an enthusiastic response from a variety of audiences."

Mr Mortimer added: "This

is a very important film for my country, the Caribbean region and the wider world."

"In a time where violence against gays and persons who are perceived to be gay at the forefront of everyone's mind I hope our film can help illuminate some of the issues that drive persons to violence."

"I am very happy for TLA Releasing to be home for our film and their level of excitement and commitment to the title assures me that Children of God will be given the best possible chance to connect with an audience."

The director said he is indebted to those who gave their support by working hard for little pay, volunteering and giving their kind and encouraging words freely.

He said: "The producers feel this support has been tremendous."

Children of God was premiered on the opening night of the Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF) at the Atlantis theatre last year before going on to win great success.

This year, the festival will feature 14 films by Bahamian filmmakers, to be shown at various times throughout the festival which opens on Wednesday.

Another Bahamian film co-directed by Mr Mortimer and Ric von Maur, Wind Jammers, will be screened separately from the festival at the Atlantis theatre on December 1.

For the full line-up of BIFF's events and screenings log on to www.bintl-filmfest.com. To find out more about Children of God, log on to childrenof-godthemovie.com and tlareleasing.com.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Airport protest never takes off; few delays seen

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CHICAGO

The big Opt-Out looked like a big bust Wednesday as most of the Thanksgiving travelers

selected for full-body scans and pat-down searches chose to submit to them rather than create havoc on one of the busiest flying days of the year. In fact, in some parts of the U.S., bad weather was shaping

up as a bigger threat to travelers' hopes of getting to their destinations on time. For days, activists had waged a loosely organized campaign on the Internet to encourage airline passengers to refuse full-

body scans and insist on a pat-down in what was dubbed National Opt-Out Day. But as of Wednesday afternoon, the cascading delays and monumental lines that many feared would result had not materialized. "It was a day at the beach, a box of chocolates," said Greg Hancock, 61, who breezed through security at the Phoenix airport on the way to a vacation in California. He was sent through a body scanner after a golf ball marker set off the metal detector.

His wife, Marti Hancock, 58, said that ever since she was in the air on Sept. 11, 2001, and feared there was a bomb on her plane, she has been fully supportive of stringent security: "If that's what you have to do to keep us safe, that's what you have to do."

The Transportation Security Administration said few people seemed to be opting out. Some protesters did show up, including one man seen walking around the Salt Lake City airport in a skimpy, Speedo-style bathing suit, and others carrying signs denouncing the TSA's screening methods as unnecessarily intrusive and embarrassing. By most accounts, though,



TOO INTRUSIVE? WEST PALM BEACH — A passenger at Palm Beach International Airport is patted down by a TSA worker at Concourse C Wednesday morning.

the lines moved smoothly, and there was no more or less congestion at major U.S. airports than in previous years on the day before Thanksgiving.

"I would go so far as to say that National Opt-Out Day was a big bust," said Genevieve Shaw Brown, a spokeswoman for the travel company Travelocity, which had staff at 12 of the nation's largest airports watching for problems.

Protest organizers — some of whom had no plans themselves to fly on Wednesday — were not prepared to declare the event a flop, saying the pub-

licity alone cranked up pressure on the White House and the TSA to review their security measures.

"The TSA now talks about re-evaluating everything," said James Babb, an organizer for one of the protest groups, We Won't Fly.

"That is a tremendous victory for a grass-roots movement." For days, the X-ray scans that can see through people's clothing and the new pat-downs that include the crotch and chest have been the target of a backlash among politicians, bloggers and others.

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Business Reporter
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Financing for a proposed biodiesel manufacturing plant in western New Providence is still up in the air, according to former MP and Cabinet Minister Tenyson Wells, with pinning down a market for the fuel being deemed pivotal to moving ahead.

Mr Wells confirmed his investor group's hopes of acquiring Bacardi's former Clifton Pier Facility for the biodiesel venture in mid-October, telling Tribune Business that the farming of plant material to feed a fuel facility alone could generate "hundreds" of spin-off jobs for Bahamians.

The investor group, Source River Ltd, has "hundreds of thousands of dollars" tied up in the purchase option it has on the Clifton Pier facility, which includes several large, heavy-duty storage tanks and a

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Hotels 8% RevPAR rise beats region

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

BAHAMIAN HOTELS are "better positioned" than their Caribbean counterparts to raise room rates when recovery comes, a leading hotel consultant said yesterday, with revenue per available room (RevPAR) for this nation's industry up 8 per cent year-over-year to September 2010 - more than two per-

* Bahamian hotels more than two percentage points better than Caribbean counterparts on key performance determinant

* Leading consultant says Bahamas' resort industry better placed to raise room rates once recovery comes, as it held nerve and did not slash like rest of region

* Bahamas' hotel occupancies and room rates both up year-over-year by 4%

* Bahamian RevPAR fell 15.8% in 2009 compared to 17.5% for Caribbean, but this nation's room rates only down 6.8%

centage points better than the Caribbean average.

Parris Jordan, managing director

of HVS Bahamas, a major consultant to the global hotel and tourism industry, said that because Bahami-

an hotels did not drop room rates in 2009 as much as their Caribbean counterparts in a bid to stimulate occupancy, they would be better placed to raise them when recovery came and market confidence returned.

He pointed out that while RevPAR for Bahamian hotels fell by 15.8 per cent year-over-year in

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'WE'VE UPSET THE APPLE CART'

* Robin Hood owner says 'ultimate beneficiary' of sourcing 97-98% of product direct is Bahamian consumer, through lower prices and better offering

* But public offering of shares in expansionist retailer 'never going to happen'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

ROBIN HOOD and other new market entrants have "upset the apple cart" to be the ultimate benefit of Bahamian consumers, its president and owner believes, telling Tribune Business that by sourcing 97-98 per cent of its product offering direct it has helped to drive its prices - and those of rival grocery chains - down.

Sandy Schaefer told this newspaper that the traditional grocery retail/wholesale model had been shaken up by the entrance of his business and the likes of Phil's Food Service into the market, adding that Robin Hood was looking to emulate the Wal-Mart model - securing relatively cheap land upon which to build large store space, and renting a portion of the property out to other businesses to service debt financing.

Telling Tribune Business that Robin Hood sourced 97-98 per cent of its product



THE new Robin Hood shopping store and centre.

offering from abroad, allowing it to "enjoy substantial savings that are passed on to the consumer", Mr Schaefer said: "What Robin Hood, and now Phil's Food Service, is that we upset the apple cart.

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FASHION SHOW EYES EUROPE EXPANSION

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor



OWEN BETHEL

A BAHAMAS-BASED and organised fashion show is looking at expansion into Europe next year following the success of its third edition this month, its chief organiser telling Tribune Business yesterday that the sector could "gradually grow into a major industry" with the right domestic and international support.

Owen Bethel, Bahamian banker and president of Modes Iles, organiser of the Islands of the World Fashion Week,

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Permit queries: Contractor chief backs architects

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor



STEPHEN WRINKLE

THE BAHAMIAN Contractors Association's (BCA) president has backed the Institute of Bahamian Architects (IBA) over its argument that significant delays in the building permitting process occur when 'queries' are raised by the Building Control Department (BCD), as he called for "more resources" to be dedicated to speeding up this system.

Stephen Wrinkle, speaking after the World Bank ranked the Bahamas 107th out of 183 nations over the processing of construction per-

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Being a resource, not a jargon freak

A TECHNICAL term or two can give you that geek credibility sheen, but it might prove to be counterproductive. Do you know that using technical jargon is the 'number one' cardinal sin you can commit when talking to a non-technical savvy client? Being able to think from others' points of view, and talk in the terms that non-tech savvy clients can relate to, is one of the rarest, most-needed skills in the technology world. Learning how to carry out a compelling conversation with these clients is a crucial skill that all technology workers should possess, especially if they desire to maintain their business.

People who are technophobic and live in fear that the Internet might steal their bank account information or their very soul, or who have lifestyles that just don't include computers, should be treated delicately. I have experienced an incident where a newbie was afraid to use the 'zoom in and out' button in fear of a computer explosion. This is not a joke! This is when it is most important to put on your ambassador hat.

One way of mastering this technique is to talk jargon with your clients in such a way that you can maintain their attention and give an accurate picture of what they really need to understand. Begin by using 'fishing techniques' to assess their starting knowledge. For example, try using a generic question, such as: "Hey, what is your preferred web browser?" or "What operating systems have you been using lately?" Strategically, what you are really trying to ascertain is whether or not they know the basic terms



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of your industry or have any knowledge of it.

Once you have ascertained their level of knowledge, you'll start to develop an understanding of how to proceed. For example, don't you hate it when you visit a doctor and he uses unfamiliar medical terms? But when he slows down, provides a good explanation in plain English or illustrates with diagrams, he accomplishes his task more effectively. This is what we need to do as technical officers, graphic designers or programmers.

Here are some more fishing questions:

- * Do you use Adobe Photoshop or any other image-editing software?
- * Do you subscribe to any RSS feeds?
- * How familiar are you with the programming process?
- * What are some websites/authors you read regularly?
- * Have you ever worked with an Illustrator before?

Ensure that you balance the playing field by asking for input in their proficient areas, as this will be a friendlier medium and prevent them

from feeling embarrassed or compelled to weigh in on your area of expertise. There is no reason to explain the process, but do explain how it will benefit them.

Talk In Terms Of Results

This will keep clients listening. For example, if you are describing the importance of standards-compliant XHTML, you could say: "Standards-compliant XHTML ensures that the website's code is valid and supported by most modern web browsers."

Even though this may still seem technical, it gives the results of your efforts. Further, you could go for a simpler approach and say: "I will optimize the code so that you will get the best rankings possible and make your site viewable for as long as possible."

Pause or Ask for Questions
Allow pauses in between explanations to encourage

questions. Behave as if you're interested and willing to answer any question, even if you aren't. Furthermore, if they seem confused or remain silent for too long, ask them: "Should I explain further?"

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Permit queries: Contractor chief backs architects

mits in its Ease of Doing Business report, told Tribune Business that while the process was slow, it was "unfair" to place all the blame on the BCD and its staff, and "better prepared" construction/planning applications were sometimes needed to assist with their work.

"The permitting process unto itself is rather complex and lengthy by nature," Mr Wrinkle told this newspaper in a recent interview. "It has to go through several departments, but I know myself from the perspective of the contractor that the problem arises whenever there's an anomaly or query with the

plans, and it's not dealt with in a timely fashion.

"I've had personal experience where I've not known there was a query with a specific set of plans for weeks and weeks, and then it takes weeks to resolve the query. That's a big problem for the industry."

Mr Wrinkle added that

another issue was the delayed implementation of the Planning and Subdivisions Act, which meant "discretionary decision-making" was still being allowed with respect to the planning process.

"We're still dealing with antiquated methods where everything must go before Town Planning," Mr Wrinkle told Tribune Business.

Delays resulting from 'queries' raised by the BCD over construction permit applications were identified by the Institute of Bahamian Architects and its president, Amos Ferguson, as a prime factor behind the lengthy construction permitting process in the Bahamas.

Tribune Business revealed these concerns yesterday, and an Institute report that compared the building permitting process in the Bahamas with those in three major US cities - New York, Atlanta and Miami - said: "A primary contributing factor in the long processing time at the BCD under its present system is the inordinate amount of 'queries' by BCD.

"In a lot of instances, the queries are primarily based on the whim of the reviewer and insubstantial in content. Some queries, structures in particular, the architect is not even allowed to address because the reviewer insists that the architect gets a 'structural engineer' to deal with the query.

"This is inconsistent with the Building Regulation Act and is in contravention of the Bahamas Building Code. Leaving aside the inherent

ability a qualified architect would have as it relates to most engineering questions, it should be noted that it is very troubling that an architect who is ultimately responsible legally for a building is not considered qualified enough by some in BCD to even deal with the simplest of structural queries."

The Institute's Mr Ferguson said such issues were "really impeding progress in the construction industry", adding: "There are many projects I have known that have been cancelled because the permits have taken too long. With the present economic situation, we don't need project going out of the system that could be part of the [recovery] process.

"We have outlined a new process that streamlines the total process, giving them less steps and less opportunities for possible corruption to occur."

The Institute report had been updated, following its previous submission to the relevant government agencies and departments two years ago.

Mr Ferguson said a series of meetings over the report's content had been facilitated, by Gordon Major, between various Ministry of Works personnel and the architects, but little progress was made, he alleged, because BCD personnel were "not receptive to any changes".

However, Mr Ferguson said that in recent weeks he had met with Zhivargo Laing, minister of state for finance, over the issue again, and came away with the

impression that the Government was prepared to reform the construction permitting process.

Mr Wrinkle, though, while acknowledging the slow permitting process, said it was "not fair to shove the blame" totally on the BCD, as in the absence of queries they often moved applications through the approvals process in a "reasonable time".

Referring to one project he had handled, Mr Wrinkle said the BCD had processed all relevant permits within four weeks, after they had been provided with a full set of mechanical, engineering and architects' drawings. There were, as he put it, "no stumbling blocks".

"There's certainly room for improvement," he admitted, adding that with relatively little effort the Bahamas could easily move up from its 107th position in the Ease of Doing Business rankings when it came to

construction permits.

"As a contractor, I'd like to see more resources allocated for processing of permits, but there needs to be a better preparation of the applications submitted," Mr Wrinkle said. "In recent times, I'd like to think better plans are being submitted, because we have better engineers and architects.

"As we progress forward as a country, we must begin to use the skills of professionals better. This continues to be a drag on the Ministry of Works and Planning."

The professionals associated with the construction industry were attempting to "put industry into the 21st century", and Mr Wrinkle added: "We've just got to ensure the proper resources are allocated to the industry to get the professional side of things up to international standards."





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Hotels 8% RevPAR rise beats region

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2009, in response to reduced travel demand, average room rates in the industry dropped by just 6.8 per cent.

The rest of the RevPAR decline for Bahamian hotels came from lower occupancies, Mr Jordan explained, but he pointed out that Caribbean hotels suffered an average 17.5 per cent room rate decline in 2009 - far worse than the Bahamas - as resorts desperately slashed rates to try and stimulate occupancy and visitor numbers.

Given that it was extremely difficult, if not impossible, to raise rates once they had been cut, Mr Jordan said that by holding firm, the Bahamian hotel industry - chiefly Atlantis - was set to reap the potential rewards once US travel demand recovered.

"The Caribbean is up 5.7 per cent in terms of RevPAR through September 2010 compared to September 2009," Mr Jordan told Tribune Business. "Year-to-date, the Bahamas is up 8 per cent on RevPAR."

While the Caribbean and Bahamian sample sizes were based on just 10 per

cent of their hotel population, given that relatively few reported their data to Smith's Travel Research (STR), the data gleaned was "still reflective of what's happening the market".

Referring to the 2010 data, and the Bahamas outpacing the Caribbean's performance, Mr Jordan told Tribune Business: "To put that into perspective, last year the Caribbean was down 17.1 per cent on RevPAR, and the Bahamas was down 15.8 per cent.

"What's positive, however, here in the Bahamas is that it's up 4 per cent in occupancy and 4 per cent in room rates." In contrast, while room rates in the Caribbean had risen 4.3 per cent, occupancies were ahead by just 1 per cent on 2009 comparatives.

Mr Jordan said that especially "favourable" for the Bahamas was the fact that while its hotel industry RevPAR slid down just 15.8 per cent in 2009, room rates slipped just 6.8 per cent, compared to 17.5 per cent for the wider Caribbean.

"What is positive about the Bahamas is that it has not dropped its rates as much as the rest of the Caribbean, and the main factor behind that is

Atlantis maintaining its rates," Mr Jordan told Tribune Business. "When the market recovers, it's difficult to raise rates significantly if you have dropped them.

"The Caribbean has dropped them, but the Bahamas has not dropped them as significantly.

"When the market recovers, it will be less difficult for the Bahamas to increase its rates going forward. That's a positive sign for the Bahamas.

"It's positioned better than the rest of the Caribbean market."

Yet while the Bahamas' RevPAR increase was ahead of both the Caribbean and US averages, it trails the increases of around 35 per cent and 15 per cent enjoyed by St Lucia and the US Virgin Islands respectively.

The HVS Bahamas managing director told Tribune Business that many hotels and their yield managers had learned their lessons from the post-September 11, 2001, experience, when the slashing of hotel room rates to induce travel and higher occupancy levels failed to work because tourists were too frightened to travel by air.

BIOFUEL FINANCING HELD UP BY MARKET IDENTIFICATION NEED

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jetty/docking area.

Yesterday, Mr Wells said the group continues to work on sourcing financing for the project, finding that the need to definitively identify would-be purchasers of the fuel that would be produced is "what's holding things up".

The businessman had previously noted that the majority of the 70 million gallons of fuel which could be produced at the plant would need to go for export to the Caribbean and Latin America, as the Bahamian biofuel market is presently small to non-existent. "There's nothing definitive we can say on it," said Mr Wells. "It's still being worked on."

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Course aims to end 'random approach' to managing projects

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With demand for the efficient execution of projects rising in the recession, a Bahamian company yesterday said it had become the first to offer training to Bahamians who may wish to take advantage of opportunities for qualified project managers.

Dorcas Cox, a Bahamian who became certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP) while working for Scotiabank's learning and development department in Toronto, Canada, established Project Management Solutions Ltd after returning to The Bahamas and noticing the "huge difference" in the time and cost efficiency she saw in the execution of projects.

"We waste a lot of time

and cost, and just take a very random approach. I said to myself: 'Do I go back to the way I used to operate or try to keep operating at this level and hope others get it?'. I decided I wanted to help others to be competitive," said Mrs Cox.

Examinations

On December 18, some 13 Bahamians will finish a 13-week course offered by her company in conjunction with the Bahamas Institute of Financial Services. It is intended to prepare them to take the Project Management Professional or Certified Associate in Project Management examinations required by the international Project Management Institute. They will sit the exam in Nassau, which will then be sent abroad for marking.

The course covers the principles of project management from initiation, to planning, execution, monitoring and controlling and closing a project.

Students apply the principles they are learning to their own "real world" projects along the way, connecting what they are being told to practical applications from an early stage.

Mrs Cox says the project management qualification is about "progress" and, citing the Baha Mar and Albany developments, suggested that as the Bahamas positions itself to be able to engage with international players, it requires more Bahamians to seek out qualifications in this area.

"When we are positioning ourselves locally for being competitive internationally, there are certain standards and expectations they have, and the way you used to do it just isn't going to work in the future," said Mrs Cox, who herself found the pro-

ject management qualification she obtained from the University of Toronto indispensable to her success, undertaking large scale instructional design projects during her time at Scotiabank in Canada.

Projects

While project managers have traditionally been most in demand in the construction and engineering sectors - often being brought in from abroad to work on projects in the Bahamas - Mrs Cox said that credentials in project management are increasingly recognised as valuable in "every aspect of business" globally, where companies or institutions may be looking to create "strategic plans for the future, to cut costs and streamline" in their operations, particularly as a consequence of the economic downturn.

A project manager could even come in handy in a political campaign, or a



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health drive - such as that launched by the Ministry of Health to get Bahamians to get vaccinated against the H1N1 influenza virus earlier this year, suggested Mrs Cox.

Randy Rolle, a Ministry of Tourism official who works in the Sports Tourism department, told Tribune Business he "sees things in a whole different light" after taking the course.

"It's useful. It gives you a new look on projects and the importance of simple details. It involves almost dissecting a situation to a point where, if there are

problems within the process, you can pick up on it and maximise all of the resources around," he said.

"I think going forward, once there are more project managers you'll get more for your money (executing projects in The Bahamas).

Albany, Baha Mar, all of these will require project managers so it's the perfect opportunity for more Bahamians to get involved."

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Fashion show eyes Europe expansion

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which was held from November 11-13 at the British Colonial Hilton, told this newspaper that the event "certainly met target" when it came to the level of local and international attendance.

Islands of the World Fashion Week had a "full house" of 300-plus persons on each of its three nights, on one occasion being unable to accommodate all who showed up.

"We certainly met target in regard to the numbers that were able to be accommodated in the room - 300 for each performance. That's roughly 900-plus in total," Mr Bethel told Tribune Business. "We certainly did meet the target for visitors from abroad. We had roughly 100 of them."

There was a strong presence from the French (Paris) and Italian (Milan) media, Islands of the World Fashion Week having already been featured in the Italian Vogue, with a number of foreign buyers also present.

Prior to the grand finale in the Bahamas, Islands of the World and its designers also exhibited their wares at various fashion shows - Palm Springs, Chicago and Miami - in the US, and Mr Bethel indicated they were

looking to expand this to Europe in 2011.

Foreign interest in participating in Islands of the World Fashion Week is "continually growing", Mr Bethel said, while the US fashion show had brought further "recognition" to the event.

"We have started planning for next year," he told Tribune Business, "and have been invited for the Tour, already, to Atlanta and New York. Milan is negotiating an attendance for a special showing there."

"We will now definitely look at the expansion of the tour into Europe."

"We will more than likely repeat the Palm Spring and Chicago venues that we had this year."

Some 18 designers exhibited at Islands of the World Fashion Week this year, of whom four were Bahamian. These included Harl Taylor Bags; Theo Sealey, the young Bahamian who won the Harl Taylor Scholarship to New York's Parsons, The New School for Design; and two other designers who appeared in the Next Generation category, David Rolle and Whitney Miller.

Mr Bethel said both Messrs Sealey and Rolle "had caught the attention of the international media and been described as designers to watch out for, so with their participation

in Parsons that will be a leapfrog on the learning curve for them".

All this, he added, increased recognition of the Bahamas "as a potential venue for the fashion industry. Hopefully, as we move forward and get the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute's fashion department more involved, hopefully we will see the growth of the industry and interest among younger designers to move forward".

And Mr Bethel told Tribune Business: "I think what we will see develop will be in stages, stemming from the cottage industry and people doing it in their homes, and the likes of Theo and David, as they get opportunities to expand, hopefully they will come back and contribute to the development of the industry."

"From a cottage industry I see it growing gradually into a major industry, where buyers see it as being of major interest and come to buy designers' products."

Mr Bethel said Islands of the World Fashion Week should also boost tourism to the Bahamas during a relatively slow part of the season for the hotel industry, especially as interest from Caribbean and Latin American designers - and their followers - grew.

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- Provide progress reports of this exercise.
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- Submit the final draft to the NSC for review and endorsement within contracted timeframe in order to meet submission date and transmittal to the GEF Secretariat by the NPF.
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BUSINESS

FROM page 3B

Being a resource, not a jargon freak

back to them with a full explanation.

I've observed a few developers talk tech jargon to their clients who can barely send out e-mails. You're not really helping them, are you? Unforgivable!

Avoid jargons
What may be commonplace terminology to you may sound like Klingon to your colleagues or clients.

Use analogies
But if I am to avoid jargon,

how do I explain how things work? Well, it helps to use clarification, otherwise it will seem as if you're overly 'dumbing' things down. For example, if you're proposing something new, it's best to demonstrate how it helped

similar businesses or individuals in the past. This will make your clients and colleagues feel as if you are relevant and not just floating on some 'niche techie' planet.

Talk results, not process
Clients are not interested in the details of the work, just the results and when you'll be able to deliver. In other words, don't discuss step-by-step key word research or how you managed to make the CSS compliant to all browsers.

It seems cool to appear to have a vast amount of knowledge to impress your client, but if they don't understand half the things you say, then all is lost. I had an experience a few weeks ago where a particular business attempted to use many technological phrases as explanations for a broken service, and became very uncomfortable when they

realised I was aware that the justification was not logical.... Well, undoubtedly this resulted in a disappointed customer.

Illustrate how the idea or process relates to their jobs or sales.

More often than not, people can't see the weight of designs or marketing contributions until they recognise the benefit. Demonstrate what's in it for them and their business.

Be patient

It's hard enough trying to grasp new techie ideas, and even harder if the person sharing them with you is frustrated. Strive to remain calm when you are asked the same questions repeatedly, despite the fact that you only just explained it 20 minutes ago. It isn't easy explaining something to someone who's hearing about it for the first time, so with a little more time it would become easier. Circumstances like these can be

challenging, so try taking deep breaths.

In this regard, web or graphic designers are at the vanguard of the web marketing revolution, so if the terminology 'Ajax' has to be used in a sentence, don't allow clients to mistake it for the detergent used to wash pots and pans. Quickly explain that 'Ajax' is the art of exchanging data with a server, and also updates parts of a web page without reloading the whole page.

Let's throw into this mix and note that, not only will clarification build rapport, but it may help clients to see possibilities they might have missed.

Once again, build yourself as a resource and partner to the client and not a jargonist. So until we meet again, play a little, have fun and stay on top of your game!

NB: Reader encourages feedback at: deedee2111@hotmail.com



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JOB VACANCY

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- Document and manage the Business Continuity Plan.
- Collaborate with application development team on roadmap, automation and roll out process improvement across multiple environments.
- Interact with customers and developers to troubleshoot problems.
- Provide administration of Solaris and Wintel based servers.
- Support server environments for PROD, UAT and BCP environments.
- The support of the core Network consisting of routers, switches and firewalls.
- Maintains and documents all production and UAT systems.

Minimum Requirements:

- 3-5 years experience with UNIX systems administration, as a Systems Engineer or Unix Administrator.
- Advanced understanding of UNIX Operating Systems (Solaris 10 is essential).
- Broad knowledge of best practices pertaining to UNIX distributed systems.
- Broad knowledge of Sun and HP hardware.
- 3-5 years experience with IP Networking, Cisco IOS based routers and switches, LAN/WAN technologies.
- Experience with Cisco or Juniper Netscreen firewalls, as well as Cisco switches and routers.
- Experience with Operating System installation and rebuilds.
- Extensive experience with patch upgrades and firmware upgrades.
- Familiar with fundamental networking/distributed computing environments and concepts, with the ability to write scripts on at least the administrative language, PERL.
- B.S. Computer Science, M.I.S. or related field.
- Working back ground in (Banking or Insurance applications is a plus).

Please send your resume on or before December 3rd, 2010 to:
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WSC CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT



MR. GLEN LAVILLE
GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Anton A. Saunders, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Water and Sewerage Corporation, is pleased to announce that MR. GLEN LAVILLE has been confirmed as GENERAL MANAGER of the Water and Sewerage Corporation, effective November 16, 2010.

The Board of Directors, Executive Management and staff, congratulate Mr. Laville on his appointment as General Manager.

BUSINESS

FROM page one

Who's the ultimate beneficiary of that? The Bahamian consumer."

Mr Schaefer said his direct supply lines were giving him better pricing and purchasing power, and with Robin Hood's second outlet due to open at the former Pepsi-Cola factory on Prince Charles Drive in the coming weeks, the retailer was "really beginning to enjoy economies of scale".

Administrative and human resources expenses, for example, would be spread over a much greater sales base, bringing their unit costs down.

Mr Schaefer said Robin Hood's strategy was not to borrow to grow, the company preferring to be self-financing, even if this meant selling an equity stake to other investors via a private transaction to raise additional financing.

He, however, told Tribune Business that he had no plans to raise capital through an initial public offering (IPO) of shares to the Bahamian public. "We're not interested in going public," Mr Schaefer said, adamantly. "That will never happen."

"You don't own the company. One of the benefits of being in business is that you're your own boss."

The biggest hurdle to Robin Hood's planned expansion, he told this newspaper, was not capital and financing but finding the right staff.

"Finding people with the right talent, the right customer service ethos and being honest" was an ongoing challenge for Robin Hood, resulting in Mr Schaefer's move to offer shares in the company to his best and longest-serving employees.

"You're giving them not just a job, but an investment with a bright future," he explained to Tribune Business. "As the company grows, you watch your shares grow in value. I'm not looking for people who want jobs; I'm looking for people who want careers. There's a huge difference."

Then there was the land.

'UPSET APPLE CART'

Explaining that the "only way this will work" was to acquire land at "a Robin Hood price", Mr Schaefer said his company was not a retailer for high-priced shopping destinations, such as Nassau's Bay Street or Fifth Avenue in New York.

"We have to do what Wal-Mart did," Mr Schaefer told Tribune Business.

"We're not reinventing the wheel. On a smaller scale, we're trying to duplicate their success."

"They've come into an area and generated a lot of traffic, so they've almost guaranteed success [for other retailers].

There's going to be a better chance of success if you're in a location that generates a lot of traffic."

Robin Hood is thus aiming to be the Bahamian equivalent of a Wal-Mart, acquiring cheap land in out-of-town sites and then acting as the 'anchor' to drive consumer traffic to the area, attracting

other retailers to the destination.

While most Bahamian retailers - and many counterparts worldwide - had moved away from being real estate owners, not wanting the inevitable annual depreciation to show up on the balance sheet and income statement, not Mr Schaefer.

"You can buy property cheaply," he said. "Why not enjoy the appreciation on the property as well, when you can service the debt on this through the rent you're generating?"

"It's a win-win for you, a win-win for tenants, and a win-win for the banks that financed it."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**Law Firm seeks Business Manager/ Comptroller and Compliance Officer****Business Manager:**

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Qualifications:

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Nassau, Bahamas
E-mail: vacancies@ansbacher.bs**

The deadline for all applications is
Friday November 26, 2010

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**MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT
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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

The Government of the Bahamas is inviting tenders for the following Contracted Service for the Port Department, Ministry of The Environment.

- **Private Security Services for Royal Caribbean Cruise Line- Prince George Cay Dock**

Interested parties may obtain further information, and may collect the bidding document as of 12th November, 2010 from:

**The Port Department
Prince George Dock
Nassau, The Bahamas
Telephone No. (242)356-5639**

Between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tenders are to be submitted in Triplicate (3) in a sealed envelope (s) Marked "Tender for Private Security Services for Royal Caribbean Cruise Line-Prince George Dock" addressed to:

**The Chairman
Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Cecil V. Wallace Whitfield Building
Cable Beach
P.O. Box N-3017
Nassau, The Bahamas**

No later than 5:00p.m. on the 29th November, 2010.

Tenders will be opened at 10:00a.m. on the 30th November, 2010 at the Office of the Tenders Board, Ministry of Finance.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL TENDERS.

BUSINESS

Stock sharply higher on positive economic data

NEW YORK

STOCKS ended Wednesday on a positive note after a batch of economic reports offered hope that the U.S. economy was improving, according to Associated Press.

Incomes rose last month and consumer spending climbed for a fifth month. That raised hopes that shoppers will hit the malls in droves the day after Thanksgiving, the start of the holiday shopping season.

At the same time, fewer people claimed unemployment benefits last week, a sign that the labor market is recovering.

"There are fundamental signs that the economy is turning a corner," said John O'Donoghue, co-head of



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

equities at Cowen & Co.

The Dow Jones industrial average surged 150.91, or 1.4 percent, to 11,187.28.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 17.62, or 1.5 percent, to 1,198.35. The Nas-

daq composite index rose 48.17, or 1.9 percent, to 2,543.12.

The upturn marked an abrupt reversal from Tuesday, when an exchange of artillery fire between North and South Korea led nervous investors to sell stocks and dash into gold, Treasuries and other assets often used as hiding spots. Investors also shrugged off a steep fall in new home sales and manufacturing orders.

Tim Speiss, chair of the wealth advisory group at EisnerAmper, said investors were right to focus on the improved signs in employment and consumer spending, which are far more important to an economic resurgence than home sales or manufacturing orders.

"If we don't have strong consumer spending in this economy, we're in trouble," said Speiss. "When there's spending, manufacturing will increase to meet that demand."

The government said first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell 34,000 to 407,000 last week. That was much better than the 435,000 new claims economists had expected.

A separate report showed that Americans' incomes rose

0.5 percent last month, slightly better than expected. Their spending rose 0.4 percent, up slightly from September.

Safety assets moved lower as investors became more willing to take on risk. Treasury prices edged lower, pushing their yields higher. The yield on the 10-year note rose to 2.92 percent from 2.77 percent Tuesday. Gold fell to \$1,375 an ounce, down from \$1379.

Investors largely dismissed downbeat reports that showed declines in sales of manufactured goods and new home sales.

Orders for durable goods fell 3.3 percent, while new home sales and median home prices both fell last month. Sales of single-family houses slid 8.1 percent, the fourth time the rate has dropped in the past six months.

In corporate news, Tiffany & Co. also reported a rise in profit, fueled by strong sales of jewelry in the U.S. and overseas. Tiffany shares rose 5.3 percent to \$61.33. Shares of fellow high-end retailer Coach Inc. also rose 3.7 percent to \$56.63.

U.S. stock and bond markets will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday. They will reopen for half-day sessions on Friday.

MONSTER, DYNEGY, GUESS, AMAZON ARE BIG MOVERS

NEW YORK
Associated Press

STOCKS that moved substantially or traded heavily Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Stock Market:

NYSE

Zale Corp., down 16 cents at \$2.87
Shares tumbled for a second straight day after the jewelry seller reported a wider quarterly loss and a drop in revenue.

Monster Worldwide Inc., up \$1.96 at \$22.36
The online job company's shares rose after a report said the number of people applying for jobless aid dropped to a 21-month low.

Dynegy Inc., up 13 cents at \$5.13
Shares rallied a day after shareholders rejected a sale to private equity firm Blackstone Group amid rumors of a higher bidder.

Guess Inc., up \$4.78 at \$50.12
Strong results from its European and Asian divisions boosted sales and profit for the clothing retailer. Its forecast topped Wall Street estimates.

NASDAQ

Amazon.com Inc., up \$9.05 at \$177.25
Shares hit a record high as a Citi analyst said the online retailer is poised to continue growing and gaining market share.

TiVo Inc., down 32 cents at \$8.49
The TV recorder maker posted a deeper third-quarter loss and said that it expects an even larger loss in the current quarter.

Patterson Cos., up \$1.15 at \$30.19
The dental and veterinary products supplier said profit rose 8 percent in its most recent quarter.

Cree Inc., up \$5.95 at \$64.45
An Oppenheimer analyst said elements for a strong 2011 are falling into place for the LED lighting products maker.

NOTICE

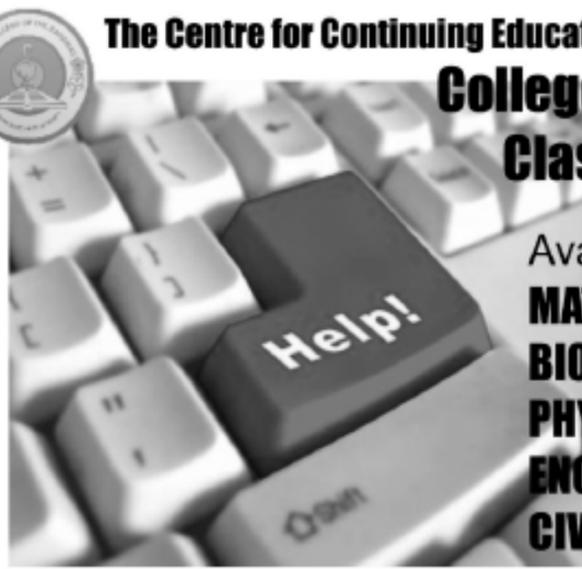
NOTICE is hereby given that **HAROLD TONY LOUIS OF CARMICHAEL ROAD, P.O. BOX CB-12627, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **25TH** day of **NOVEMBER, 2010** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Nassau, The Bahamas.



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Common Law & Equity Side

IN THE MATTER of the Quieting Titles Act

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of ELGIN WRIGHT

AND

IN THE MATTER of ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land being numbers 27 & 28 containing 0.250 on An acre situate on Miami Street in the Englerston Subdivision situate in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence, Bahamas

COPIES of the said Plan may be inspected during Normal Office hours at the following places:-

(c) The Registry of the Supreme Court
In the City of Nassau on the Island of New Providence

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Dowdeswell Street & School Lane
in the City of Nassau on the Island of New Providence, The Bahamas

NOTICE is hereby given that any person having Dower or a right to Dower or any Adverse Claim or a Claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the _____ day of _____ 2010 file in the Supreme Court in the City of Nassau aforesaid and serve on the Petitioner a Statement of claim in the Prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a Statement of Claim on or before the day of _____ 2010 will operate as a bar to such claim.

Elgin Wright
Petitioner

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF:										
TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2010										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,483.20 CHG 0.00 %CHG 0.00 YTD -82.18 YTD % -5.25										
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WWW.BISXBAHAMAS.COM TELEPHONE: 242-323-2330 FACSIMILE: 242-323-2320										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.26	1.00	AML Foods Limited	1.01	1.01	0.00	0.150	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	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	2.70	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.168	0.090	16.1	3.33%	
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	10.46	10.46	0.00	1.050	0.310	10.0	2.96%	
2.84	2.36	Colina Holdings	2.40	2.40	0.00	0.781	0.040	3.1	1.67%	
6.99	5.94	Farmguard	6.07	6.07	0.00	0.422	0.260	16.2	3.80%	
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	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.199	0.110	8.0	6.88%	
10.20	7.26	Finco	7.26	7.26	0.00	0.287	0.520	25.3	7.16%	
11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.39	9.39	0.00	0.645	0.350	14.6	3.73%	
5.51	3.75	Foocl (S)	5.46	5.46	0.00	0.366	0.210	14.9	3.85%	
1.1363	1.0000	Foocl Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
5.59	5.00	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00	100	0.012	0.240	465.8	4.29%
10.50	9.82	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00	0.971	0.640	10.1	6.52%	
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
10.05	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		
1.5122	1.4076	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5122	5.11%	6.79%	1.490421	1.467397	31-Oct-10		
2.9265	2.8300	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9187	1.10%	3.13%	2.919946	2.911577	30-Sep-10		
1.5655	1.4954	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5655	3.87%	4.48%	1.545071	1.530224	12-Nov-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		
106.6528	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	106.6528	4.75%	7.18%	100.779540	105.776543	30-Sep-10		
1.1367	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1367	4.30%	5.21%			31-Oct-10		
1.0974	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0974	2.75%	6.87%			31-Oct-10		
1.1363	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1363	4.18%	5.78%			31-Oct-10		
9.7485	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	9.7485	4.35%	5.22%			31-Oct-10		
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	10.6000	-1.59%	4.26%			31-Oct-10		
10.0000	9.1708	Protected TIGRS, Series 2	9.5037	-4.96%	-4.96%			31-Oct-10		
8.1643	4.8105	Protected TIGRS, Series 3	5.6000	-4.96%	-4.96%			31-Oct-10		
		Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.1643	5.79%	9.42%			31-Oct-10		
MARKET TERMS										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00										
52wk-HI - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks										
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks										
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume										
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume										
Change - Change in closing price from day to day										
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today										
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Economic data reveal a hint of consumer merriness

WASHINGTON

AMERICANS are earning and spending more, companies are shedding fewer workers and hopes are rising for the economy as the holiday shopping season starts, according to Associated Press.

Still, with businesses spending less on manufactured goods and new-home sales near their lowest level in 47 years, consumers alone might not be able to invigorate the economy and drive down unemployment.

All told, government data released the day before Thanksgiving suggest an improving economic picture. But it is increasingly dependent on the consumer, even with U.S. companies having reported record profits in the July-September quarter.

"Households are spending more, and that may signal they are starting to feel better about economic conditions," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. "It is the consumer that holds the key to the recovery and it looks like households are starting to turn the lock."

On Wall Street, the mostly encouraging news on the economy buoyed stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 150 points.

Many retailers depend on the holiday shopping season to make their year. The November-December shopping season can account for up to 40 percent of retailers' revenue and profits.

Consumers boosted spending 0.4 percent in October, up from a 0.3 percent increase in September, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday.

Many are benefiting from thicker paychecks. Ameri-



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cans' incomes rose 0.5 percent in October, pulled up by a 0.6 percent rise in wages and salaries. That was after incomes didn't grow at all in September.

At the same time, the pace of layoffs is slowing. Initial jobless claims dropped by 34,000 to a seasonally adjusted 407,000 in the week ending Nov. 20, the Labor Department said. Applications have fallen in four of the past six weeks.

Last week's figure was the lowest since July 2008 and the first time that claims have fallen below 425,000 since then.

Economists generally believe that weekly first-time applications for jobless aid would need to drop consistently below 425,000 to signal sustained job gains.

Even with last month's pickup in spending, consumers are shying away from the type of buying needed to significantly lower the 9.6 percent unemployment rate. And economists expect more modest income gains in the months ahead. That's why some doubt incomes will grow consistently and keep consumers spending enough to invigorate the economy.

"Households have started to pick up the baton of growth from businesses," said Paul Dales, U.S. economist at Capital Economics. "Whether or not households will be able to shoulder the burden of growth on their own is another matter."

Americans have become more frugal, saving 5.7 percent of their disposable income in October, compared with just over 1 percent before the recession hit.

They are also resisting the urge to spend money they don't have.

According to Associated Press-GfK Poll, Americans are more likely to pay off their credit-card balances right away than they were last year, and fewer say they make credit card purchases if they lack enough money at the time.

The poll also found that debt isn't stressing people as much as it had been, but consumers remain leery about holiday buying binges. Just 9 percent said they plan to spend more this year on holiday purchases than they did a year ago; 37 percent plan to spend less.

"Until we see faster job growth, don't expect shoppers to go on any spending sprees," said Scott Hoyt, senior director of consumer economics at Moody's Analytics.

"You will see both Santas and Scrooges." ShopperTrak, a research firm that tracks sales and traffic at more than 70,000 outlets, now expects holiday sales to grow 3.2 percent. That's up from a previous forecast of 2.9 percent. The upgraded forecast would mark a turnaround from the 0.4 percent sales drop in 2009, according to ShopperTrak's calculations.



SHOPPERS walk with bags from JC Penney and Victoria's Secret, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010 in New York. As retailers prepare for the crowds of shoppers on Black Friday with sharply reduced prices on everything from TVs to toys, they're also hoping for something else they couldn't count on last year: consumers springing for that deluxe high-end flat-panel TV or that big playset. (AP)

Even so, retailers will struggle for a piece of consumers' wallets. Shoppers will want to stick to lists and focus on bargains, experts predict.

The National Retail Federation, the nation's retail trade group, expects a 2.3 percent increase in holiday spending. That would fall short of the 10-year historic average of 2.5 percent, according to the retail trade group.

In other reports released Wednesday:

- An inflation index that the Federal Reserve monitors most closely is running at

a record low. Prices for goods excluding food and energy rose just 0.9 percent in the 12 months that ended in October, the Commerce Department said. That was down from a 1.2 percent annual gain posted in September.

Even though shoppers welcome low prices, inflation is running at a pace below the Fed's comfort zone of between 1.5 percent and 2 percent.

Fed officials worry that very low inflation could devolve into deflation — a prolonged drop in the prices of wages, goods and services and in the value of assets like stocks or homes.

- Companies enjoyed their best quarter for profits ever in the July-September period. After-tax profits reached \$1.22 trillion — the best showing, without adjustment for inflation, on records dating to 1947.

- Many businesses, however, are sitting on their cash instead of plowing money into expanded operations or hiring. The latest evidence: Orders to U.S. factories for costly manufactured goods plunged in October by the largest amount in 21 months. Durable-goods orders dropped 3.3 percent last month, the biggest setback since January 2009, when the country was still mired in a recession.

Of special concern was a 4.5 percent drop in orders for nondefense capital goods, excluding aircraft. This category is viewed as a good proxy for business investment plans. It was the biggest drop since a 5.3 percent fall in July.

Economists said the weakness in durable goods orders partly reflects a pullback from consumers during the spring. Consumer spending flatlined in April and again in June. Generally, it takes around six months for a shift in consumer spending to show up in the durable goods report, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

- Sales of new homes fell in October to near a record low and home prices dropped to the lowest point in seven years.

Sales of new single-family homes declined 8.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 283,000 units in October, Commerce said in another report. That was just 2.9 percent above the all-time low of 275,000 units hit in August for government records that go back to 1963.

The median price of a home sold in October dipped to \$194,900, the lowest level since October 2003.



A WOMAN looks at a DKNY holiday window display, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010 in New York. The nation's retailers are looking forward to swarms of shoppers on Black Friday. (AP)

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Oil prices rise as new data boosts hope for economy

Series of upbeat reports bolster traders' hopes

NEW YORK

OIL PRICES surged Wednesday as new government reports indicated Americans spent more last month and jobless claims fell more than expected last week, boosting hope that the economy may be improving, according to Associated Press.

Benchmark oil for January delivery gained \$2.21 or 2.7 percent, to \$83.46 a barrel in afternoon trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

A series of upbeat reports bolstered oil traders' hopes for an



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improving economy. The government said

consumer incomes rose 0.5 percent and spending increased 0.4 percent last month.

In addition, first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell 34,000 to a seasonally adjusted 407,000 last week.

Offsetting that were reports showing durable-goods orders dropped 3.3 percent last month and sales of new homes fell 8.1 percent in October, which was near a record low.

PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn said the combination of the slowing layoffs and improving consumer data offset weak housing

numbers. "That's given us hope that maybe, you know, the jobs market may be turning around," he said. The unemployment rate has been stuck at 9.6 percent.

On the energy front, commercial inventories of crude oil rose less than expected for the week of Nov. 19.

Gasoline inventories increased 1.9 million barrels. Analysts had expected a decline. U.S. refineries ran at 85.5 percent of total capacity on average, compared with 84 percent in the prior week.

Retail gasoline prices

have increased about 8 percent since early September, driven by rising oil prices.

They have fallen slightly this week following a drop in oil prices.

The price of gas could keep falling if refineries continue to add to the current supply, Flynn said.

Natural gas inventories held in underground storage in the lower 48 states fell by 6 billion cubic feet to 3.837 trillion cubic feet for the week ended Nov. 19, the government said.

The total was still 9.5 percent more than the five-year average.

Natural gas for December delivery rose 2.9 cents to \$4.293 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Since the contract expires Wednesday, many traders have moved to the January contract where the price added 2 cents to \$4.434 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In other Nymex trading in December contracts, heating oil added 6.96 cents to \$2.3197 a gallon and gasoline gained 7.23 cents to \$2.2065 a gallon.

In London, Brent crude rose \$2.31 to \$85.56 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Frustration over German push on bailout rule

BRUSSELS

AS THEY scramble to prevent Europe's debt crisis from claiming a third victim, European officials are growing increasingly frustrated with Germany's push to force private creditors to take losses in future government bailouts, according to Associated Press.

Jose Manuel Barroso, the head of the European Union's executive Commission, said Wednesday that he had warned European leaders at their summit in October "about the risks of raising this issue without proper preparation and communication."

"But the issue was raised and decided and now we have to deal with it in the most responsible way," Barroso told the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Barroso's criticism is telling. The European Commission, which he leads, must come up with specific proposals by early December on how to include private investors like banks or hedge funds in any future bailouts.

It also illustrates the dilemma

EU policymakers are currently facing.

Just as they work hard to calm investors' anxiety over mounting debt piles in Portugal and Spain, they have to find a way of making those investors pay in the future.

At the October summit, German Chancellor Angela Merkel strong-armed other EU governments to back a permanent crisis resolution mechanism. The mechanism is supposed to replace the \$750 billion (\$1 trillion) financial backstop for the eurozone, which was set up this spring after Greece had to be rescued from the brink of default.

That initial backstop runs out on June 30, 2013, and Germany — the eurozone's paymaster — is adamant about protecting its taxpayers from footing the bill for future sovereign bailouts.

But that push may come back to haunt Germany in the short-term.

By putting a firm end to the bailout fund by 2013, the EU is turning bonds sold now by highly indebted countries into a very

risky investment.

Soaring interest rates on its debts forced Ireland to request a bailout by the EU and the International Monetary Fund on Sunday. Politicians in Portugal and Spain, meanwhile, are trying desperately to reassure investors that they won't be next in line to ask for help.

EU policymakers' insistence that any new rules would only apply to bonds sold after 2013 has failed to abate investors' anxiety.

Debt

The reason? They have been mum on how the eurozone will deal with already existing mountains of debt if a country runs out of money after 2013. By then, Greece's debts will likely be above 150 percent of economic output, while Portugal and Ireland will carry debt loads of around 100 percent of gross domestic product.

"To me it is not credible only to include debt after 2013," said

Marco Valli, chief eurozone economist at UniCredit. "There will be the need to involve outstanding debt in this resolution mechanism."

Markets are eager for clarity on the mechanism's precise rules, because the possibility of default on debt sold after 2013 is more threatening to investors who buy bonds now than to future creditors.

Once the mechanism is in place in 2013, investors can just choose not to buy bonds from countries they don't trust to pay it back. But for creditors who invest bonds now — many of which won't need to be repaid for another five to ten years and thus won't be covered by the current bailout fund — the threat of a forced restructuring will make it much more expensive for vulnerable nations to refinance their loans.

Creating such a two-phase system for bonds, in which some are covered by the new rules and others aren't, "is just naive," said Carsten Brzeski, chief economist at ING in Brussels. "Until there is

a decision (on what happens to outstanding debts after 2013) the speculation will remain in the market."

Already, a confidential proposal for the permanent crisis mechanism by the German finance ministry backs the introduction of rules for a potential default in bonds by 2011, two years before the bailout fund expires, according to press reports. Another plan out of Germany — commissioned by the Liberal Democrats, the junior partner in Merkel's governing coalition — also pushes for new bond rules as soon as possible.

And Merkel is unlikely to give Portugal and Spain much reprieve until Barroso's commission has unveiled its plan for the permanent crisis resolution mechanism.

"I won't let go of this," she said in a speech Tuesday, "because the people in our country wouldn't understand if banks, and those who work with banks, earn a lot of money, but then the taxpayer has to stem the risks."

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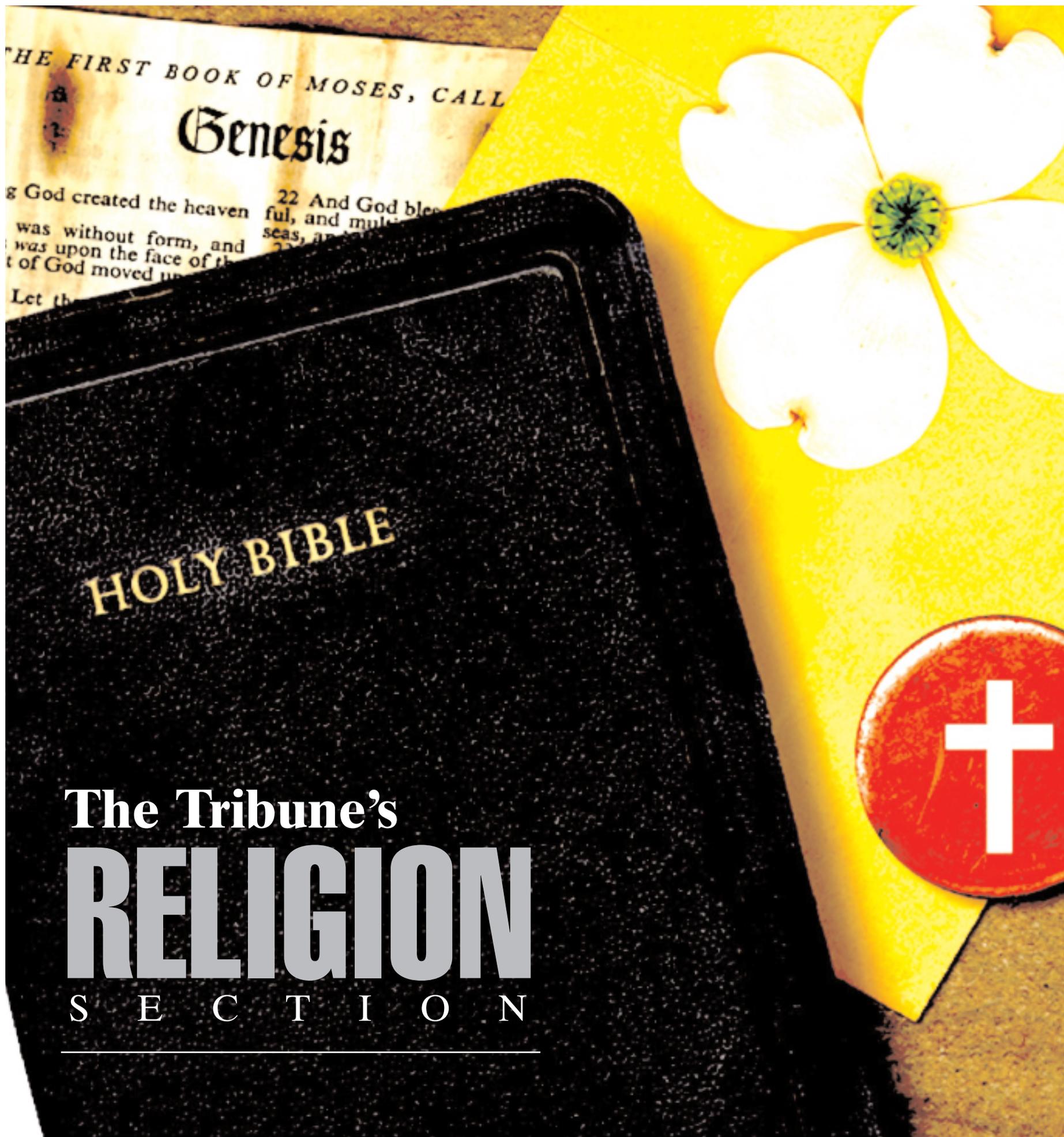
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 ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Celebrating Feast of St Cecilia

By **JEFFARAH GIBSON**
Tribune Features Writer

IT doesn't matter if none of the choir members come to practice, Evamae Ingraham will be in St George's humming the solfeggio syllables doh-re-mi-fa-sol-la-ti-doh, waiting on the choir director to initiate the start.

This dedication to the choir and music ministry at St George's Anglican Church is what prompted the ministry to honour Ms Ingraham at the Feast of St Cecilia celebratory service held Sunday past.

The evening service was a beautiful experience for Ms Ingraham because for the first time she got the opportunity to do something she has never done in years.

"For the first time in years I actually got the chance to sit downstairs in the audience and listen to the choir sing to me. And boy did they sounded good and I really enjoyed that," Ms Ingraham said.

Though she was in disbelief after the director of the music ministry, Adrian Archer approached her, Ms Ingraham humbly accepted her "flowers" given to her by the Church.

"When Mr Archer came up to me and told me that they were going to honour me at the Feast of St Cecilia service I couldn't believe it. I said to him "you gat to be joking," she said. "But he said to me 'I think you deserve it' and he said he didn't want to give me my flowers when I am dead but while I am alive," Ms Ingraham explained.

Tribune Religion spoke to Adrian Archer, the music ministry director, who said that Ms Ingraham holds a special place at St George's Church.

"What is so special about Evamae is that she is so deeply involved in the Church and the choir. She is not only part of the choir but she also encouraged her children to become apart of the choir as well. She is the ultimate person and if no one else shows up for choir practice she is there. So we saw fitting to recognise her during our Feast of St Cecilia's celebration," he explained.

Ms Ingraham said being dedicated to something for thirty plus years is not easy. However knowing that her task was a calling from God was her motivation.

"There were times when I didn't feel like going to practice or didn't feel like going to church but when you know that you have a calling from God you just do what you have to do."

Ms Ingraham said that she is proud to be honoured for something that she enjoys doing.

"I wouldn't say that I have a perfectionist voice but I love singing to the glory of God. And to be honoured for something that I love doing was incredible. I was very proud," she said.

Ms Ingraham's family members were also in attendance at the service.

Evamae Ingraham joined St George's Anglican church at the age of 18. And the 64 year old widow said: "I will be a member of St George's until the day they lay me west."

It is a tradition of St George's Anglican Church to honour and recognize outstanding members of their music ministry around this time of the year.



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Rector of St George's Church, Archdeacon G Kingsley Knowles, Eva Mae Ingraham, and president of the music ministry, Brenda Archer.



ALL SMILES: The family of Eva Mae Ingraham showed their support on Sunday night.


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The Reign's Ministry brings to you 'no separation' conference



NORMA LIGHTBOURNE

By **ALESHA CADET**
Tribune Features Reporter

UNDER the theme "No Separation", the members of the Reign's Ministry will come together to host their annual conference that features appearances from Prophet Josias Duke, Minister Kaynell Gould and Prophetess Monique Hanna.

The event will take place at The British Colonial Hilton, Victoria Ballroom on Friday evening starting at 7.30pm. Organisers said the conference is going into its third year and this year's theme is in light of the recession still being a factor in our country.

In an interview with *Tribune Religion*, Prophetess Norma Lightbourne said: "This particular theme is because of the recession and the fact that there are so many people that feel defeated as if there is no hope and the Lord allowed me to use the no separation as a theme to tell people, no matter what we may be faced with or going through, it should not bring a separation to us and our God."

Ms Lightbourne explained that the Reign's Ministry has been worshipping in the Hilton every Sunday, and the members saw it as the right thing to host a conference for the people of the Bahamas. "I do believe that when we stand on the word of God, he will always see us through," she said.

"I also believe that when we are going through something, we are not to feel that is okay for us and not care about others that would need some sort of direction."

She went on to say that in this time of giving thanks, people should not find it hard to help others. "My prayer is that people should not feel as if extending a helping hand is a hard thing to do, We were all put on this earth to help each other," she said.

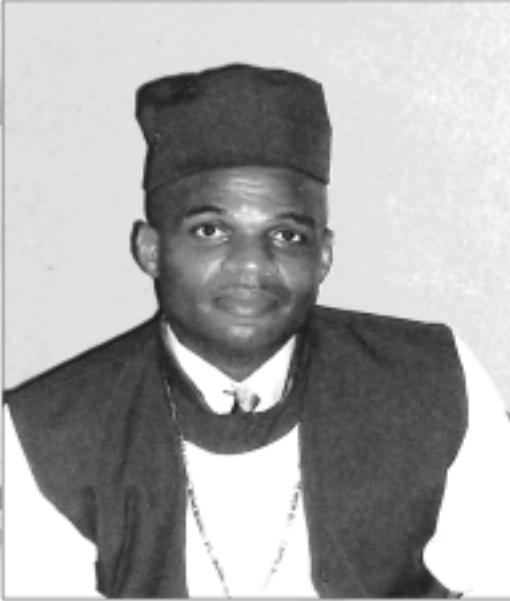
"I feel as if we are approaching the end of this year, when we build up our faith and become stronger in the word of the almighty God, we will all end strong and begin the new year 2011 with great anticipation," Ms Lightbourne said.

Prophet Josias Duke is set to open the event on Friday evening following Minister Kaynell Gould and Prophetess Monique Hanna speaking on Saturday.

Ms Lightbourne will speak at the Sunday morning session, which is called the Climax part of the conference.

"My prayer is that the church will become the healing place with souls that will come in and be healed, delivered and not wanting to ever go back into the past. And the Reign's Ministry would like to wish the Bahamas a Happy Thanksgiving" she said.

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Sunday November 21, 2010.

Fit for a King

When we say that something is “fit for a king”, we are usually referring to a sumptuous meal. Our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, does it in reverse, serving Himself as the meal (His Body and Blood) to make us fit for worship of Him and service to Him.



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Advent is the time of watching, waiting, preparation and anticipation, organised by the Church as the proper way to welcome the soon-to-be born King Jesus. We are back to the beginning of the Church's calendar. The next four weeks are to be used as an inventory check, to receive our Saviour in our newly overhauled hearts.

What does it mean to be fit for a King who is the Son of God.? How do we accomplish the task set before us? Why is it worth all of the effort?

The Holy Bible describes God's expectations of the people of God as being the following:

1. To be like faithful children who obey their parents when instructions are given
2. To be like grateful heirs who want to train to be excellent stewards of family property
3. To be humble and holy as guided by the priests and prophets

Commitment

Our commitment to God is to be rehearsed and renewed daily. We have a new morning to greet us as we open our eyes, and it is God's gift to us to be used wisely. We have work to do and as we engage in purposeful pastimes as directed by the Holy Spirit, we will find ourselves being transformed more and more into the image and likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the image and likeness of His Heavenly Father.

This effort is made on our behalf by our Creator, the Lord God Almighty.

For some strange reason, our God loves us this much. Suffering and sacrifice is considered a fit price to make us fit. What mystery that we should mean so much and seem to care about it so little.

Some of us are not moved in the slightest by God's plan of redemption. Others of us understand its import but are too apathetic and indifferent to bother to engage in spiritual discipline or activity. Most of us who profess to be Christians are lukewarm, and the Book of Revelation tells us that this is unacceptable worship and service. A few of us, perhaps the typical “righteous remnant,” are seeking to be demonstrably dedicated.

Time is running out. We need to re-prioritise our time and make this season of Advent what it is meant to be. Matthew 24: 44 warns us: “So you must also be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him”. Are you getting ready?

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10.30 am- worship service , Elvin Taylor will be the speaker

4pm-worship service Rev Ranford Patterson, presiding elder of the Nassau- Freeport District of the AME church and pastor of Cousin McPhee Cathedral, Carmichael Road will be the speaker.

All are welcome

**A Brief Historical Background of
Robinson - Moris Chapel AME Church**

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1907 in Savannah Sound, Eleuthera. The AME Church began to spread throughout the Island of Eleuthera, Nassau, and presently in Freeport, Grand Bahama.

The first AME Church in Nassau was established in 1938 named Mt Sinai with Rev R H Johnson serving as pastor. The Church's name was changed to the Minister Wives Center in 1956. The Royal Eagle Masonic Lodge Hall was used as a place of Worship and for the Opening Session of the Annual Conference on December 17, 1961.

In 1963 a lot of land was purchase in Ridgeland Park West for the construction for a place of worship. In 1964, the Minister Wives Center was built. Out of the Minister Wives Centre came the Robinson-Morris Chapel.

In 1975, Robinson-Morris Chapel was built under the leadership of Rev James M Sands, and dedicated in November 26, 1978 by the Rt Rev Bishop Samuel Solomon Morris. The Presiding Elders that served were Rev C B James, Rev E E Benjamin, Rev L O Moss, Rev James Askiew, Rev Daniel Scott, Rev James M Sands, assisted by Rev C E Standifer, Rev Leomia Kelly and now Rev Howard F Williamson, and Rev Ranford Patterson.

In 1987, Rev Philip R Cousin, appointed Rev Howard F Williamson as pastor of the Robinson-Morris Chapel. Under his leadership an Educational Building was built – which now hold our pre-school from Nursery to K-4.

Presently a new pre-school is under construction with more than 24 classrooms at a cost of over one million dollars.

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