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Travolta to testify in the Bahamas

Hollywood star to give testimony in person in alleged extortion case

THE Tribune has confirmed that US Hollywood actor John Travolta will arrive in the Bahamas to testify in person in the extortion case involving former PLP Senator Pleasant Bridgewater.



before Senior Justice Anita Allen on April 28.

There was speculation that Mr Travolta might give his testimony from the US by video. However, he will be one of 12 witnesses for the prosecution, which will include West End MP Obie Wilcombe.

According to sources Mr Travolta has decided to go into the witness box in the Bahamas Supreme Court.

Bridgewater and her co-accused Lightbourne were

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Appeal set to be filed over Hotel Union election ruling

The attorneys of the recently elected Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union President Nicole Martin are set to file an appeal to Justice Jon Isaacs' ruling handed down on Friday that declared the results of the May 28 election null and void.

At a press conference called yesterday, Ms Martin's attorney Damien Gomez said that they hoped to file an appeal as early as today with the hope that they can have the Justice's ruling stayed.

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MISS ICELAND Ingibjorg Egilsdottir enjoys some junkanoo rhythm at the Lynden Pindling Airport at the weekend. Contestants in the Miss Universe pageant were welcomed to the Bahamas at the weekend ahead of the pageant this month.

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Either Michael Barnett or Brian Moree set to be next chief justice

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham is reportedly set to name either former attorney general Michael Barnett or attorney Brian Moree as the next chief justice of the Judiciary, *The Tribune* can reveal.

According to sources close to the matter, the Prime Minister has reportedly already advised former Prime Minister Perry Christie of his choices under the guidelines set out in the constitution. Under the law, the appointment of the Chief Justice can only be made by the governor-general, in accordance with the recommendation of the prime minister, who must have consulted with the leader of the opposition.

On June 26, the Cabinet office announced that Chief Justice Sir Burton Hall is set to leave the Bahamas in August, after serving in

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Man shot dead after gunmen storm home

A 30-YEAR-OLD man was shot and killed early Monday morning when armed gunmen stormed his Malcolm Road East residence and opened fire on him.

He is the country's 48th homicide for the year. Police say that sometime around 3.15 am Monday, they received reports of a shooting incident in the area of Malcolm Road East.

When police officers arrived at the scene, they discovered a man, later identified as Quincy Cartwright, lying on the floor of the apartment.

Police say that preliminary investigations revealed that the gunmen had kicked in a western living room door to the victim's home and once inside the residence fired two shots into his bedroom door and also kicked it in. The gunmen then shot the victim, twice in his chest. Police are appealing to persons who may have any information regarding the homicide to come forward.

Boy stabbed over Big Mac sandwich

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy is hospitalised in serious condition after being stabbed in the neck and back over a Big Mac sandwich early Monday morning, according to police.

According to reports, sometime around 4am Monday, the teenager was in the Pinewood Gardens area having returned from a local nightclub, when he got into a fight with another teenager over a Big Mac sandwich. During the altercation, the 14-year-old was stabbed in his neck and back. His injuries are described as serious.

Six hours later, an 18-year-old was shot in the lower back in Nassau Village while attempting to purchase a vehicle, according to police. According to reports, sometime around 10am on Mon-

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LOCAL NEWS

Three US tourists and two British women are robbed

THREE American tourists and two British women were among those robbed over the weekend in two separate incidents, the police have confirmed.

While all of these persons were tourists, Chief Superintendent of Police Paul Rolle said yesterday that none of them was in any way connected with the Miss Universe pageant.

The first incident, which occurred on Saturday, involved three American tourists who were robbed at gunpoint of an undetermined amount of cash by three men who had reportedly offered to assist them with directions. Police reports state that

around 9.25 am, the three American visitors found themselves lost in the South Beach area and went to a service station for assistance.

Three men in a white Honda offered to assist them and directed the visitors to the rear of the station where they pulled out firearms and robbed the visitors of an undetermined amount of cash.

In another incident, around 9am Monday, two British women were held up by a

man while walking on St Albans Drive. According to police, the man held up the women and grabbed one of their purses.

When the other woman tried to help her, she was hit in the face with an unknown object.

The male robbed the women of a handbag containing cash and personal effects.

The assailant reportedly ran to a long grey car which sped off. Police investigations continue into both matters.

Girl who drowned is identified

The five-year-old girl, who drowned last week in a Freeport canal, has been identified as Selina Lewis, a resident of Richmond Apartment.

The child was attending a party at the apartment complex when she disappeared. A police dive team later found her body in about 30 feet of water at a nearby canal.

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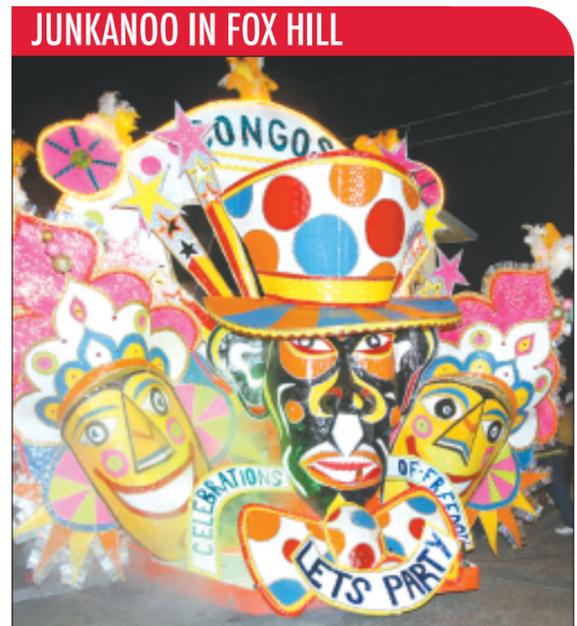
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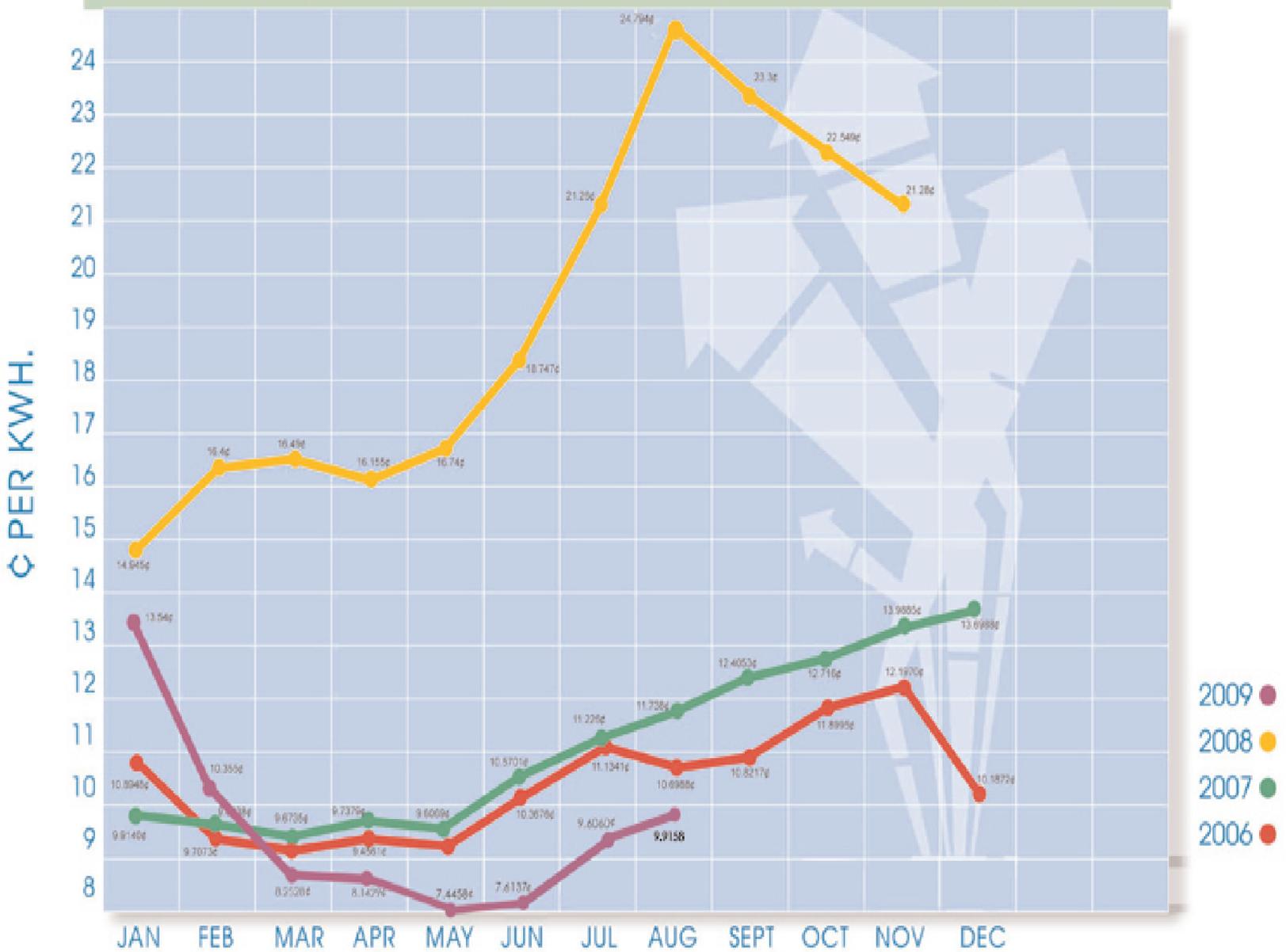
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LOCAL NEWS

38-year-old man dies in apparent traffic accident

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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A TEAM of police officers from New Providence are in Exuma investigating an apparent traffic accident that claimed the life of a 38-year-old resident of that island.

Preston Ferguson was found dead in his car on the side of the road in the area of Ocean Addition East, near the Forest, Exuma, according to police. It is believed that Mr Ferguson's car ran off the road and hit a utility pole while heading west from the Forest. The driver's side of the vehicle was extensively damaged. According to Corporal 1824 Anderson of the George Town Police Station, police officers on mobile patrol discovered Mr Ferguson around 5.20 am Sunday, however some persons indicated that they might have spotted him earlier, but at the time assumed it was just someone who had pulled to the side of the road. It is still unclear whether speed played a factor in the accident; however a team of officers from New Providence are in Exuma investigating the incident.

Traffic police on New Providence are investigating an accident that has left a motorcyclist hospitalised in serious condition. Police say that the incident took place in the area of Robinson Road around 10.10 am in the area of Super Value food store. The driver of a white Nissan Soreno van was coming out of the parking lot of Super Value and entering the main Robinson Road when a motorcyclist, who was heading west on Robinson Road, collided with the van. The motorcyclist received extensive head injuries and is in critical condition in hospital. A female passenger was also injured, but her injuries were not described as serious.

Man in hospital after shooting

A MAN is hospital in serious condition after being shot several times early Sunday morning.

According to reports, around midnight, a man was standing outside Tom's Bar on Quakoo Street when he received a telephone call.

The man reportedly walked to a nearby house where he was held up by two men armed with handguns.

The gunmen shot the man several times.

The man was taken to hospital where his condition is listed as serious. Police are asking for the public's assistance in their investigation into this incident.

• **THREE** masked cutlass-wielding bandits broke into the home of a Retirement Road resident Sunday morning and robbed him of cash, according to police.

It was reported that around 3.45 am the man was awakened by the sound of his front door opening.

He saw three masked persons in his living room armed with cutlasses.

The men robbed the resident of cash, his flat screen television, computer and Rolex watch before fleeing the scene.

• **A WOMAN** is in hospital in seri-

ous condition after being shot in the stomach while driving on Blue Hill Road on Sunday.

According to police, around 5.20am on Sunday, a female resident of Blue Hill Road reported that while driving north on Blue Hill Road in the vicinity of Brougham Street with a male companion, she heard what sounded like gunshots and immediately felt a burning sensation in her right side.

The woman continued driving to the Accident and Emergency section of the Princess Margaret Hospital where she was seen by doctors and later underwent surgery for gunshot wounds to the stomach.

• **A local** barbershop was held up by two armed gunmen who escaped with cash, jewellery and an assortment of phone cards, according to police.

According to police, sometime around 11 am, they received reports that two armed gunmen had entered the David and Sons Barber Shop on Wulff Road. The gunmen reportedly held up the patrons and robbed them of cash and jewellery.

The assailants then searched the proprietor's office and took an assortment of phone cards from him.

Semi-military service held for businessman shot in robbery

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - Grand Bahama businessman and retired police officer Leslie Maycock was remembered as a "good man" who was devoted to his family, community, and serving his country.

Mr Maycock, 50, was shot and robbed while closing his convenience store in Hawksbill on July 15. He died a week later in hospital.

A semi-military service was held at the Freeport Bible Church at 11am. Many persons came to pay their respects, including State Minister for Finance Zhivargo Laing, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell and Minister of Works Neko Grant.

The retired police sergeant was dressed in his full police uniform. His casket was draped with a Bahamian flag and escorted into the church by a convoy of police officers.

Mr Maycock joined the Royal Bahamas Police Force in 1977. He rose to the rank of Sergeant and was attached to the Special Intelligence Branch (SIB).

Retired Supt Archie Ferguson, of the Retired Police Association, said Mr Maycock was one of the first officers to support and join the association.

After retiring from the Force, he took the position as Assistant Director of Security at the Casino at Bahamia in 1995. Upon completing his tenure, in 2000, Mr Maycock decided to manage the family convenience store in Hawksbill.

Fred Mitchell, MP for Fox Hill, expressed heartfelt condolences to Mr Maycock's family on behalf of Dame Marguerite Pindling, himself, and his constituents.

He said he came to know Officer Leslie Maycock when he served as part of a security detail for the late Sir Lynden Pindling in Congo Town, Andros.

Mr Mitchell said the country's crime situation is getting worse. He was especially concerned about the senseless killings of businessmen in the Bahamas.



LESLIE MAYCOCK

"It is an irony we are here marking the death of someone who gave so much to this country; someone who was struck down by unknown assassins...who want to take things that don't belong to them.

"This is surely not what our forefathers fought for. It makes me very sad and I am disappointed that this happened. This has been happening too much, businessmen closing up shop getting struck down..., and the society appears to be numbed by it.

"It appears we have lost our element of surprise. At one point when the six boys were killed in Grand Bahama, I thought we had reached our height in this kind of outrage. And then, you remember, a minister was killed... and then, businessman, Mr Carey, was shot down in Nassau, and each time it appears to be getting worse — what do we do?"

When a mourner replied, "Hang them," the entire congregation applauded in agreement.

Businessman Winston Pinnock became very emotional as he went up to speak. He blamed politicians on both sides for the crime situation.

"It is sad to know that... (Maycock) fell victim to the very thing he protected others from and hated so much," he said.

"Those who serve now and who served in recent years, irrespective of political labels, you are at fault; you refuse to do what needs to be done in our country to stop this," he

said, looking at the politicians seated in the front.

"I don't say what I say here to embarrass any of my friends and those in politics, but man, y'all need to get your act together and do what needs to be done to stop this," said Mr Pinnock.

In his eulogy, Pastor Wilbur Outten described Maycock as a good man, friend, and church member.

"He was someone with so much promise; someone who protected us and who served so graciously and gave so generously. He was someone who laboured tirelessly to support his family; someone who was totally devoted to his community, church and family.

"When a loved one is taken from us in such a senseless manner it hurts. But God understands our hurt. He encourages us to express our hurt."

However, Pastor Outten said that the crime situation is not the sole responsibility of political leaders.

"I want to say the responsibility does not rest solely with the political leaders, we all have a role to play in restoring some sense of normalcy in our country.

"The Bahamas is still a good place and the majority of us are still good people, but there are some bad apples," he said.

Mr Maycock was buried at Grand Bahama Memorial Park. He is survived by his wife, Beverley, and four children, Anjelica, Ryan, Ashton Maycock, and DeAngelo Carey.

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Bay Street prepares for Miss Universe

WITH our special guests now in town many Bay Street merchants have been criticised for not doing enough to brighten up the town centre for the Miss Universe beauty contestants.

Senate President Lynn Holowesko commenting on the many dirty, untidy and abandoned buildings — particularly on the eastern end of Bay Street — which, she said although government had done its part, the private sector had done little to improve.

Last week with the first contestant — Miss France — on her way, Mrs Holowesko commented on this “grand event” that will bring with it much needed international publicity. But, “unfortunately,” she said, “I don’t see enough of what the private sector is doing. It occurred to me looking at so many buildings, windows and store fronts that soap and water is all that’s needed.”

While the young ladies are in town the Ministry of Tourism plans to give them a stroll down what was once New Providence’s main shopping centre. Bay Street, now fallen on hard times, has to try to look grand for the occasion.

From a car window — even up to a few days ago — Bay Street looked grimy, congested and most unattractive. And so on Sunday we decided to take our own stroll down the old street to see what it looked like from ground level. We started from The Tribune on Shirley Street, down Victoria Avenue and out onto Bay. We walked on the southern side of the sidewalk to the British Colonial Hilton and returned to The Tribune on the northern side, detouring for a stroll out to Prince George wharf. We had the street to ourselves, except for about three taxis drivers, one of whom rushed up to us shouting “Taxi! taxi!”

The eastern part of Bay Street from Victoria Avenue almost to Bank Lane can be written off as a disaster — no amount of art work can hide what used be shops, now abandoned by their owners, and left to accumulate grime and mounting garbage in the side alleys. We stopped in front of one store, owned by a well known businessman, who has a running dispute with staff now demanding back pay. The store has been closed down. It should have had a “gone out of business” sign. Instead there was a sign that claimed it was closed for renovations in order to serve its customers better. It certainly was a blot on the scenery. As we read the sign, a little taxi man came up to us. Obviously, embarrassed by such a blight on a once attractive street, he started to make excuses. He went along with the hoax that it was just closed in preparation for a grander opening. Thinking we were foreigners, he explained that this was a holiday weekend, the store would soon reopen. “Stop

kidding us,” we exclaimed, “we are locals, one of you, and we know exactly why this store is closed!” With that he became confidential, angry confidential. He expended much verbal heat against the owner. He commented on how the staff was being treated, and what should be done to a seemingly wealthy person, who had failed to consider his needy staff. By now we were buddies, both natives together, sharing the same economic destiny. He continued half way down the block giving his opinion of the closed store and its owners.

Two persons were busy in front of the Sue Nan Shoppe scrubbing down the pavement in front of the store and cleaning the metal security screens. There was activity on the roof of Athena Cafe on the northern side of Bay Street as this eatery was being spruced up. And what we have dubbed the dilapidated “tic-tac-toe” building, defaced by X’s and O’s, whose owners have refused to pull it down, leaving it as a defiant embarrassment for the city, was also getting a face lift. Two men with paint brushes were trying to give it a lick of white paint. Two large containers from the port were parked on its western side to hide at least that side of it from view. It was once part of the Imperial Lighthouse service, now probably only being held up by the termites. However, despite these negligent landlords, old Bay Street still has its charm, it still has tremendous potential.

From Frederick Street to Market Street was a most attractive sight. With no humans to blot the view the attractive pavement with store fronts on one side and a colonnade of potted plants and trees on the other was a lovely view. These stores were well kept, brightly polished and filled with attractive merchandise. At the corner of Frederick and Bay was the street’s oldest store — Baker & Sons, Est. 1894 — probably untouched from the day it opened, but clean, and wearing its years well.

From Market Street to George Street was another pleasant walk, shaded by the overhang of the buildings. Some of these areas and the side streets off the waterfront were reminiscent of small European towns.

John Bull was the only store that had a welcome sign up for the 2009 Miss Universe delegates. Bay Street has many beautiful, well kept stores.

If it could cut the eastern end of the street adrift it could pass the test for this walk-about. Somehow the downtown tour will have to start at the parliament buildings and continue west.

And after the show is over government and merchants will have to seriously get together and return all of Bay Street to its former glory.

Immigration Detention Centre – a black hole in the Bahamas

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The Bahamas is very popular for blue holes and black holes so let me tell you something about one of the Bahamas’ most secret black holes.

The Carmichael Road Detention Centre of Immigration is the most inhumane and bottomless black hole you can ever fall into in the Bahamas.

As you know there was always complaints of this place being over-crowded when there were two male dorms, and one female dorm, so you can imagine now that we still have the same number of detainees and only one male dorm since the December fire took away one of the male dorms.

There is one male dorm left which is designed for about 60 persons and we live in here with around 200 persons.

As if that is too kind, they have these very soul-less type of hours for counting detainees in this place, after all of the hushing and fussing that it takes 200 people to settle into somewhere to sleep inside and outside of the building then you got to get right back up at 12 o’clock mid-

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night so they can count you for the third time in one day.

You know the kind of time it takes that number of people to settle back into somewhere to sleep all over again.

And this is not just males, but females with children, pregnant women, females who are still breast feeding standing in the cold of that 12 o’clock counting.

And there’s no medical attention in this place for months, and when they bring in a doctor or nurse to see people here they (immigration) doesn’t carry out the doctor’s prescriptions.

The last time I saw the doctor was on May 13.

He give me some expired medication and gave Immigration a form for the second time to take me to X-ray for my back and as I said that was on the 13 of May, 2009 and Immigration hasn’t taken me yet.

I have been in this place for

almost 15 months and I have seen everything.

Things that can easily sicken or kill animals, happen to people in this place.

I have been here since April 2008 and nobody can tell me how much longer I am going to be.

In my almost 500 days detained here, I have been starved, abused, mistreated, beaten and tortured in this place.

Everything I bought and was sent to me for the first eight months in this place I lost in the dorms’ fire in December. Plus almost \$2,000 cash. “I haven’t got a toothbrush from immigration up to this day.”

“They have made me buy three tickets valued almost \$4,000 and haven’t refunded even one, nor said anything about it, plus I’m still here, about three months after they made me buy my third ticket.

So I say this is one black hole to get out of.

DETAINEE

Nassau,
June, 2009.

We need to clean up our act – quickly

EDITOR, The Tribune.

It seems we are looking at the arrival on our shores of the 85 Miss Universe contestants with dark shades on — the letter writer H. Sawyer had it absolutely right, every Minister should be assigned specific areas where the contestants will travel and be filmed to ensure those areas are spotlessly clean.

I read today that the contestants will have lunch at Graycliff Restaurant, however the immediate precincts around the top of Cumberland and Prince’s Street and Government House is dilapidated and an extreme example of just how we don’t look after our heritage.

I have no idea who owns the complex of buildings opposite the main gate to Government House, but these buildings have remained unpainted for years — I ask a stupid question, will anything be done to them to clean them up? We are running out of time Minister of Tourism?

The boarding up of bad sites and what some see as “art” is awful — imagine if this is taken to the fullest extent from Elizabeth Avenue,

eastward to beyond Tropic/Bethel dock? Of course to one it is art but to others it is awful.

I hope as part of the actual event the Ministry of Tourism will ensure that the backdrop, video, behind the contestants will include a visual of The Bahamas from space — a unique site and acknowledged by all astronauts as one of the wonders of the world looking from space.

Can Physical Planning ensure that all the hundreds of illegal signage is pulled down immediately — one wonders if the FNM Kilarny branch obtained Town Planning approval for the banner on the Cable Beach strip, right by the Gaming Board? By the way the design of the Miss Universe banners is simply awful.

I would hate that we present ourselves in a manner which will put egg all over our faces. Prime Minister get the whip out, sir! You do not have much more time.

M. HUMES,
Nassau,
July 29, 2009.

Congratulations to ministries who seem to have screwed up again!

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Miami Television News was reporting last evening that Florida Power and Light was

applying for environmental approval for an LNG terminal and pipeline, you know the one that the second consecutive Government signed a promise to approve, which has wallowed in the depth of Government red tape ever since and now seems to have been lost to Florida.

If you recall the Florida terminal end of the original Bahamas/Freeport or Ocean Cay pipeline to Florida was approved as was the pipeline through US territorial waters.

Well when we so earnestly needed this type of project it seems FP&L have got sick of

The Bahamas and now throw their support by the alternative solution of anchoring a super-tanker terminal off Florida and will pump the LNG ashore.

Congrats to all at the various ministries who seem to have screwed up again.

I believe the Bahamas Government could not give a definitive some 10 years! Sorry for the loss of jobs so urgently needed in Grand Bahama.

T. HANNA
Nassau,
July 27, 2009,

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LOCAL NEWS

Fox Hill community marks the 175th anniversary of abolition of slavery

MARKING the 175th anniversary of the abolition of slavery, the Fox Hill community kicked off its two week long celebrations over the weekend with a dramatic Junkanoo rushout early yesterday morning.

Speaking at the event, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell said that as the representative for the area, he has seen the protection of this event and the heritage of the village of Fox Hill as his central mission.

"Today we pay tribute to all of our ancestors, forefathers and foremothers on this the 175th anniversary of the Emancipation of the slaves in the British Empire. If you look at the plaque in front of you, you will see that this village was originally built on land granted to Samuel Fox in 1750 and was settled by the Africans from the Creek Village or New Guinea village on the coast. It is believed that New Guinea or Creek Village existed where the property of Roy Solomon is now situate at the bottom of the hill from St Ann's Church on the coast.

"Fox Hill is in fact a composite of many villages or towns, including Congo Town, Burnside Town. The celebrations here in Fox Hill have been observed continuously since slavery was abolished. Fox Hill Day, a day of special celebration by the Baptist Community in Fox Hill, which is unique to Fox Hill, has been going since at least the 1880s. This is a culturally authentic event. The reason we celebrate is because we are free. We must never forget," he said.

Thanking Governor General Arthur Hanna, the government and in particular the Ministries of Culture and Tourism, Mr Mitchell said he was quite pleased at how Fox Hill committee members with the little resources they had



HORN BLOWERS from the Fancy Dancers during the rushout.

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this year and the late start due to the untimely death of Chairman Charles Johnson was able to bring the festival together.

"It has been a great beginning and I have no doubt, we will have a successful end on Fox Hill Day. I thank the Bahamas Electricity Corporation of the Bahamas. I thank in particular Dilith Nairn and Clinton Whyly and Kevin Basden, General Manager whose interventions to make this affair successful were invaluable. I thank Charles Johnson, the late Festival Committee chair. He was a good man. The festival is named after him. May God grant him rest in peace and may he know the fullness of joy that is promised to all those who work in their lifetime for the Lord. I am proud to have known him and to have worked with him.

"I thank the committee headed by Acting Chair Mau-

rice Tynes and all the members for their hard work. This is a labour of love.

"I thank Cable Bahamas for projecting this across the Bahamas with their live coverage of the Junkanoo parade. I hope we can build a partnership in the future on this great family brand, the Fox Hill Festival.

"The Fox Hill Festival is a place to come where you can send your teenagers and know that they are safe and bring your youngsters and know that they will have good, clean fun.

"Each year, we must tell the story of how we became free. Each year we must remind those of African ancestry who are able to live in a free society that one day there was not this freedom. We must cherish it. We must build upon it. We are passing a great legacy on to you, the children of the Bahamas," he said.



HUNDREDS turned out to watch the Junkanoo rushout yesterday morning.

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LOCAL NEWS

Engineers visit Freeport Container Port

MEMBERS of the Bahamas Society of Engineers (BSE) visited the Freeport Container Port (FCP) and toured the facilities during their annual gathering in Grand Bahama last week.

The trip to Freeport is an annual event intended to foster interaction between engineers in Freeport and Nassau, and FCP director Godfrey Smith, together with engineering manager Charles Stewart and four of his engineers met with the 17-member group and gave them a briefing and tour of the port and the harbour area.

The Freeport Container Port is located only 65 miles from Florida and is the natural trans-shipment hub for the eastern seaboard of the Americas and the principal east/west line haul routes through the region.



JEROME ELLIOTT, president of the Bahamas Society of Engineers (BSE), accompanied by a group of engineers, poses with colleagues at the Freeport Container Port.

FCP is a member of the Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH) Group, which is a subsidiary of the multinational conglomerate Hutchison Whampoa Limited (HWL) — the world's leading port investor, developer and opera-

tor with interests in a total of 49 ports, spanning 25 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Australasia. HPH also owns a number of transportation-related service companies.

US doctor and family avoid injury after their airplane crashes

A DOCTOR from the United States and his family were fortunate to walk away uninjured after their airplane crashed while attempting to land at the North Eleuthera airport Monday morning.

According to reports, around 8am, a Cessna N185MG piloted by Dr James Graham of Houston, Texas, crashed at the North Eleuthera Airport while attempting to land on its way from Marsh Harbour, Abaco.

"Luckily he, his wife, Chrisiti, and their seven-year-old daughter, Emily, who were the only passengers onboard were not injured in the crash. He was actually on the runway and I

guess he wasn't paying attention, the plane was swerving from side to side and it flipped," the island's Chief councillor Abner Pinder told The Tribune.

Dr Graham, who was speaking with House Speaker Alvin Smith after the accident, said it was a frightening and unfortunate experience, but that the family would not let it interfere with their planned vacation at Pink Sands, which they intended to enjoy.

Mr Smith, North Eleuthera MP, was in his district for the holiday weekend.

Police are also searching for a Piper Seneca, which was reportedly stolen from the North Eleuthera airport

yesterday. Sometime around 7am police received reports that a Piper Seneca registration number N62SA was stolen from North Eleuthera Airport. Persons having any information as to where this aircraft may be found are asked to contact the police at 919.

The airplane is owned by local contractor Terry Higgs who was cruising in the Exumas with his family when friends were trying to contact him to inform him of the theft. Mr Pinder said yesterday that it is the first time in his recollection that a plane has been stolen from the North Eleuthera Airport.

Revitalisation of downtown Freeport is progressing

By DENISE MAYCOCK
Tribune Freeport Reporter
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FREEPORT – The revitalization of downtown Freeport is progressing and plans are now underway for the establishment of a legally-formed Association for merchants and stakeholders in the downtown area.

The Grand Bahama Port Authority held a town meeting on Thursday evening at the Foster B Pestaina Hall to discuss ongoing plans for its Downtown Turnaround Project, which was launched early this year to improve the infrastructure of downtown.

The Port Authority will carry out improvements in three phases, which comprises some 33 acres of commercial/retail space within Explorers Way, West Mall Drive, Pioneer's Way and East Mall Drive.

During the meeting, Port officials announced plans to establish a Downtown Freeport Association for the 80 merchants and stakeholders in downtown.

The association would be a legal private entity and would operate as a company limited by guarantees under the Companies Act.

No shares would be issued and all income would be applied towards the promotion of the downtown area. Association members would be required to make a \$3 contribution.

There would be three class of membership: Class A represents owners of real property in downtown; Class B would include tenants occupying commercial spaces who are licensees of the Port Authority; and Class C would include the Chamber of Commerce and Ministry of Tourism, etc.

The association will hold elections and elected officers will serve a two-year term.

A six-member Steering Committee was appointed to liaise with stakeholders and merchants to get feedback to ensure that their concerns and needs are addressed within the proposed Articles of Association.

Wilfred Seymour, owner of the former John S George Building, has been selected as Committee Chairman.

The other committee members are stakeholder/merchant Malvene Newbold, stakeholder Debbie Pennerman, Assistant Postmaster of the Post Office Freeport, Garnell Frith, Royal Bank of Canada, merchant Kelly Russell of H&R School Supplies and Flourene Armbrister.

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LOCAL NEWS

MISSUNIVERSE 2009

Contestants welcomed to the Bahamas



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

MISS UNIVERSE contestants dance to Junkanoo at the airport as they are welcomed to the Bahamas over the weekend. The Miss Universe 2009 pageant takes place at Atlantis this month.



MISS BOLIVIA Dominique Peltier poses with Miss Paraguay Mareike Baumgarten and Miss Panama Diana Broce as the contestants are welcomed to the Bahamas.



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SIR RONALD SANDERS

By **SIR RONALD SANDERS**

(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean diplomat)

CALL it Latin American "hot blood" or "Commonwealth cool", but there is definitely a marked difference between how the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Commonwealth handle conflicts in their member states.

Both the 53-nation Commonwealth, and the 34-nation OAS have had their share of coup d'états, fraudulent elections and abuse of civil and human rights. And, both organizations have drawn up Declarations of Principle for their member states, infractions of which lead to penalties of some kind.

But, whereas in the OAS, suspension of a state from membership of the organization was the first step taken in relation to Honduras where it was claimed a coup d'état had occurred, in the Commonwealth suspension of a member state is an action of last resort; taken only after exhaustion of many initiatives.

Unlike the OAS, the Commonwealth has standing machinery designed to

deal with breaches of the fundamental democratic principles to which it adheres. Among these is the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG), which is a small group of ministers drawn from every region of the Commonwealth with the authority to engage groups within countries where principles have been breached and to work for the restoration of democracy.

Fiji, which experienced an overthrow of the government in 2006, has been suspended from the Councils of the Commonwealth ever since but not from the Commonwealth itself. In other words, the de facto government of Fiji cannot participate in any ministerial meetings or Conferences of Heads of Government, but the state continues to be regarded as part of the organization. This allows CMAG and the Secretary-General to remain engaged through their own initiatives and in efforts by others, such as the UN, to restore democracy and constitutionality.

Right now, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Kamalesh Sharma, is working with the UN to encourage within Fiji a comprehensive political dialogue that is broad-based and inclusive of all major stakeholders in order to secure constitutional democracy.

The Commonwealth has never expelled a member state. In 1961, the Apartheid South African government withdrew itself in the face of widespread Commonwealth abhorrence of its racist policies; in 1972 the Pakistan government withdrew itself over recognition of the breakaway state of Bangladesh, and in 2003 the Robert Mugabe government withdrew Zimbabwe over the Commonwealth's displeasure at his rigged elec-

tions and violent intimidation of opposition political parties.

Despite the withdrawal of South Africa, the Commonwealth continued to be engaged in the anti-apartheid struggle and contributed mightily to its downfall, to the freeing of Nelson Mandela and to the election of a Constitutional government on the basis of universal adult suffrage.

In all cases where the Commonwealth has had to manage infractions of its democratic principles, the process has not been swift or easy. It has required diligence, diplomacy and leverage. Even today, there are several instances of infractions of principles; some of them are being watched and others are being dangerously ignored.

The system in the Commonwealth is not perfect and there is much room for improvement, but at least it has a system which includes the watchdog group, CMAG, and the Secretary-General's office itself.

This does not appear to be the case in the OAS. As Peter Hakim, President of the Inter-American Dialogue, recently observed: OAS "Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza appeared overly identified with a particular course of action that did not bear fruit. The weaknesses of the OAS in dealing with democratic breakdowns and other crises include (1) its difficulty in addressing critical situations in their early stages because the organization must either wait for a consensus of its

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members or have the authorization of the government in power (specifically, the executive branch, not congress, the judiciary, or the opposition); and (2) the challenge of reaching consensus—on principles, objectives, and implementation strategies—among 34 countries given the hemisphere's political and ideological divisions. The OAS' crisis response capacity could be improved by giving the organization's secretariat more operational autonomy or by creating an executive group (like the UN Security Council) with greater flexibility in its decision making, but neither approach would today have significant support among OAS members."

The OAS Secretary-General was given 72 hours to find a solution to the Honduran situation. He might just as well have been asked to push a huge boulder up a steep mountain. There was no way it could have been achieved given the high emotion that existed on all sides.

In giving him such a mandate, the OAS General Assembly was clearly pressed into their decision

by a group of countries led by Venezuela, Argentina, Nicaragua and Bolivia (the key members of ALBA) who wanted their man, Manuel Zelaya, immediately back in the Presidency whether or not he had been removed in accordance with the Honduran Constitution and law. As an important aside, let me say in this connection that however legally correct the impeachment of Zelaya may have been, the interim regime wrong-footed itself by having the military remove him from the country.

OAS Deputy Secretary-General Albert Ramdin rightly reminded that Secretary General Insulza acted under the orders of the General Assembly which had defined his role including that he "did not have an order to talk with representatives" of the interim government. What sort of mediation could the OAS expect of its Secretary-General in that context, except to fail?

Canada, which is a leading member of the OAS and an original member of the Commonwealth, has now begun to demonstrate some misgivings about the OAS approach to the Honduran problem. Canada's foreign ministry and its public ser-

vants would know well, from the Commonwealth experience, that gradualism, constant diplomacy and diligence are the elements of conflict resolution and that it is "cool" not "hot blood" that have painstakingly built the machinery in the Commonwealth for addressing problems in member states.

Like Canada, twelve Caribbean countries are also members of both the Commonwealth and the OAS. They too should have learned from the lessons of the Commonwealth in dealing with the circumstances that Honduras threw-up. And, part of the lesson should have been that the hands of the Secretary-General, as the chief diplomat of the OAS should not be tied, and suspension is not a first step.

The OAS needs permanent machinery both for dealing with infringements of its Democratic Charter and for early warnings of conflicts that need to be resolved within its member states and between them. The brewing row between Venezuela and Colombia should be at the top of its priorities.

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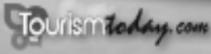
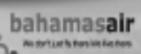


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Travolta to testify in the Bahamas

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arraigned together on the charges of conspiring to commit extortion and attempting to extort money from the movie actor between January 2 and 20 of this year.

When asked to enter a plea to the charges, both Lightbourne and Bridgewater replied, "Absolutely not guilty." Bridgewater also pleaded not guilty to the

charge of abatement to extort. Reports of the alleged extortion attempt emerged days after Jett Travolta, the 16-year-old son of actors John Travolta, 54, and Kelly Preston, 46, died of a seizure at the family's vacation home in Freeport, Grand Bahama, on

January 2. Attorney Carlson Shurland of Freeport, Grand Bahama, who represents Lightbourne pro bono, objected to the arraignment, submitting that the prosecution had not provided him with all of the relevant documents. Mr Shurland

told the court that he had been provided several typed statements, but no original handwritten ones. Mr Shurland also requested the statement of Allyson Maynard-Gibson, who is a lawyer for the Travoltas, tapes from which the transcripts were derived, as well as a copy of the "refusal to transfer" document.

Director of Public Prosecutions Bernard Turner told the court, however, that Lightbourne had been served with all the necessary documents. Mr Turner told the court that 11 of the 14 typewritten witness statements had been signed and that he would undertake to provide Mr Shurland with copies of the originals.

In a letter to the people of the Bahamas posted on his website, Mr Travolta said:

"We have always believed that a person's true character reveals itself in the most difficult situations. For us, the loss of Jett on the morning of January 2 was the most difficult situation we could envision.



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"The love, sympathy and protection as a member of your family, which was extended to us during this most trying of times, will never be forgotten."

"We remain as one, with the people of the great island nation of the Bahamas."

The letter was signed by Mr Travolta, his wife and daughter.

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Appeal set to be filed over Hotel Union election ruling

FROM page one

On Friday, Justice Isaacs handed down an historic judgment, ordering that the first woman president in the union's 51-year history be removed from her post. Approximately 6,000 members cast their votes in those elections.

Justice Isaacs also granted two other grounds of relief sought by the First Vice President Kirk Wilson and 12 other members who are listed as applicants in the court action. Justice Isaacs ordered that the certification by Registrar of Trade Unions Harcourt Brown on June 2 of the elections held on May 28 be vacated and that the Registrar supervise the union's elections within 30 days of the order of the court.

In the ruling Justice Isaacs noted that by his lack of response to the concerns of the executive council, "the registrar while professing an inability to interfere with the

internal workings of the union has done exactly that by abetting the minority of the council to hijack the union's election process through his agreement to supervise the Douglas election. This is truly an example of the dog wagging the tail."

"In the circumstances as I have found them to be, the General Secretary's request for the Registrar was not the request of the union, the Registrar's determination to supervise the Douglas election was outside his authority and the applicants are entitled to the declarations they seek, the ruling stated.

"I recognise that to require the union to undergo a second election is onerous but that is an eventuality freely accepted by those who went forward with the Douglas election in the full knowledge that it was opposed by the body responsible for determining the election dates," the ruling stated.

Wilson and the union members were represented by Obie Ferguson and Keod Smith.

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Cartwright celebrates tournament victory

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KERRIE Cartwright celebrated her first International Tennis Federation tennis tournament victory on Saturday.

She did it at the JITIC Central America and Caribbean Tournament in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic as she won the girls 18 singles. As the number one seed, Cartwright pulled off a 6-0, 6-3 win over No.4 seed Fausthyara Pietersz from the Netherlands Anteles.

"It was a great experience. It was a great feeling after all of the hard work I've been through to know that I finally won my first tournament," said Cartwright, who moved up to No.361 in the rankings released on Monday.

En-route to winning the title, Cartwright knocked off American Rocio D. Portela 6-0, 6-1 in the quarter-final before she disposed off Carolina Betancourt, the No.3 seed, 6-0, 6-0 in the semifinal as she avenged a previous loss in Canada.

"In my first match, I thought it was going to be a really tough match because most of the people were telling me that she was a very consistent player, so I had to work on my mental game a lot more," said Cartwright, who noted that she was really surprised at the outcome.

As for her matchup with Betancourt, Cartwright said she knew her, but didn't know how well she played.

"It was a good match. It was a really close match," Cartwright said. "But I played really well because after I won the first set, I knew that I could do it, so I just went out and played as hard as I could."

Having advanced to the final, Cartwright said the only thing on her mind was her ability to go out and "do it."

After playing on the junior circuit for quite some time, Cartwright said it feels really good that she can finally call herself an ITF champion.

"I've been working so hard and training so hard," she said. "It was a really good tournament and the victory could not have come at a better time. It was a great tournament to win."

Cartwright, 17, is now in Tampa, Florida training. She's looking forward to playing in her next tournament in New Jersey, followed by the Canadian Open and then the Junior National qualifying tournament.

"I'm really looking forward to those tournaments," she said.

Prior to winning the singles title, Cartwright teamed up with Karen Hernandez from Mexico. But as the top seeds, they didn't have any success at all, losing 7-6 (3), 6-4 in the first round to Betancourt and American

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IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ATHLETICS

A team to make Bahamas proud

23-member team preparing to travel to Germany for World Championships



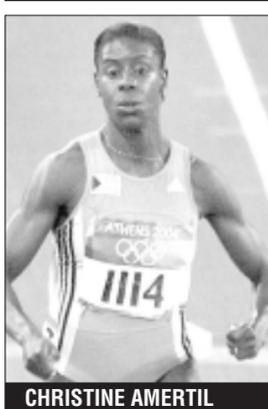
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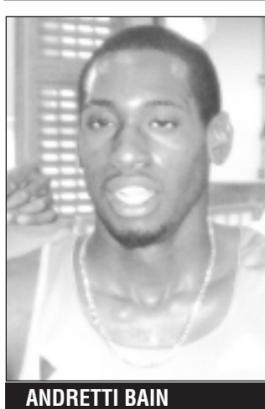
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THE LINE-UP

Here's a look at the BAAA'S IAAF World Championship team:

Male Athletes

Derrick Atkins (100 metres)
Adrian Griffith (100 metres)
Nathaniel McKinney (200 metres)
Chris Brown (400/4 x 400 relay)
Ramon Miller (400/4 x 400 relay)
Latoy Williams (4 x 400 relay)
Avard Moncur (4 x 400 relay)
Andretti Bain (4 x 400 relay)
Michael Mathieu (4 x 400 relay)
Leevan Sands (triple jump)
Shamar Sands (110 metres hurdles)
Donald Thomas (high jump)
Trevor Barry (high jump)

Women's team

Chandra Sturup (100/4 x 100 relay)
Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie (100/200/4 x 100/4 x 400 relay)
Sheniqa Ferguson (200/4 x 100 relay)
Christine Amertil (400/4 100/4 x 400 relay)
Janise Saunders (4 x 100/4 x 400 relay)
Timicka Clarke (4 x 100 relay)
Sasha Rolle (4 x 400 relay)
Shakeitha Henfield (4 x 400 relay)
Katrina Seymour (4 x 400 relay)
Rashan Brown (4 x 400 relay)
Team manager - Ralph McKinney
Coaches - Tyrone Burrows, Frank 'Pancho' Rahming and George Cleare.
Doctor - Ricky Davis.
Physio-therapist - Katrice Robinson
Media liaison/chaperone - Julie Wilson.



DONALD THOMAS

By BRENT STUBBS
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TEAM manager Ralph McKinney likes the make-up of the 23-member team heading to Berlin, Germany for the IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

The team will leave the Bahamas and the United States on Wednesday for a training camp in Berlin before the championships are held from August 15-23.

McKinney said he's excited about the team simply because of the fact that this will be the first time that the Bahamas will be featured in three of the four relays.

Reclaiming their spot in the line-up is the women's 4 x 100 relay team. They will join the men's 4 x 400 relay team, which won the silver medal at the last games in Osaka, Japan. For the first time ever, the Bahamas will also have a women's 4 x 400 relay team.

The latter team will have Rashad Brown and Katrina Seymour, two of the four women who clinched the bronze medal at the Pan American Junior Championships that concluded on Saturday night in Trinidad & Tobago.

The other members are Christine Amertil, who will run in the 400, along with Sasha Rolle and Shakeitha Henfield. Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie, who have triple duties with the 100, 200 and 4 x 100 relay, is also listed on the 4 x 4 relay team.

"This is a history breaking feat for the Bahamas in that we are finally going to have a women's 4 x 4 relay team at the championships," McKinney said.

Prior to releasing the full list of the team, the BAAA was waiting on the fitness status of some of the competitors for the men's 4 x 4 relay team. That will feature three of the four medalists from Osaka.

With the exception of Andrae Williams, who shut down his season after finishing eighth in the 400 in , Avard Moncur, Michael Mathieu and Chris 'Bay' Brown are all entered for this year's team.

Also on the team are Ramon Miller,

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Major gets World Boxing Association ranking

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MEACHER 'Pain' Major now has his name officially pegged in the World Boxing Association's lightweight ranking.

After waiting for the outcome of his last fight on June 19 against Michael Clark for the vacant NABA lightweight title that ended up in a "no contest" in Buffalo, New York, Major has been elevated to number 15 in the latest rankings.

"I feel very great about it because over the last few years, we have not had a

Bahamian that got a rating, so it's a great inspiration for me and it let me know that I'm getting closer to my ultimate goal, which is to get a world title," Major said.

"I'm just thankful to God for this opportunity, which could not have come unless I made the change that I did. So I also want to thank Nick Garone for giving me the opportunity to fight under his promotions."

Nick Garone, whose X-Cel Worldwide Promotions signed Major to a contract last November, said he's delighted that his latest protege is now rated, as he had promised him.

"I think his activity and his skills has really put him in a position to get the rating and possibly a world title fight in 2010," said an excited Garone. "That rating allows him to be one of the top contenders for the title."

"So to be in the world rating is a very significant thing."

Now that he has his ranking, Major said he intend to use every fight as a stepping stone for a title shot and he intend to use every opportunity to continue to work hard on achieving that goal.

"I'm not going to rush any-

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A team to make Bahamas proud

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Andretti Bain and newcomer Lato Williams. So far, however, McKinney said only Brown and Miller have been given the go-ahead for the 400. He said a decision will be made on the final entry between Williams, Mathieu and Bain at the training camp.

Williams has posted the fastest time than all of the Bahamian quarter-milers this year, but he pulled up at the 300 mark at the BAAA's Nationals and had to undergo a fitness test, along with Williams, who also went down with an injury at the trials.

As for the women's 4 x 1 relay team, McKinney said they have a good mixture of veterans and youthful competitors who should help the team to regain its position on the medal podium since the era of the Golden Girls.

Included on that team are Chandra Sturupp, Ferguson-McKenzie, Timicka Clarke, Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson and newcomer Janice Saunders.

There are two sprinters qualified for the men's 100 metres. They are Derrick Atkins, the silver medalist from Osaka and Adrian Griffith. However, the men's 4 x 100 relay team just missed qualifying.

Also on the team is world champion Donald Thomas, who will be joined by Trevor Barry in the men's high jump; Olympic bronze medalist Leevan 'Superman' Sands in the triple jump and Shamar Sands in the men's long jump.

Tyrone Burrows will travel as the head coach, assisted by Frank 'Pancho' Rahming and George Cleare. The team's doctor is Ricky Davis and the Physio-therapist is Katrice Robinson. Julie Wilson will travel as the Media liaison and chaperone.

Debbie's super performance



SUPER DISPLAY: Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie

DEBBIE Ferguson-McKenzie turned in another super performance as she continue her trek to the IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Germany later this month.

At the DN Galan Meet in Stockholm, Sweden on Friday, Ferguson-McKenzie clocked 22.23 seconds for second place in the women's 200 metres. The race was won by American Allyson Felix in a meet record of 21.88. Jamaican Kerron Stewart was third in 22.72.

Also at the meet, Shamar Sands won his heat of the men's 110 hurdles in 13.11. However, the time was only good enough for fifth place overall with the two heats combined.

Cuban world record holder Dayron Robles won the other heat in 13.11 for the fastest time overall.

Three Americans followed with Joel Brown second in 13.38, Jason Robinson third in 13.43 and Eric Mitchum fourth in 13.49.

The World Championships are scheduled for Berlin from August 15-23.

Cartwright celebrates tournament victory

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Giovanna Manifacio, who went on to win in the final over Ana Sofi Sanchez and Marcela Zacarias from Mexico.

Also at the tournament was Grand Bahaman Davis Cupper Rodney Carey Jr.

In singles as the No.3 seed, Carey won his opening quarter-final match in the boys' 18 singles with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Cesar Escobar Serrano, the No.8 seed from Spain. However, he lost 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 to No.6 seed Gabriel Flores from Puerto Rico.

Despite the loss, Carey is now tied for at 165 with Ivan Levar from Croatia, surpassing Barbados' Darian King (167), who defeated him here in the singles' final at the ITF Junior Tournament before they teamed up to win the doubles.

King, the top seed, won his quarter-final opener 6-0, 6-0 over Mariano Porter, the No.11 seed, before he was ousted 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the semi's by Alexis Carlos, the No.4 seed, who went on to win the title.

In the doubles playing as the No.2 seeds, Carey and Pablo Nunez of Cro were eliminated 7-6 (4), 2-6, (10-5) by No.3 seeds Flores and Jose Sierra Short, both of Puerto Rico. But the title was won by the top seeds of King and Brandon Burke of Jamaica.

Swimmers change record books again

■ Alicia Lightbourne swims 32.83 in 50 breast stroke

■ Women's 4 x 100 medley relay team sets new record

Bahamas swimming has changed the record books again in the 50 breast stroke when Alicia Lightbourne swam a 32.83 dropping almost two seconds off the old record that she held and set at the recent Nationals.

The women's 4 x 100 medley relay team also swam to a 4:15 setting a new Bahamas record by dropping 3 seconds off of the previous record set at the Pan Am games where they won bronze.

The quartet of Alana Dillette (back-stroke), Alicia Lightbourne (breast-stroke), Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace (butterfly) and Teisha Lightbourne (freestyle) swam the relay early Saturday morning in Rome.

Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace and Teisha Lightbourne both swam the 50 free prelims and narrowly missed best times in this individual event.

Elvis Burrows set 4 individual records and broke one of the longest

standing Bahamian records in the 50 freestyle. Alana Dillette, Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace and Alicia Lightbourne each set two individual Bahamas records and teammate Teisha Lightbourne also swam two Bahamas relay records.

Team Bahamas represented the country very well as they totalled 10 individual

Bahamas records and two female relay records.

Bahamas golf team leaves for Turks and Caicos competition

THE Bahamas has an 11-member team, minus a women's squad, at the 53rd Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos.

The team, managed by James Gomez, left town on Sunday and was scheduled to go through its practice rounds yesterday and today.

The competition will actually begin on Wednesday and run through Saturday.

The team is due to return home on Sunday.

Named to the team are the following:

Hoerman Cup for Regular players - Richard Gibson Jr., Peter McIntosh, George Swann, Devaughn

Robinson and Rashad Ferguson.

Ramon Baez Trophy for Mid-Amateur players 35-years and older - Shane Gibson and Christopher Harris.

Francis Steele Perkins Cup for seniors - Milford 'Shaggy' Lockhart and Kevin Marche.

Higgs & Higgs Trophy for

super seniors - Harcourt 'Coins' Poitier and George Turnquest.

The team's head coach is Fred Wright and the captain is Vernon Wells.

Puerto Rico is the defending champions.

The Bahamas finished fifth last year.

Major gets World Boxing Association ranking

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thing. I'm just going to take it step by step," he said. "I'm just hungry and ready and whenever the opportunity presents itself, I hope to take that step to achieving that goal."

If all goes well, Major could be appearing in his first step at home under his new promotional team, along with Charlie Major Jr. on August 22 at the Nassau Stadium. However, both Major and Garone have decided to wait until the contract is signed before revealing too much more details.

Hopefully by Wednesday, Garone said he should be able to confirm whether or not the show will be staged or they will have to wait until September when Major will get his next opportunity to fight again.

"The world rating is a very exciting thing for me and Meacher because it now makes him a legitimate contender, s he could be fighting for a world title as early as next year."

Major, who turns 28 on October 28, s currently 16-3 with 14 knockouts.

Show

In the meantime, Major has formed a local organization called Major Promotions and Entertainment. Under that organization, he intend to host a show in December when he will get the chance to showcase a lot of the local talent.

"This promotional company is being organized to help provide the opportunity a training camp so that the guys can go off and get the same type of promotional contract that I got with Excel," Major pointed out.

"I just want to use my company to provide a guideline for the local guys and to give them the exposure so that they have an opportunity to go to the next level. And if I get the opportunity to fight for a world title fight, my company will get the opportunity to organize it."

On Saturday, Major will also be hosting his annual Major Urban Youth Programme Back-to-School Summer Bash between the hours of 1-6 pm in Strachan's ally off Kemp Road where he grew up.

"We will be having a lot of giveaways for school and entertainment and fun for the children," Major stressed. "So we are encouraging all of the youngsters in the community to come out and participate."



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AUSTRALIA'S MICHAEL CLARKE, centre right, shakes hands with England's Andrew Strauss after their team's draw on the fifth day of the third Ashes cricket test match between England and Australia in Birmingham, England, Monday Aug. 3, 2009.



AUSTRALIA'S MICHAEL CLARKE plays a shot on his way to an unbeaten 103 on the fifth day of the third Ashes cricket test match between England and Australia in Birmingham, England.

ENGLAND'S CAPTAIN Andrew Strauss, centre, shakes hands with umpire Rudi Koertzen on the fifth day of the third Ashes test match between England and Australia in Birmingham, England, Monday Aug. 3, 2009.



(AP Photo/Jon Super)

Defiant Australia save third Test



Jon Super/AP Photo

AUSTRALIA'S MICHAEL CLARKE, left, is congratulated by teammate Graham Manou after reaching his century in an unbeaten innings of 103.

England suffered a final day of frustration at Edgbaston as Australia delivered a defiant display to save the third Test and remain in contention for the Ashes.

Michael Clarke's 103 not out and 96 from Marcus North helped Australia withstand 84.2 overs on the final day to reach 375 for five at the close and finish 262 runs ahead.

Starting the final day as favourites to claim victory and secure a 2-0 series lead - their first in the Ashes since 1986-7 and first on home soil since 1977 - England were confronted by an Australian side determined to spoil the party.

Spurred on by the prospect of a famous win, queues formed before the gates opened to ensure a packed Edgbaston after 8,000 tickets were sold in advance and 11,000 more sold online overnight.

marked his 50th Test with his 12th century.

Having terrorised Australia with their ability to swing the ball earlier in the match, Graham Onions and James Anderson struggled to have the same impact.

The only time England looked capable of victory was before lunch when they claimed two wickets to leave Australia just 48 runs ahead on 161 for four, and two new batsmen in Clarke and North at the crease.

England were frustrated for over three hours while Clarke and North forged a match-saving 185-run stand. Overnight batsmen Shane Watson and Michael Hussey had set the tone for Australia's resistance by forging an 85-run stand, which was not broken until the 16th over of the day. Drafted in as a makeshift opener following Phillip Hughes' struggles against the short ball, Watson responded by hitting 62 in the first innings and followed up with another half-century. He bravely resisted a hostile early spell from all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, including being hit in the groin area and on the left elbow, but fell in the first over after drinks when he edged Anderson behind.

England's optimism was boosted by Stuart Broad, under pressure for his place at Headingley following a disappointing series with the ball, striking four overs before lunch when Hussey also edged behind pushing outside off-stump. Such optimism was soon punctured by the discipline and resolve demonstrated by both Clarke and North during their 209 minutes of defiance.

Denied

But the crowd were denied the drama and tension of the tense two-run triumph four years ago by a visiting side intent on batting out a draw and denying England's bowlers any rest before the fourth Test in the power series at Headingley on Friday.

Resuming 25 runs adrift on 88 for two, Australia faced the prospect of 98 overs from an England attack which had dismissed them for under 300 in successive Tests.

However, this time it was the England bowlers who looked impotent as Clarke

ENGLAND PLAYERS celebrate the wicket of Australia's Marcus North, caught by James Anderson off the bowling of Stuart Broad, on the fifth day of the third cricket test match between England and Australia at Edgbaston cricket ground in Birmingham, England, Monday, Aug. 3, 2009.



(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

TENNIS

Roddick ready for first action since Wimbledon

WASHINGTON

Andy Roddick is healthy and ready for his first match since losing the Wimbledon final, according to Associated Press.

Roddick, who hasn't played since being beaten by Roger Federer on July 5, said Monday he is recovered from the right hip flexor he sustained in that championship match at Wimbledon. Roddick is the top-seeded player in the Legg Mason Tennis Classic and has won the event three times.

He was originally scheduled to open play Tuesday after an

opening-round bye, but his start was pushed back to Wednesday. Defending champion Juan Martin del Potro is the No. 2 seed.

"Physically I feel great," Roddick said. "I didn't want to make the error of coming back until I felt physically prepared to play in an event."

Mikhail Youzhny opened the first full day of play at the tournament with a 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Robert Kendrick. Youzhny will face fifth-seeded Robin Soderling in the second round. Qualifier Somdev Devvarman, a two-time NCAA

champion from the University of Virginia, advanced to the second round with a 6-0, 7-6 (6) win against Yuichi Sugita. Yen-Hsun Lu defeated Michael Russell 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; Philipp Petzschner won 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 against Teimuraz Gabashvili, and Frank Dancevic advanced by beating Santiago Giraldo 6-4, 6-3. Roddick injured his hip when he fell in the fourth set against Federer. He went on to play for another 1 1/2 hours before losing 16-14 in the longest fifth set in Grand Slam final history, a match that is still on Roddick's mind. "Heart-

breaking," Roddick said. "But at the same time, not a lot of people get a chance to play for that title and be a part of something like that, so that part of it is never lost on me. Ten seconds after the final, I still realized it's a pretty special thing."

Roddick said the hip didn't bother him in the final — "Adrenaline does a lot for you" — but he compared the feeling in the days after to falling on a rock. He said he doesn't expect any lingering problems.

Last year, Roddick was upset in the quarterfinals of this tournament.

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SPORTS

A team to make Bahamas proud

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Andretti Bain and newcomer Lato Williams. So far, however, McKinney said only Brown and Miller have been given the go-ahead for the 400. He said a decision will be made on the final entry between Williams, Mathieu and Bain at the training camp.

Williams has posted the fastest time than all of the Bahamian quarter-milers this year, but he pulled up at the 300 mark at the BAAA's Nationals and had to undergo a fitness test, along with Williams, who also went down with an injury at the trials.

As for the women's 4 x 1 relay team, McKinney said they have a good mixture of veterans and youthful competitors who should help the team to regain its position on the medal podium since the era of the Golden Girls.

Included on that team are Chandra Sturupp, Ferguson-McKenzie, Timicka Clarke, Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson and newcomer Janice Saunders.

There are two sprinters qualified for the men's 100 metres. They are Derrick Atkins, the silver medalist from Osaka and Adrian Griffith. However, the men's 4 x 100 relay team just missed qualifying.

Also on the team is world champion Donald Thomas, who will be joined by Trevor Barry in the men's high jump; Olympic bronze medalist Leevan 'Superman' Sands in the triple jump and Shamar Sands in the men's long jump.

Tyrone Burrows will travel as the head coach, assisted by Frank 'Pancho' Rahming and George Cleare. The team's doctor is Ricky Davis and the Physio-therapist is Katrice Robinson. Julie Wilson will travel as the Media liaison and chaperone.

Debbie's super performance



SUPER DISPLAY: Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie

DEBBIE Ferguson-McKenzie turned in another super performance as she continue her trek to the IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Germany later this month.

At the DN Galan Meet in Stockholm, Sweden on Friday, Ferguson-McKenzie clocked 22.23 seconds for second place in the women's 200 metres. The race was won by American Allyson Felix in a meet record of 21.88. Jamaican Kerron Stewart was third in 22.72.

Also at the meet, Shamar Sands won his heat of the men's 110 hurdles in 13.11. However, the time was only good enough for fifth place overall with the two heats combined.

Cuban world record holder Dayron Robles won the other heat in 13.11 for the fastest time overall.

Three Americans followed with Joel Brown second in 13.38, Jason Robinson third in 13.43 and Eric Mitchum fourth in 13.49.

The World Championships are scheduled for Berlin from August 15-23.

Cartwright celebrates tournament victory

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Giovanna Manifacio, who went on to win in the final over Ana Sofi Sanchez and Marcela Zacarias from Mexico.

Also at the tournament was Grand Bahaman Davis Cupper Rodney Carey Jr.

In singles as the No.3 seed, Carey won his opening quarter-final match in the boys' 18 singles with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Cesar Escobar Serrano, the No.8 seed from Spain. However, he lost 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 to No.6 seed Gabriel Flores from Puerto Rico.

Despite the loss, Carey is now tied for at 165 with Ivan Levar from Croatia, surpassing Barbados' Darian King (167), who defeated him here in the singles' final at the ITF Junior Tournament before they teamed up to win the doubles.

King, the top seed, won his quarter-final opener 6-0, 6-0 over Mariano Porter, the No.11 seed, before he was ousted 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the semi's by Alexis Carlos, the No.4 seed, who went on to win the title.

In the doubles playing as the No.2 seeds, Carey and Pablo Nunez of Cro were eliminated 7-6 (4), 2-6, (10-5) by No.3 seeds Flores and Jose Sierra Short, both of Puerto Rico. But the title was won by the top seeds of King and Brandon Burke of Jamaica.

Swimmers change record books again

■ Alicia Lightbourne swims 32.83 in 50 breast stroke

■ Women's 4 x 100 medley relay team sets new record

Bahamas swimming has changed the record books again in the 50 breast stroke when Alicia Lightbourne swam a 32.83 dropping almost two seconds off the old record that she held and set at the recent Nationals.

The women's 4 x 100 medley relay team also swam to a 4:15 setting a new Bahamas record by dropping 3 seconds off of the previous record set at the Pan Am games where they won bronze.

The quartet of Alana Dillette (backstroke), Alicia Lightbourne (breaststroke), Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace (butterfly) and Teisha Lightbourne (freestyle) swam the relay early Saturday morning in Rome.

Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace and Teisha Lightbourne both swam the 50 free prelims and narrowly missed best times in this individual event.

Elvis Burrows set 4 individual records and broke one of the longest

standing Bahamian records in the 50 freestyle. Alana Dillette, Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace and Alicia Lightbourne each set two individual Bahamas records and teammate Teisha Lightbourne also swam two Bahamas relay records.

Team Bahamas represented the country very well as they totalled 10 individual

Bahamas records and two female relay records.

Bahamas golf team leaves for Turks and Caicos competition

THE Bahamas has an 11-member team, minus a women's squad, at the 53rd Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos.

The team, managed by James Gomez, left town on Sunday and was scheduled to go through its practice rounds yesterday and today.

The competition will actually begin on Wednesday and run through Saturday.

The team is due to return home on Sunday.

Named to the team are the following:

Hoerman Cup for Regular players - Richard Gibson Jr., Peter McIntosh, George Swann, Devaughn

Robinson and Rashad Ferguson.

Ramon Baez Trophy for Mid-Amateur players 35-years and older - Shane Gibson and Christopher Harris.

Francis Steele Perkins Cup for seniors - Milford 'Shaggy' Lockhart and Kevin Marche.

Higgs & Higgs Trophy for

super seniors - Harcourt 'Coins' Poitier and George Turnquest.

The team's head coach is Fred Wright and the captain is Vernon Wells.

Puerto Rico is the defending champions.

The Bahamas finished fifth last year.

Major gets World Boxing Association ranking

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thing. I'm just going to take it step by step," he said. "I'm just hungry and ready and whenever the opportunity presents itself, I hope to take that step to achieving that goal."

If all goes well, Major could be appearing in his first step at home under his new promotional team, along with Charlie Major Jr. on August 22 at the Nassau Stadium. However, both Major and Garone have decided to wait until the contract is signed before revealing too much more details.

Hopefully by Wednesday, Garone said he should be able to confirm whether or not the show will be staged or they will have to wait until September when Major will get his next opportunity to fight again.

"The world rating is a very exciting thing for me and Meacher because it now makes him a legitimate contender, s he could be fighting for a world title as early as next year."

Major, who turns 28 on October 28, s currently 16-3 with 14 knockouts.

Show

In the meantime, Major has formed a local organization called Major Promotions and Entertainment. Under that organization, he intend to host a show in December when he will get the chance to showcase a lot of the local talent.

"This promotional company is being organized to help provide the opportunity a training camp so that the guys can go off and get the same type of promotional contract that I got with Excel," Major pointed out.

"I just want to use my company to provide a guideline for the local guys and to give them the exposure so that they have an opportunity to go to the next level. And if I get the opportunity to fight for a world title fight, my company will get the opportunity to organize it."

On Saturday, Major will also be hosting his annual Major Urban Youth Programme Back-to-School Summer Bash between the hours of 1-6 pm in Strachan's ally off Kemp Road where he grew up.

"We will be having a lot of giveaways for school and entertainment and fun for the children," Major stressed. "So we are encouraging all of the youngsters in the community to come out and participate."



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AUSTRALIA'S MICHAEL CLARKE, centre right, shakes hands with England's Andrew Strauss after their team's draw on the fifth day of the third Ashes cricket test match between England and Australia in Birmingham, England, Monday Aug. 3, 2009.



AUSTRALIA'S MICHAEL CLARKE plays a shot on his way to an unbeaten 103 on the fifth day of the third Ashes cricket test match between England and Australia in Birmingham, England.

ENGLAND'S CAPTAIN Andrew Strauss, centre, shakes hands with umpire Rudi Koertzen on the fifth day of the third Ashes test match between England and Australia in Birmingham, England, Monday Aug. 3, 2009.



(AP Photo/Jon Super)

Defiant Australia save third Test



Jon Super/AP Photo

AUSTRALIA'S MICHAEL CLARKE, left, is congratulated by teammate Graham Manou after reaching his century in an unbeaten innings of 103.

England suffered a final day of frustration at Edgbaston as Australia delivered a defiant display to save the third Test and remain in contention for the Ashes.

Michael Clarke's 103 not out and 96 from Marcus North helped Australia withstand 84.2 overs on the final day to reach 375 for five at the close and finish 262 runs ahead.

Starting the final day as favourites to claim victory and secure a 2-0 series lead - their first in the Ashes since 1986-7 and first on home soil since 1977 - England were confronted by an Australian side determined to spoil the party.

Spurred on by the prospect of a famous win, queues formed before the gates opened to ensure a packed Edgbaston after 8,000 tickets were sold in advance and 11,000 more sold online overnight.

marked his 50th Test with his 12th century.

Having terrorised Australia with their ability to swing the ball earlier in the match, Graham Onions and James Anderson struggled to have the same impact.

The only time England looked capable of victory was before lunch when they claimed two wickets to leave Australia just 48 runs ahead on 161 for four, and two new batsmen in Clarke and North at the crease.

England were frustrated for over three hours while Clarke and North forged a match-saving 185-run stand. Overnight batsmen Shane Watson and Michael Hussey had set the tone for Australia's resistance by forging an 85-run stand, which was not broken until the 16th over of the day. Drafted in as a makeshift opener following Phillip Hughes' struggles against the short ball, Watson responded by hitting 62 in the first innings and followed up with another half-century. He bravely resisted a hostile early spell from all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, including being hit in the groin area and on the left elbow, but fell in the first over after drinks when he edged Anderson behind.

England's optimism was boosted by Stuart Broad, under pressure for his place at Headingley following a disappointing series with the ball, striking four overs before lunch when Hussey also edged behind pushing outside off-stump. Such optimism was soon punctured by the discipline and resolve demonstrated by both Clarke and North during their 209 minutes of defiance.

Denied

But the crowd were denied the drama and tension of the tense two-run triumph four years ago by a visiting side intent on batting out a draw and denying England's bowlers any rest before the fourth Test in the power series at Headingley on Friday.

Resuming 25 runs adrift on 88 for two, Australia faced the prospect of 98 overs from an England attack which had dismissed them for under 300 in successive Tests.

However, this time it was the England bowlers who looked impotent as Clarke

ENGLAND PLAYERS celebrate the wicket of Australia's Marcus North, caught by James Anderson off the bowling of Stuart Broad, on the fifth day of the third cricket test match between England and Australia at Edgbaston cricket ground in Birmingham, England, Monday, Aug. 3, 2009.



(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

TENNIS

Roddick ready for first action since Wimbledon

WASHINGTON

Andy Roddick is healthy and ready for his first match since losing the Wimbledon final, according to Associated Press.

Roddick, who hasn't played since being beaten by Roger Federer on July 5, said Monday he is recovered from the right hip flexor he sustained in that championship match at Wimbledon. Roddick is the top-seeded player in the Legg Mason Tennis Classic and has won the event three times.

He was originally scheduled to open play Tuesday after an

opening-round bye, but his start was pushed back to Wednesday. Defending champion Juan Martin del Potro is the No. 2 seed.

"Physically I feel great," Roddick said. "I didn't want to make the error of coming back until I felt physically prepared to play in an event."

Mikhail Youzhny opened the first full day of play at the tournament with a 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Robert Kendrick. Youzhny will face fifth-seeded Robin Soderling in the second round. Qualifier Somdev Devvarman, a two-time NCAA

champion from the University of Virginia, advanced to the second round with a 6-0, 7-6 (6) win against Yuichi Sugita. Yen-Hsun Lu defeated Michael Russell 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; Philipp Petzschner won 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 against Teimuraz Gabashvili, and Frank Dancevic advanced by beating Santiago Giraldo 6-4, 6-3. Roddick injured his hip when he fell in the fourth set against Federer. He went on to play for another 1 1/2 hours before losing 16-14 in the longest fifth set in Grand Slam final history, a match that is still on Roddick's mind. "Heart-

breaking," Roddick said. "But at the same time, not a lot of people get a chance to play for that title and be a part of something like that, so that part of it is never lost on me. Ten seconds after the final, I still realized it's a pretty special thing."

Roddick said the hip didn't bother him in the final — "Adrenaline does a lot for you" — but he compared the feeling in the days after to falling on a rock. He said he doesn't expect any lingering problems.

Last year, Roddick was upset in the quarterfinals of this tournament.

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LOCAL NEWS

Either Michael Barnett or Brian Moree set to be next chief justice

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his post for over eight years. Sir Burton will become a Permanent Judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

In the past, Prime Minister Ingraham has remained tight-lipped over who would be the new appointment to the Judiciary's top post, maintaining always that there was "no vacancy" at the time.

In fact, former Prime Minister Christie has often lamented the fact he was not being consulted on the issue, promptly challenging the Prime Minister to speak to him on the matter as the discussion "needs to take place."

Prior to this revelation, some attorneys in the legal profession have suggested that Senior Supreme Court Justice Anita Allen would be the most likely and worthy replacement to Sir Burton. However, it is unclear at this time if Mrs Allen is still being considered for the post.

Claims that Perry Christie 'stacking the deck' against any challengers

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lenged on this point at tonight's meeting.

A PLP insider told *The Tribune*: "Christie wants some level of security that even if he is challenged he will come out victorious. This new block of delegates is supposed to be persons around the age of 40, who obviously would be loyal to him."

According to the PLP's constitution there are seven delegates per constituency and the party's leader is capable of installing as many stalwart

councillors as he sees fit. These stalwart councillors are therefore generally assumed to follow in support of the leader who would naturally appoint persons "loyal" to him.

In another move equally as disturbing, sources inside the party claim that the convention is now being pushed to be held for only three days, instead of the originally publicized week.

With only three days, these sources lament that there will be little to no opportunity for anyone to mount any "serious challenge" to Mr Christie as delegates and stalwarts would have little time to be coaxed or



Perry Christie

petitioned by anyone else.

"Once these people arrive from the Family Islands you know they have to visit their relatives, so after the opening prayer they're gone. So you might as well write off the first day. The second day they will come down for breakfast, speak to old friends and then try and catch the foodstores. So before you know it, nothing would have happened and convention would be over."

"But if you had a week long event, Paul Moss, Jerome Fitzgerald, Dr Bernard Nottage, Fred Mitchell and the likes would have a chance to talk to delegates and push the need for some change in the party. They can talk and coax for three days before they go into vote on Thursday," he said.

Another concern expected to be raised by some within the party is the growing suspicion surrounding PLP MP for West End and Bimini Obie Wilchcombe who is also chairing this year's convention. As a candidate for the deputy leadership of the party, some within the PLP feel that Mr Wilchcombe should remove himself from chairing the event as it may offer him an upper-hand over the other candidates.

It is believed that amongst those expressing this concern would be Cat Island, San Salvador and Rum Cay MP Philip Davis who is expected to announce his decision to run for the deputy leadership post today.

Although well known within the party, Mr Davis faces an uphill battle to familiarize himself with the party's delegates, who ultimately would be greeted first by the convention's chairman.

Packages of cocaine seized in Freeport

THIRTY packages of cocaine were seized at the Freeport container port on Sunday, according to police reports.

This is the second major drug seizure at the container port in recent weeks. The drugs were reportedly discovered inside a black bag in a 20-foot long container. Only July 14, 24 packages of suspected cocaine were seized from a 20-foot long container at the Freeport container port. The drugs had a street value of \$600,000.

Boy stabbed over Big Mac sandwich

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day; police received reports of a shooting at Jackson Street, Nassau Village. When police officers arrived at the scene, they discovered an 18-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound in his lower back.

The young man told police that he had gone to Butler Street to purchase a vehicle when he was held up by a man armed with a handgun, who demanded cash. The victim told police that he was trying to run away when the gunman shot him in his back. Police are investigating these incidents.

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Albany's opening to create 500 jobs

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Up to 500 full-time jobs will likely be created when the \$1.4 billion Albany Golf & Beach Resort starts its operational phase in summer 2010, Tribune Business has been told, as the project developers prepare to increase the current 600-strong construction workforce by "cranking up" Phase I vertical building.



Anand

Christopher Anand, Albany's managing partner, told this newspaper that with the project's management team "largely identified and in place, from an operational standpoint it will be early next year when we start hiring the majority of employees". Some 200-300 persons were likely to be hired by Albany for when Phase I had its soft opening in 2010, Mr Anand said, but he explained that the direct impact for the Bahamian workforce could be up to 500 new jobs as a result of the development contracting out the provision of certain services to Bahamian businesses.

"We're going to sub-contract with local businesses on the landscaping [and other areas]," Mr Anand explained. "That will ramp up, so probably as many as 500 jobs will come out of that as opening day

- * Developers invest \$250m to date, with current 600-strong construction workforce to ramp up to around 1,000
- * Albany to hire 200-300 full-time jobs by 2010 summer opening, with others created in Bahamian-owned service suppliers
- * Marina basin completed, and amenities and hotel cottages going vertical

approaches. It's not just us, but local businesses who've got contracts as well."

The promise of several hundred jobs being created will bring a much-needed boost to the workforce and Bahamian society at a time when the economy is struggling, unemployment continues to rise and Albany remains the only major mixed-use resort development project continuing to make substantial headway.

The southwestern New Providence development's amenities, such as the spa, fitness centre and clubhouse, plus the marina, golf course and hotel cottages component are scheduled for a summer 2010 soft opening, with a more formal ceremony likely to take place in November/December 2010.

Mr Anand told Tribune Business that

some 600 construction workers were currently employed on the project site, but this number was due "to be cranked up as the vertical work starts to happen. That number will start to grow. That's still not at the peak. I imagine it would get close to 1,000".

Albany's shareholders, who include the Tavistock Group, the vehicle by which Lyford Cay-based billionaire Joe Lewis makes his worldwide investments, and golfers Tiger Woods and Ernie Els, have invested more than \$250 million into the project to date, Mr Anand said.

"Things are good," he added. "We've seeded about one-third of the golf course. There's six holes done out of 18, and next

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Government assesses water franchise plan

By CHESTER ROBARDS
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THE GOVERNMENT is currently reviewing New Providence Development Company's application for a water/wastewater treatment franchise for western New Providence, the minister responsible has confirmed to Tribune Business, adding that if it was granted it would not impact the Water & Sewerage Corporation's customer base and potential revenue streams.

Phenton Neymour, minister of state for the environment, said New Providence Development Company had begun discussions with the Water and Sewerage Corporation regarding the franchising of sewage treatment and potable water facilities some time ago.

He said through its New Providence Water Development Company affiliate, New Providence Development Company had historically supplied water for an area in western New Providence for 50 years.

Mr Neymour said water and sewerage treatment was critical for that area of western New Providence where some developments have not fully complied with their requirements for such facilities.

He could not say which

developments those were, but said some developers were required to put in sewerage treatment facilities and had not done so.

Now, the Government is looking at the zoning for New Providence Development Company's proposal, in order to establish a franchise agreement that would "put in place necessary sewerage collection and treatment for the rapidly developing area".

Mr Neymour said the franchising of such utilities provision to a private company would not lead to the loss of potential revenue streams and customers for the Water and Sewerage Corporation, as water would still come from the government-owned utility.

"With existing franchise agreements, Water and Sewerage does not see it as severely impacting benefits," said Mr Neymour. The Water and Sewerage Corporation has several other such franchise agreements, including one on Windermere Island, Eleuthera.

Mr Neymour said the Government was moving forward diligently with reviewing this latest franchise proposal for the western New Providence area. However, he said the

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Fidelity 'scales back our expansion plans quite significantly'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

FIDELITY Bank (Bahamas) has "scaled back our expansion plans quite significantly", its chief executive telling Tribune Business that the BISX-listed institution has placed efforts to grow its loan book and balance sheet "on hold for the next 15-18 months" due to the recession.

Speaking after the bank unveiled a modest 7.5 per cent increase in net income to \$582,089 for the first six months of 2009, Anwer Sunderji, Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) chief executive, said the dramatic fall-off in credit demand and general poor quality of new borrower applicants would, in the short-term, stymie its previously announced plans to grow the bank.

Pointing to the 95 per cent year-over-year increase in Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) loan loss provisions, which rose to \$584,248 compared to \$299,244 for the first six months in 2008, Mr Sunderji said that if the increase was "netted off" then the bank's 2009 first half net income would have risen by 60 per cent to more than \$867,000.

Pointing out that the loan

- * BISX-listed bank places loan book and balance sheet growth strategy 'on hold for 15-18 months'
- * Says loan defaults 'running at half industry average'
- * Expects improvement in interest margins to partly compensate for rising loan loss provision impact

loss provision increase was, like with other Bahamian commercial banks, "impacting our bottom line", Mr Sunderji said: "Our provisions will continue to increase in line with the deteriorating economy and loan delinquencies."

However, the Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) chief executive said his organisation was still "in a good spot", as its loan defaults - borrowers more than 30 days past due on repayments - were "running at roughly half the industry average. The industry average is 4 per cent, and we're about 7 per cent".

As for the more important

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Bank still eyeing \$40m-plus profit

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

COMMONWEALTH Bank's chairman believes the institution can generate \$40 million-plus in net income for its 2009 full year "unless disaster befalls the system", as it prepares to "experiment" with Saturday morning banking at its newest Prince Charles Branch.

Stating that the bank's Board and management felt "we're on



Donaldson

- * Commonwealth Bank to 'experiment' with Saturday banking at new Prince Charles branch, set for August 31 opening
- * But 'puts on hold' debit card and other new initiatives due to impact from recession

a pretty good track", with half-year net profits before preference share dividends standing at \$20.682 million, T. B. Donaldson said it had nevertheless placed product initiatives such as a new debit card "on hold" until the recession abated.

The former Central Bank governor said that based on half-year net income, Commonwealth Bank should again "be looking at some \$40 million-plus in net income" for the

full 12 months to December 31, 2009, provided the Bahamian economy and its financial system suffered no major shocks.

The third quarter, featuring the traditionally slowest part of the tourism year, would largely determine how the full year panned out, Mr Donaldson said, as any further hotel industry redundancies would likely fall in this period.

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ROYAL FIDELITY MARKET WRAP

By RoyalFidelity Capital Markets

TRADING momentum decreased last week in the Bahamian market, with investors trading in eight out of the 24 listed securities, of which one advanced, four declined and three remained unchanged.

EQUITY MARKET

A total of 66,940 shares changed hands, representing a decrease of 9,127 shares or 12 per cent, compared to last week's trading volume of 76,067 shares.

C o m m o n w e a l t h Bank (CBL) was the sole advancer and volume leader this week with 20,223 shares changing hands, its share price up \$0.07 to end the week at \$5.71.

FirstCaribbean International Bank Bahamas (CIB) was the big decliner, its stock falling by \$0.04 to end the week at a new 52-week low of \$10.34 on a volume of 6,900 shares.

Focol Holdings (FCL) saw 18,064 shares trade, its stock losing \$0.03 to end the week at \$5.13.

ICD Utilities (ICD) traded 10,000 shares to end the week

unchanged at \$5.49.

J. S. Johnson (JSJ) traded 5,778 shares, its share price decreasing by \$0.01 to end the week at a new 52-week low of \$10.39.

Finance Corporation of the Bahamas (FIN) also fell by \$0.01, trading 5,075 shares to end the week at a new 52-week low of \$10.79.

BOND MARKET

No notes traded in the Bahamian market last week.

COMPANY NEWS

Focol Holdings (FCL) announced its Board of Directors has approved a \$10 million share buy back programme that will last for 10 years.

Dividend Notes

Bahamas First Holdings has declared a dividend of \$0.20 per share, payable on July 31, 2009 to all ordinary shareholders of record date July 27, 2009.

Premier Commercial Real Estate Investment Corporation (PRE) has declared a dividend of \$0.40 per share, payable on August 5, 2009, to all ordinary shareholders of record date July 31, 2009.

The Bahamian Stock Market

FINDEX	787.45	(-5.68%)	YTD		
BISX	CLOSING	CHANGE	VOLUME	YTD	PRICE
SYMBOL	PRICE				CHANGE
AML	\$1.39	\$-	0		-18.71%
BBL	\$0.63	\$-	0		-4.55%
BOB	\$6.94	\$-	0		-9.16%
BPF	\$11.00	\$-	0		-6.78%
BSL	\$7.92	\$-	0		-22.28%
BWL	\$3.15	\$-	0		0.00%
CAB	\$11.39	\$-	800		-18.82%
CBL	\$5.71	\$0.07	20,223		-18.43%
CHL	\$2.74	\$-	0		-3.18%
CIB	\$10.34	\$-0.04	6,900		-15.38%
CWCB	\$3.52	\$-0.01	0		56.44%
DHS	\$1.82	\$-	100		-28.63%
FAM	\$6.60	\$-	0		-15.38%
FBB	\$2.37	\$-	0		0.00%
FCC	\$0.30	\$-	0		0.00%
FCL	\$5.13	\$-0.03	18,064		-0.77%
FCLB	\$1.00	\$-	0		0.00%
FIN	\$10.79	\$-0.01	5,075		-9.10%
ICD	\$5.49	\$-	10,000		-10.44%
JSJ	\$10.39	\$-0.01	5,778		-6.40%
PRE	\$10.00	\$-	0		0.00%

Consolidated Water (CWCO) has declared a dividend of \$0.013 per share, payable on August 10, 2009, to all ordinary shareholders of record date July 1, 2009.

Focol Holdings (FCL) has declared a dividend of \$0.03 per share, payable on August 11, 2009, to all ordinary shareholders of record date July 31, 2009.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Notes:

Bahamas First Holdings announced its Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 5pm at The British Colonial Hilton Hotel, No. 1 Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas. Shareholders of record as of July 9, 2009, will be qualified to vote at the Annual Meeting.

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Crude Oil	\$69.20	+1.67
Gold	\$956.50	+0.22

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LOCAL NEWS

\$56.5m engineering costs for two projects

By CHESTER ROBARDS
Business Reporter
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ENGINEERING costs for the Nassau Harbour improvement project and the Arawak Cay extension have been pegged at a collective \$56.5 million, a preliminary report on the initiatives said, while the arrival of Royal Caribbean's Genesis Class Cruise ships at the end of 2009 will not be delayed even if the dredging of Nassau Harbour is not completed in time.

The preliminary engineering report for the Nassau Harbour Improvement Project, by engineering consortium Cox & Shal, pegged engineering costs estimates at \$35 million for Nassau Harbour, and \$21.5 million for Arawak Cay.

Meanwhile, a Ministry of Works engineer said contingency plans for delays in the Nassau Harbour dredging were embedded in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and in the recently submitted

Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Robert Garaway, a civil engineer for the Ministry, suggested Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas will be able to sail into the harbour with a minimum amount of dredging done, should the project have to stop for any reason.

He said all the protocols were in place for dredging company Boskalis to begin. However, he could not give a specific date for the start.

It was thought that material could not be removed from the sea floor until the EMP had received the Government's stamp of approval.

But director of the Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology (BEST) Commission, Philip Weech, told Tribune Business that dredging will be able to begin once the EMP, developed by Boskalis and Cox and SHAL consultants, had been reviewed by the Ministry of Works and approved.

However, Mr Garaway said

the start of the dredging is not being delayed because the almost 1,000 page document is being reviewed.

He said strict final approval has not been given to the EMP, because the document will change throughout the course of the project.

Boskalis has begun staging the pipelines that will move the dredged material to a holding pond on Arawak Cay.

According to Mr Weech, they have also put in place monitoring equipment necessary to track some aspects of the environmental impact.

The EMP will constantly manage the environmental effects of the dredging process, and could include mitigation measures not mentioned in the original EIA.

As dredging commences, Boskalis will have to ensure that an acceptable amount of turbidity is maintained in the harbour.

Turbidity control measures have already been put in place for other aspects of the two-

sided project, which also includes the extension of Arawak Cay.

One focus of the EIA was the level of mercury found in substrates of the harbour floor, which were excessive in one area.

Mr Weech said it was not uncommon for the sea floor, but could be amplified in Nassau Harbour because of rain water run-off mixed with pollution on the streets of Downtown Nassau.

He said vehicle emissions

and dust, as well as garbage, all get washed into the harbour after a rain shower and settle to the bottom, where their chemical construct changes.

"It's not indicative of a widespread problem," he said.

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Bank: Foreclosures are not at alarming levels

By CHESTER ROBARDS
Business Reporter
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SCOTIABANK'S mortgage defaults reflect the state of the Bahamian economy, its managing director told Tribune Business, as the bank continues to find ways to assist customers who may have trouble meeting their debt obligations.

Barry Malcolm said the number of foreclosures that Scotiabank (Bahamas) has undertaken over the past year has "tracked the downturn", but has not hit alarming numbers.

"It reflects the economic condition," he said.

While there are a number of distressed properties in the bank's portfolio, Mr Malcolm said the bank was continuing

to issue new loans, while placing those that had been foreclosed on, on to the market in order to recover debt.

"We're still in business," he said.

Mr Malcolm said the bank tries to reserve the original sale price in order to recover the loan made to the debtor, and maximise any amount of difference.

Mr Malcolm did not say outright that the present market is a difficult one for the sale of distressed properties, but he added that the ease with which the bank can sell a foreclosed property is based on its location, design and ambience, and varies from island to island.

He added that the bank's focus, instead of the sale of such properties, was to assist its customers who are experi-

encing challenges in keeping up with mortgage payments.

"Our approach is to work with customers and try to find ways to support their efforts," said Mr Malcolm.

Scotiabank has said recently that foreclosures are not in the bank's best interest.

"It makes far more sense to work with you to help you keep your house than to go through foreclosure procedures, take your house, advertise it and sell it to someone else - that is stress for us, too," Mr Malcolm said.

"If we can find the common ground to work together, it makes much more sense for the bank to work with the customers to help address how you work through and work out your situation."



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ACCA801	01	ACCOUNTING FOR BEGINNERS II	6:00pm-8:00pm	Mon/Wed	21-Sep	10 wks	\$275.00
ACCA802	01	ACCOUNTING FOR BEGINNERS III	6:00pm-8:00pm	Mon/Wed	21-Sep	10 wks	\$300.00
BUSINESS							
BUS900	01	CREDIT & COLLECTIONS PROCEDURES	6:00pm-9:00pm	Tues	22-Sep	8 wks	\$225.00
CLST900	01	SUPERIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE W/S	9:30am-4:30pm	Fri	9-Oct	1 day	\$170.00
BUS904	01	INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS I	6:00pm-9:00pm	Thurs	24-Oct	10 wks	\$300.00
BUS906	01	INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS II	6:00pm-9:00pm	Mon	21-Sep	10 wks	\$350.00
COMPUTERS							
COMP901	02	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS I	11:00am-2:00pm	Mon	14-Sep	12 wks	\$450.00
COMP901	01	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS I	6:00pm-9:00pm	Mon	14-Sep	12 wks	\$450.00
COMP902	01	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS II	6:00pm-9:00pm	Wed	16-Sep	12 wks	\$550.00
COMP905	03	INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET	9:30am-4:30pm	Tues/Wed	6-Oct	2 days	\$200.00
COMP941	01	QUICKBOOKS	6:00pm-9:00pm	Tues	22-Sep	6 wks	\$330.00
COMP950	01	WEB PAGE DESIGN WORKSHOP I	9:30am-4:30pm	Thurs/Fri	15-Oct	2 days	\$550.00
COMP951	01	WEB PAGE DESIGN WORKSHOP II	9:30am-4:30pm	Thurs/Fri	22-Oct	2 days	\$650.00
COSMETOLOGY							
COSM802	01	MAKE-UP APPLICATION	6:00pm-9:00pm	Mon	5-Oct	8 wks	\$225.00
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MGMT901	01	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT II	6:00pm-9:00pm	Mon	14-Sep	10 wks	\$300.00
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SEW807	01	HIGH FASHION DESIGN I	6:00pm-9:00pm	Thurs	24-Sep	10 wks	\$340.00
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CRA900	01	JEWELRY MAKING	6:00pm-8:00pm	Tues	22-Sep	8 wks	\$250.00
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MEDICAL							
MEDT900	01	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	6:00pm-9:00pm	Wed	23-Sep	10 wks	\$225.00
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C - D	Wednesday, August 5, 2009
E - G	Thursday, August 6, 2009
H - J	Friday, August 7, 2009
K - M	Monday, August 10, 2009

WEEK TWO

Surnames beginning with	Date
Mo - O	Tuesday, August 11, 2009
P - R	Wednesday, August 12, 2009
S	Thursday, August 13, 2009
T - V	Friday, August 14, 2009
W - Z	Monday, August 17, 2009

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BUSINESS

Albany's opening to create 500 jobs

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month it will be nine. The majority of the marina is complete. The basin is done, and

there's a little bit to be done to the channel - a couple of weeks' work. Now the slips and walkways and stuff like that can be put in."

Some 30 hotel cottages were now under vertical construction, the Albany managing partner added, with drywall and windows being installed, and roofs set to go on.

"In every aspect of the development that we're delivering, it's going vertical," Mr Anand added. And a further 20 homes, likely to have an average value of \$3 million, were going through the design process as purchasers of Albany's custom lots moved to construct their own homes.

Pointing out that this represented at least \$60 million worth of work for the Bahamian construction industry when building work on these properties likely started next summer, Mr Anand said: "We've always said the benefits of Albany are longer term. It's a marathon, not a sprint. Here,

the benefits to the construction industry will be longer term."

The construction work coming from Albany's real estate buyers was likely to provide steady construction work for some 10 years, he explained, the "spurts" coming when the project's developers were engaged in work.

Despite the depressed global economy, Mr Anand told Tribune Business: "We've had an encouraging few months from a sales perspective, and had about eight sales in the last few months, which is pretty awesome."

The Albany managing partner added that provided 2009 finished smoothly, the developers would look to roll into Phase II - sale and construction of the Marina Residences - in early 2010. If sales went as planned, construction work was likely to start in early summer 2010 - around the time when Phase I was set to have its soft opening. The first part of Phase II, Mr Anand said, was likely

to involve an investment worth between \$125 million and \$150 million. He explained that the developers might "release" the Residences in phases of 25 to 30 properties at a time, selling some as construction was ongoing to enable them to move into the next phase.

When asked how Albany had been able to keep going when most other Bahamas-based and Caribbean development projects of a similar nature had ground to a halt, Mr Anand replied: "It's really the strength of the initial buyers and, most importantly, our shareholders. They're serious people and they're committed to this."

"That's been hugely important. We've got a group of partners that, when the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Pointing to the numerous stalled investment projects, Mr Anand added: "We continue to benefit from the uncertainty and unsettling developments around the Caribbean. Just

about every other project in the Caribbean has been shelved, and that's allowing us to stand out, it seems, as the only ones left standing."

"It's a testament to the way we've gone about financing and building Albany, and getting the right people involved. The Bahamas is still a great place to be, and New Providence is the right place to be in the Bahamas. All these factors have allowed us to buck the trend."

Mr Anand added, though that the Government's decision to remove the \$35,000 real property tax cap had impacted real estate sales at Albany, as with other developments, as it increased costs and uncertainty for potential buyers.

He explained that any increases in costs associated with buying and holding Bahamas-based property inevitably made sales harder, and it was an issue Albany's developers had discussed both internally and externally.

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approval process is much more complicated in New Providence because of the interrelated parties in the project area. "The water system and sewerage system are all interconnected underground," he said.

In a previous interview with Tribune Business, New Providence Development Company's president and chief executive, T. Rhys Duggan, had warned that the water supply franchise agreement was key to its development plans for western New Providence, including the proposed \$30 million new Town Centre. Without it, the company is unlikely to proceed.

New Providence Develop-

ment Company is looking to tie down a long term, formal arrangement for their supply of water to developments such as Old Fort Bay, Lyford Cay and Albany, which is thought to have run into opposition from some who will argue that it would deprive Water and Sewerage of a customer base and revenue stream.

"That's probably the most important component of this whole deal," Mr Duggan told Tribune Business. "Growth can't happen out west without that being resolved, and I don't have that yet. We need to have that resolved to move forward."

"We supply everyone west of the airport, and are looking at upgrading technology and

providing world class potable water. Water and waste water disposal, along with electricity, are the three most important components, and without those in place development is impossible."

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Club, and owns the New Providence Water Development Company.

It is also an affiliate of the Tavistock Group, the Albany developer. Both it and Tavistock Group are owned by Joe Lewis, the Lyford Cay-based Billionaire. Mr Lewis's Business partner, Terry White, is an investor in both Albany and New Providence Development Company.

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BUSINESS

Why a growing economy may still feel like a recession

By FLOYD NORRIS
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News Service

A YEAR ago, the American economy was in recession. Now it may be about to emerge from that downturn.

But if the economy is about to begin growing again, it will be from a very low level. The recession has produced declines far greater than in previous downturns over the past half-century. As a result,

the economy may seem to be depressed even after growth resumes.

One area where that can be seen is shipments of durable goods produced by American companies. The rate of such shipments fell by more than 20 per cent during this recession, and would have declined further were it not for increased production of weapons.

In no previous downturn since 1958, when the figures

began being recorded, had the decline been as much as 14 per cent.

The drop is all the more remarkable because such shipments rose at a relatively restrained rate in the preceding period of economic growth, particularly when military sales were excluded.

The accompanying charts show the trend in durable goods spending, for military purposes and for other shipments of durable goods, from 2000 through this June. In June, seasonally adjusted shipments for civilian purposes were 19 per cent below the average monthly figure for 2000. Shipments of military items were running 123 per cent above the 2000 average.

Those figures are in nominal dollars, not adjusted for inflation. That fact may exaggerate the trend, since prices of some durable goods, like computers, have fallen over the years.

The United States remains primarily a civilian economy. The military now takes about eight per cent of all durable goods, up from three per cent in 2000.

The charts also show just how much change there was in durable goods orders, and shipments, in the first half of 2009 compared with the first half of 2008.

Overall, shipments for non-military purposes were down by 20 per cent, while orders fell by 27 per cent. The declines in some areas were much larger, with orders for primary metal products, like iron and steel, plunging by 44 per cent. The government cannot track orders for semi-

conductors because Intel will not provide figures, but shipments in that category were down by a third.

Shipments of commercial aircraft and parts fell by just seven per cent, largely because there are long lead times for such orders, and that helped to keep the shipment decline lower than it would otherwise have been. But

orders fell 65 per cent.

Those declines are not from boom periods. By early 2008, the recession was on, and durable goods shipments were already coming down. They had peaked the previous summer, and the National Bureau of Economic Research later determined the recession began in December 2007.

In reporting the June fig-

ures this week, the Census Bureau said durable goods orders for some categories were up from the previous month, although shipments were still declining.

That provided more evidence that the recession might be nearing an end. But a return to high levels of orders, or shipments, may be many months away.



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INSIGHT

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- ♦ Bahamian ownership / content

Prequalification packages will be available for pick up at the Ledcor Construction Bahamas Limited site office at Lynden Pindling International Airport, Windsor Field Road, by phone at 242-677-5417 or by email request at infoC230@ledcor.com. Interested contractors must obtain a prequalification package by August 7, 2009



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BUSINESS

Bank still eyeing \$40m-plus profit

FROM page 1B

"If we get through September, and the hotels do not feel it's disastrous", both Commonwealth Bank and the Bahamian economy would be able to "muddle through" to the end of 2009 without any further major damage, Mr Donaldson explained.

But the lingering uncertainty over whether there would be more major lay-offs in the resort sector, an event that would lead to more loan defaults, was why Commonwealth Bank had adopted its aggressive loan loss provisioning stance.

However, explaining the impact the recession has had on Commonwealth Bank's plans, Mr Donaldson told Tribune Business: "A lot of the new initiatives we were going to introduce are IT-related projects.

"They are expensive projects. We had got a debit card and a whole stream of things, but now is not the time to spend on that because we're not sure what the revenue earnings potential might be. Quite frankly, we've

put a lot of things on hold."

Still, Mr Donaldson said Commonwealth Bank's new Prince Charles Drive branch was set to open later this month on Monday, August 31, heralding the start of its Saturday banking initiative.

"We're going to experiment with that and do a Saturday opening from 9am to 1pm," Mr Donaldson told Tribune Business of the Prince Charles Drive branch. "Is there a need and appeal for people to bank on a Saturday morning?"

"We intend that that branch should open on Saturdays. We've done a costing on it, and if after three to four months it's a disaster, it's not going to wreck our profits at all."

The move follows Scotiabank (Bahamas) foray into Saturday morning retail banking via its newly-opened Caves Village facility, with Saturday banking being an established practice in major industrialised countries.

Mr Donaldson said Commonwealth Bank would staff the Prince Charles Branch with workers transferred from other parts of its business, and it was

also one of the few businesses seeking to recruit by hiring tellers with experience in the sector.

While Commonwealth Bank's net income before preference share dividends for the six months to June 30, 2009, was down by 15.6 per cent upon last year's comparative of \$24.509 million, this was largely due to the fact it had more than doubled loan loss provisions year-over-year.

These increased by 125.5 per cent to \$14.103 million, compared to \$6.255 million, and if the almost-\$8 million contingency had not been taken Commonwealth Bank's net income would have exceeded 2008 comparatives by some way.

Acknowledging that he had been criticised for the bank's aggressive loan loss provisioning, which at June 30, 2009, stood at 159 per cent (more than two times) in excess of Commonwealth Bank's non-performing loans, Mr Donaldson said: "I think that's the Central Banker in me.

"I believe in being prudent if things don't work out as we

think they might." He added that the bank could always write back the provisions it had made at year-end if they did not have to take them.

"I think the bank is positioned very well," Mr Donaldson said. "The whole system has liquidity. The big problem is that there's a whole heap of money and not that many qualified borrowers.

"The whole position is being exacerbated by the Government borrowing in US dollars and converting to Bahamian dollars, loan payments from borrowers in Bahamian dollars coming into the system, and weak demand for loans. We saw this from the beginning of the year. The loan demand is out there, but they are not people we want to lend to."

Weak credit demand is showing itself in Commonwealth Bank's loan book, which is flat and has actually declined year-over-year from \$1.049 billion to \$1.043 billion.

Yet Commonwealth Bank's total non-performing loans, as a percentage of the total loan portfolio, stood at just 1.95 per cent as at June 30, 2009, compared to 1.78 per cent at the end of the 2009 first quarter. This compared to an industry average of 7.77 per cent as at May 31, 2009.

Mr Donaldson said the bank's relative success in this area had resulted from its focus on consumer loans, typically between \$12,000-\$14,000, which meant the impact from a single default was minimal - as opposed to a large commercial loan going bad.

"I'm quite pleased with the half-year personally," Mr Donaldson added. "Where other companies are losing money, we're far from losing money." He added that by centralising the expenses approval process, the bank had trimmed its general and administrative expenses.

Commonwealth Bank's return on shareholder equity and return on assets, at 27 per cent and 2.6 per cent respectively, were slightly down on 2009 first quarter figures of 28 per cent and 2.7 per cent.

NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF
NORMAN STAFFORD SOLOMON

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims or demands against the above-named Estate are requested to send the same duly certified to the undersigned on or before 9th August 2009.

AND NOTICE is hereby also given that at the expiration of the time mentioned above, the assets of the late NORMAN STAFFORD SOLOMON will be distributed among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which the Authorized Officer of the Estate shall then have had Notice.

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BUSINESS

AutoNation 2Q profit falls 29%, revenue falls

By MICHAEL FELBERBAUM
AP Business Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — AutoNation Inc., the nation's largest auto dealership chain, said Friday that its second-quarter profit fell 29 per cent as consumers bought fewer cars in a stressed economy, but remained optimistic that the industry is beginning to stabilize.

AutoNation CEO Mike Jackson said new vehicle sales are likely to improve due to the "cash for clunkers" programme designed to encourage consumers to replace aging and fuel-inefficient cars with new ones.

Jackson said the company will increase its inventories in "a disciplined manner" to meet the budding demand for new vehicles in the second half of the year. AutoNation has been managing its orders for new vehicles to keep inventory in line with weak demand and has made about \$200 million in structural cost reductions.

AutoNation said it earned \$36.7 million, or 21 cents a share, in the three months ended June 30. That's down from \$51.8 million, or 29 cents a share, a year ago.

After adjusting for special items, the Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based company said it would have earned 29 cents a share from continuing operations. That is five cents above the analyst forecast of 24 cents a share, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters. Those estimates typically exclude one-time items.

AutoNation, which owns about 250 new-vehicle franchises in 15 states, said it experienced losses from discontinued operations primarily from franchise and property impairments. As of June 30, the company said it has sold or closed 21 locations, including seven Chrysler dealerships.

Revenue fell 28.7 per cent to \$2.61 billion from \$3.66 billion in the same quarter a year ago. Analysts expected \$2.8 billion in revenue.

"Clearly our productivity and cost-saving drive enabled us to deliver an absolutely solid profitability in the second quarter," Jackson said in an interview with The Associated Press. "For this tough environment, to be able to put up that type of number is a very satisfying result."

Shares of AutoNation fell 62 cents, or three per cent, to \$20.01 in morning trading.

Over the previous 52 weeks, the stock traded between \$3.97 and \$21.33.

Sales of new vehicles at AutoNation stores fell 38 per cent during the quarter, but the company said it fared better than its peers. Industry-wide, new vehicle sales fell about 40 per cent, the company said, citing data compiled by CNW Research.

For the quarter, the company said domestic segment income was \$26 million compared with \$33 million in the year-ago period, with a 34 per cent decline in new vehicle sales. Income from imported vehicles declined to \$42 million from \$57 million last year, with an 41 per cent drop in new vehicle sales. Premium luxury income was \$43 million compared with \$52 million a year ago, with a 34 per cent slip in new vehicle sales.

Jackson said government efforts to aid the industry in its recovery are helping. The "Cash for Clunkers" programme brought a 36 per cent surge of traffic and the Treasury Department's programme to ease the credit market will improve conditions.

"You were in a downward spiral and every quarter was worse than the quarter before and you didn't know where the bottom was going to be," Jackson said. "Clearly we found stabilization in the second quarter. ... and now the industry is positioned for a gradual recovery."

But the "Cash for Clunkers" programme may be running out of money after only a matter of days as car shoppers flocked to dealerships to take advantage of the rebates.

Democrats in the House were exploring the possibility of votes as early as Friday on legislation pouring an additional \$2 billion into the car purchase programme. The Senate was not scheduled to vote on Friday but lawmakers hoped to win approval for more funding next week.

Reps. Sander Levin, D-Mich., and Betty Sutton, D-Ohio, said lawmakers from the two states were assured by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood that the programme would continue while the Obama administration looked for more money.

At the White House, press secretary Robert Gibbs

sought to assure consumers that the programme is still running and will be alive "this weekend."

"If you were planning on going to buy a car this weekend, using this programme,

this programme continues to run," Gibbs told reporters. He would not commit to any timeframe beyond that.

• AP Auto Writer Kimberly Johnson in Detroit contributed to this report

NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Douglas Erskine late of 303 East Street on the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against the above Estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the Undersigned on or before the 10th day of August, A.D., 2009, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that all persons indebted to the said Estate of Robert Douglas Erskine are requested to make full settlement on or before the date hereinbefore mentioned.

LEANDRA A. ESFAKIS
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The Bahamas

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that JEFFERY ALEXANDER PETITFRERE JOSEPH of SHRIMP ROAD OFF CARMICHEAL ROAD, 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 28th day of July, 2009 to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT, CH. 308
Laws of The Bahamas, 2000 Edition

AND

IN THE MATTER of R. B. INVESTMENTS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

Pursuant to Rule 31 (3) of the Companies (winding-up) Rules Mr. Dayrri Butler of Moore Stephens Butler & Taylor, on Retirement Road, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas has been appointed as the Official Liquidator of the above-named Company which has been wound up by Order of the Supreme Court dated 30th day of June, 2009.

Dated this 8th day of July, A.D., 2009.

NOTICE

ESTATE OF DOROTHY FORGIE EVANS

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims or demands against the above-named Estate are requested to send the same duly certified to the undersigned on or before 9th August 2009.

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DIVIDEND NOTICE

TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS

The Board of Directors of Bahamas Waste Limited has declared a Dividend for Ordinary Shares, to all shareholders of record as at August 11th, 2009 of 5¢ per share.

The payment will be made on August 21st, 2009 by Colina Financial Advisors Ltd., the Registrar & Transfer Agent, in the usual Manner.

David B. Donald
Corporate Secretary

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BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,572.63 CHG 4.53 %CHG 0.29 YTD -139.73 YTD % -8.16											
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.81	1.28	Abaco Markets		1.39	1.39	0.00		0.127	0.000	10.9	0.00%
11.80	10.00	Bahamas Property Fund		11.00	11.00	0.00		0.992	0.200	11.1	1.82%
9.30	6.94	Bank of Bahamas		6.94	6.94	0.00		0.244	0.260	28.4	3.75%
0.89	0.63	Benchmark		0.63	0.63	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste		3.15	3.15	0.00		0.078	0.090	40.4	2.86%
2.37	2.14	Fidelity Bank		2.37	2.37	0.00		0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%
14.20	10.18	Cable Bahamas		11.39	11.39	0.00		1.406	0.250	8.1	2.19%
2.88	2.74	Colina Holdings		2.74	2.74	0.00		0.249	0.040	11.0	1.48%
7.50	5.50	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		5.62	5.71	0.09	10,750	0.419	0.360	13.6	6.30%
4.78	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs		3.53	3.51	-0.02		0.111	0.052	31.6	1.48%
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital		1.82	1.82	0.00		0.240	0.080	7.6	4.40%
8.20	6.60	Farmguard		6.60	6.60	0.00		0.420	0.240	15.7	3.84%
12.50	10.00	Finco		10.79	10.79	0.00		0.322	0.520	33.5	4.82%
11.71	10.34	FirstCaribbean Bank		10.34	10.34	0.00		0.794	0.350	13.0	3.38%
5.53	4.95	Foccl (S)		5.13	5.13	0.00		0.332	0.150	15.5	2.92%
1.00	1.00	Foccl Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.45	0.30	Freeport Concrete		0.30	0.30	0.00		0.035	0.000	8.6	0.00%
9.02	5.50	ICD Utilities		5.49	5.49	0.00		0.407	0.500	13.5	9.11%
12.00	10.39	J. S. Johnson		10.39	10.39	0.00		0.952	0.640	10.9	6.16%
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate		10.00	10.00	0.00		0.180	0.000	55.6	0.00%
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
14.60	14.25	Bahamas Supermarkets	7.92	8.42	14.60		-0.041	0.300	N/M	2.05%	
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	4.00	6.25	6.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%	
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.35		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
Colina 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	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date			
1.3860	1.3231	CFAL Bond Fund	1.3860	2.40	-4.75			30-Jun-09			
3.0351	2.8952	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8952	-1.52	-3.18			30-Jun-09			
1.4791	1.4042	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4791	3.17	5.33			17-Jul-09			
3.6990	3.1031	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.1031	-8.35	-13.82			30-Jun-09			
12.9801	12.3285	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	12.9801	2.87	5.79			31-May-09			
101.6693	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	101.6693	2.58	6.22			30-Jun-09			
100.9600	93.1992	CFAL Global Equity Fund	96.7398	0.35	-4.18			30-Jun-09			
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Dec-07			
9.4733	9.0775	Fidelity International Investment Fund	9.2765	2.00	-2.98			30-Jun-09			
1.0622	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0622	2.58	6.22			30-Jun-09			
1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0243	-0.84	2.43			30-Jun-09			
1.0585	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0585	2.04	5.85			30-Jun-09			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00						YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price					
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks						Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity					
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks						Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity					
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume						Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price					
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume						Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week					
Change - Change in closing price from day to day						EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths					
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today						NAV - Net Asset Value					
Div \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months						N/M - Not Meaningful					
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings						FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index, January 1, 1994 = 100					
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
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Fidelity 'scales back our expansion plans quite significantly'

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non-performing loan category, which measures loans more than 90 days past due, Mr Sunderji said Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) was at "5. something per cent", as opposed to the industry average of 7.8 per cent.

"Hopefully, we will remain below the industry average because our credit exposure has been very conservatively focused," he told Tribune Business.

Some 81 per cent of Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) loan portfolio was concentrated on residential mortgages secured on the borrowers' primary residences, something that strengthened both the likelihood of repayment and mitigated the bank's risk, as it had physical assets as security.

"We want to make sure we get back what we lend," Mr Sunderji told Tribune Business. Our risk is low, because our consumer instalment loan book is smaller at 19 per cent."

The bank had used its 2008 financial year to position itself for loan book and profit growth in its 2009 and 2010 financial

years, but Mr Sunderji said these goals had to be placed on the backburner due to the recession.

"We've scaled back our expansion plans quite significantly, and are being very selective about who we lend to," Mr Sunderji told Tribune Business. "Our plans are on hold for the next 15-18 months. We expected to grow our balance sheet, but credit demand has dropped quite significantly and we do not want to be seeking growth when the quality of applicants does not meet the standard. We've pulled back from growth plans. We're not seeing the kind of credit quality we want to see in our loan applications, making us much more choosy and selective."

However, Mr Sunderji said the massive build up in commercial banking sector liquidity - now understood by Tribune Business to be just shy of \$500 million - was expected to compensate Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) and other institutions for the increased loan loss provisions by enhancing interest margins.

"We expect some margin improvements," he explained.

"We expect that as the cost of money reduces over time, due to all the liquidity, that will help mitigate against the increased loan loss provisions."

Mr Sunderji said that while Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) expected that asset quality would not "deteriorate as rapidly as it has done" during the 2009 first half, the decline was likely to continue through the remainder of 2009 and into 2010 before there was any recovery. This was due to the overall economy's weak health, coupled with rising unemployment and reduced incomes, making it increasingly difficult for borrowers to repay their loans.

"We are very focused on expense control and expense reduction, because the top line is not growing. We're seeing increased loan loss provisions, and have to make up for this increase by controlling the expenses that are more controllable," Mr Sunderji added.

"Risk management rather than growth management" was the order of the day, Mr Sunderji added, with both banks and borrowers now more risk averse.

Private credit shrinks by \$10-\$20m

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

PRIVATE sector credit has shrunk by between \$10-\$20 million during the 2009 first half, Tribune Business understands, compared to growth of around \$200 million for the year-before period as Bahamian consumers reduce their borrowing and banks cut back on lending.

However, banking industry sources, speaking to Tribune Business on condition of anonymity, said the decline did not reflect the fact that Bahamian consumers and businesses were deleveraging and reducing their debts, but rather that they were not doing any new borrowing.

Many were unable to deleverage, the sources

explained, because with incomes and salaries not rising they simply had no funds to allocate to increased debt servicing. Therefore, there is unlikely to be any major reduction in privately held debt, which at June 30, 2009, is understood to have been pegged at \$2.8 billion in mortgage loans and \$2.8 billion in consumer loans.

Meanwhile, Tribune Business understands that total loans in arrears - those where payments are 30 days past due - in June 2009 actually dropped slightly below the 14 per cent mark they had reached in May. However, non-performing loans rose slightly from 7.7 per cent to 7.8 per cent of total outstanding loans.

However, commercial

banking sector liquidity and the foreign reserves were healthy, standing at close to \$500 million and just over \$700 million at end-July 2009.

* Tribune Business has been told that interconnection between the Bahamas Telecommunications Company's (BTC) and IndiGo Networks fixed-line voice networks was "nearly back to normal" on Friday afternoon, following a five-day interruption caused by BTC's installation of a new switch related to its next generation network.

For five days BTC and IndiGo customers had been unable to connect with one another, but Paul Hutton-Ashkeny, IndiGo's president, said repairs had "broken the back" of the problem.

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Azaria crowned Miss Global International

The match maker

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OMEKE MOORE

Omeke Moore has dedicated much of her time to helping others in the ultimate quest for love - by providing match maker skills to likely candidates.

"I was really a good match maker since high school and always matched up friends and family. In college I matched up a lot of my best friends and people all the time and it was always successful so I decided to go into business for myself. I have a degree in business and have done two levels of psychology and also sociology. These were my best classes. I understand and communicate very well with people and I match people based on personality, my own intuition and the aura I feel surrounding you when you come in," Mrs Moore said.

When dealing with people there will always be challenges and Mrs Moore said she has seen quite a few.

"I see more ups than downs. The ups are that people are so excited about it and the fact that they trust me so much because of my intuition. The downs I would say would be the narrow minded people who have been burned, people who have had bad relationships and they come with a closed heart. However, I tell them that I am good at this and to let me do my job- All I request is an open mind because you can't find love if you are not open to love," Mrs Moore said.

Mrs Moore said although her business is very new, just starting in April, she has rooted herself in the Bahamas.

"I have been in Atlanta since 2003 and I have been out of the Bahamas since 2000 and I decided to come back and do something here. The age bracket I start with 18 and up. I have had 18 year olds coming in looking for love," Mrs Moore said.

Mrs Moore said since she has been here she has had three success stories and she is excited that Bahamians are opening up to this kind of service- the service of finding love.

"With my expertise I feel that I can offer them something more than they can offer themselves. What you might see in a relationship might not be what your mother sees for you or what I see for you. You might pick bad boys and that is not what I see for you, I might see that you need someone to give you some balance in your life. I actually want to see people happy-this is not about money as I feel I was born with a gift to connect people. So I feel by me putting in my input, I can find you something better than you can choose on your own in some cases," Mrs Moore said.

In the end, Mrs Moore said her goal is to help people find the best quality mates out there.

"I do a lot of research as far as their background to find out a lot more. I'm not just matching on what you want physically, but I base it on personality, character as well as physical appearance. It's not about finding a good looking man because there has to be quality and substance behind that good looking man."

To find out more about the Perfect Match, email Mrs Moore at [HYPERLINK "mailto:aperfectmatch76@yahoo.com"](mailto:aperfectmatch76@yahoo.com) aperfectmatch76@yahoo.com or 327-4319.

BEAUTY QUEEN — Miss Global Bahamas Azaria Cleare returned home Sunday after being crowned Miss Global International during the pageant at the RIU resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica, on Saturday. She topped second runner-up, Miss Jamaica Adrianna Bryan and Miss Nicaragua Iris Ordenana...

(Photo by Felipe Major/Tribune staff)

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GARDENING



BRIDAL BOUQUET will stay in bloom until after Christmas and keeps its foliage all year long, unusual for a frangipani...

The month of August...

GARDENER JACK

Hot enough for you? Summer was a long time coming but has made up for lost time.

The vegetable garden is usually moribund at this stage of the year unless you are fond of okra, field beans and snake beans. Snake beans (also called yard-long or asparagus beans) do best when grown on a trellis. Although the beans can grow to over two feet they are best picked when about 12 inches long and before the interior bean seed have matured.

Royal poinciana trees are still in full bloom but are joined by yellow poinciana (*Peltophorum inerme*) that holds its flowers up on stiff panicles like candles on a Christmas tree.

A whole host of flowering shrubs is at their best right now including queen's crepe myrtle and bridal bouquet, a long-flowering white form of frangipani that will bloom until past Christmas and keeps its attractive foliage year round.

The summer stalwarts of cosmos, vinca, Mexican sunflower and marigolds are among the few cultivated annuals that are thriving while gladioli, tuberose, gingers and zephyranthes will perform during August.

Late mangoes are full on the trees while Keitt mangoes are waiting until September or even October to become fully ripe. When it comes to fruit, August belongs to guavas. It will soon be guava duff time.

The first carambolas may ripen during the



YELLOW POINCIANA is a distant relative of Royal Poinciana and has a completely different way of presenting its flowers...



SNAKE BEANS (asparagus beans, yard-long beans) are best picked when they are 12 inches long...

month as may the first sea grapes. Coco plums are still plentiful.

Bananas, of course, are produced year round but are particularly plentiful during the summer months. The barbecue season is also year round in The Bahamas and you may wish to throw a few bananas or plantains onto the grill, unpeeled, until the skin blackens. The flesh turns exquisitely sweet and can be used as a side instead of fried plantains, or as a dessert along with ice cream.

While on the grill you may like to toast some fresh coconut pieces. These need to be watched carefully as they burn easily, but toasted coconut has a distinct taste that makes the effort worthwhile. I guarantee that children will ensure they are all eaten.

All may seem well in our respective gardens of Eden but August is the month when we first start thinking seriously about hurricanes. I suggest you take a walk around your garden and allow your mind to fix upon a worst-case

scenario. Are there any trees near power lines?

What damage will be done if a tree topples in this direction, that direction? What shrubs need to be pruned to allow wind to pass through them? Which need to be pruned for size? Which may slap against structures? What in the garden needs anchoring down or storing inside?

When confirmation of a threatening hurricane arrives it may be too late to do much to the garden because there are many other hurricane precautions to be taken with respect to family and home.

Professional tree trimmers will be fully booked and your favourite factotum may be offered a higher daily rate by someone else and disappear. You're on your own like Pat Boone. If we get our garden hurricane work done during early August we can concentrate on other matters when a storm threatens.

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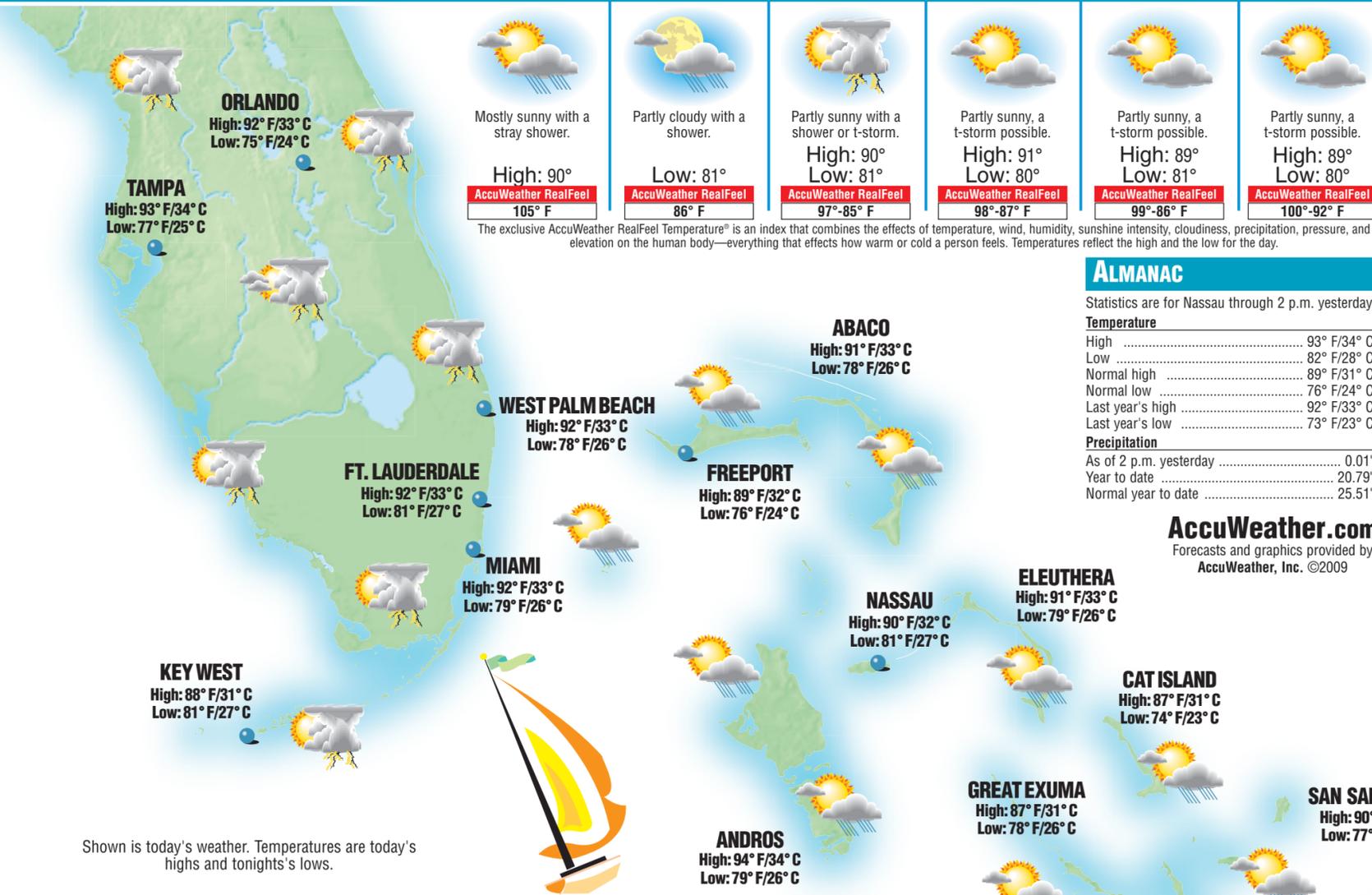
THE WEATHER REPORT



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5-DAY FORECAST



TODAY

Mostly sunny with a stray shower.

High: 90°
AccuWeather RealFeel
105° F

TONIGHT

Partly cloudy with a shower.

Low: 81°
AccuWeather RealFeel
86° F

WEDNESDAY

Partly sunny with a shower or t-storm.

High: 90°
Low: 81°
AccuWeather RealFeel
97°-85° F

THURSDAY

Partly sunny, a t-storm possible.

High: 91°
Low: 80°
AccuWeather RealFeel
98°-87° F

FRIDAY

Partly sunny, a t-storm possible.

High: 89°
Low: 81°
AccuWeather RealFeel
99°-86° F

SATURDAY

Partly sunny, a t-storm possible.

High: 89°
Low: 80°
AccuWeather RealFeel
100°-92° F

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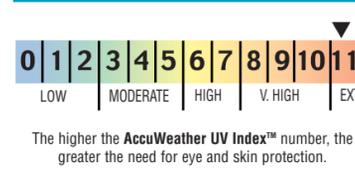
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Temperature
High 93° F/34° C
Low 82° F/28° C
Normal high 89° F/31° C
Normal low 76° F/24° C
Last year's high 92° F/33° C
Last year's low 73° F/23° C

Precipitation
As of 2 p.m. yesterday 0.01"
Year to date 20.79"
Normal year to date 25.51"

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UV INDEX TODAY



TIDES FOR NASSAU

	High	Ht. (ft.)	Low	Ht. (ft.)
Today	7:28 a.m.	2.4	1:27 a.m.	0.3
	7:54 p.m.	2.9	1:25 p.m.	0.3
Wednesday	8:08 a.m.	2.5	2:05 a.m.	0.3
	8:31 p.m.	2.9	2:07 p.m.	0.3
Thursday	8:46 a.m.	2.6	2:41 a.m.	0.2
	9:06 p.m.	2.8	2:47 p.m.	0.3
Friday	9:22 a.m.	2.7	3:15 a.m.	0.2
	9:40 p.m.	2.8	3:25 p.m.	0.3

SUN AND MOON



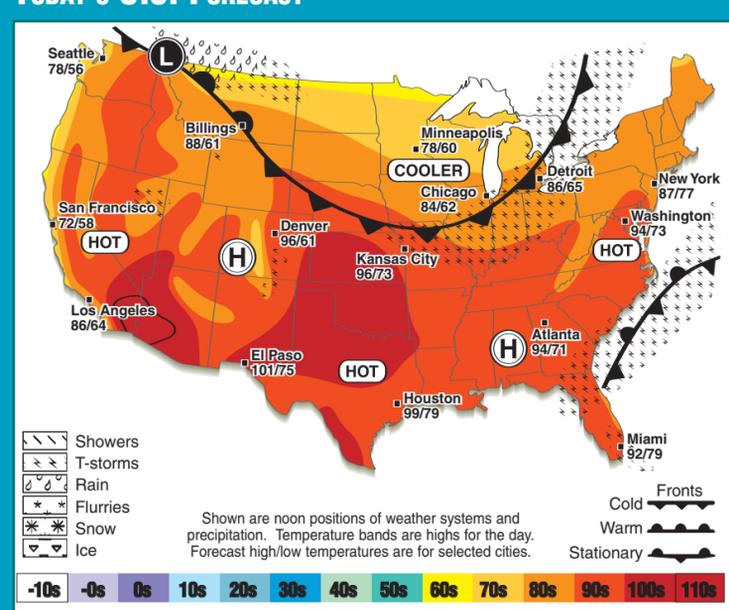
WORLD CITIES

	Today		Wednesday	
	High F/C	Low F/C	High F/C	Low F/C
Acapulco	88/31	79/26	t	87/30 80/26 s
Amsterdam	73/22	61/16	pc	77/25 61/16 pc
Ankara, Turkey	88/31	61/16	s	91/32 61/16 s
Athens	95/35	77/25	s	93/33 75/23 s
Auckland	58/14	47/8	pc	59/15 47/8 s
Bangkok	89/31	77/25	sh	91/32 77/25 t
Barbados	86/30	77/25	sh	87/30 77/25 s
Barcelona	81/27	69/20	s	80/26 67/19 s
Beijing	93/33	75/23	pc	90/32 73/22 pc
Beirut	82/27	80/26	s	84/28 78/25 s
Belgrade	87/30	65/18	c	88/31 67/19 t
Berlin	73/22	55/12	c	77/25 57/13 s
Bermuda	81/27	75/23	sh	82/27 75/23 t
Bogota	66/18	45/7	pc	67/19 46/7 sh
Brussels	77/25	59/15	pc	82/27 61/16 pc
Budapest	93/33	64/17	t	90/32 63/17 t
Buenos Aires	65/18	46/7	pc	63/17 49/9 c
Cairo	101/38	76/24	s	102/38 75/23 s
Calcutta	96/35	87/30	t	95/35 87/30 r
Calgary	55/12	44/6	r	59/15 46/7 c
Cancun	90/32	73/22	t	91/32 72/22 sh
Caracas	81/27	72/22	t	83/28 72/22 t
Casablanca	87/30	69/20	s	85/29 70/21 s
Copenhagen	73/22	59/15	sh	77/25 60/15 s
Dublin	66/18	52/11	pc	64/17 50/10 sh
Frankfurt	79/26	57/13	pc	83/28 59/15 s
Geneva	77/25	54/12	s	82/27 57/13 s
Halifax	74/23	59/15	pc	74/23 59/15 s
Havana	90/32	73/22	t	88/31 73/22 r
Helsinki	73/22	54/12	pc	75/23 59/15 pc
Hong Kong	95/35	82/27	r	93/33 82/27 r
Islamabad	111/43	85/29	s	109/42 85/29 s
Istanbul	91/32	75/23	s	90/32 75/23 s
Jerusalem	88/31	64/17	s	89/31 64/17 s
Johannesburg	67/19	45/7	s	66/18 46/7 s
Kingston	89/31	79/26	pc	89/31 79/26 r
Lima	71/21	60/15	s	72/22 59/15 s
London	73/22	59/15	r	75/23 59/15 sh
Madrid	97/36	63/17	s	97/36 66/18 s
Manila	82/27	77/25	r	83/28 77/25 t
Mexico City	77/25	51/10	t	75/23 52/11 t
Monterrey	107/41	76/24	s	107/41 75/23 s
Montreal	84/28	64/17	t	75/23 57/13 pc
Moscow	68/20	54/12	r	68/20 52/11 pc
Munich	73/22	52/11	sh	78/25 50/10 s
Nairobi	75/23	54/12	r	77/25 53/11 c
New Delhi	99/37	82/27	pc	97/36 83/28 pc
Oslo	72/22	58/14	c	73/22 59/15 pc
Paris	79/26	64/17	pc	86/30 66/18 pc
Prague	72/22	54/12	r	79/26 56/13 c
Rio de Janeiro	73/22	65/18	c	80/26 71/21 pc
Riyadh	104/40	78/25	s	104/40 79/26 s
Rome	82/27	63/17	pc	86/30 65/18 s
St. Thomas	89/31	80/26	sh	89/31 79/26 sh
San Juan	70/21	37/2	s	69/20 33/0 s
San Salvador	87/30	74/23	pc	86/30 74/23 t
Santiago	59/15	39/3	pc	55/12 37/2 pc
Santo Domingo	86/30	74/23	pc	86/30 74/23 sh
Sao Paulo	68/20	54/12	c	77/25 61/16 s
Seoul	84/28	73/22	pc	81/27 75/23 sh
Stockholm	75/23	54/12	pc	76/24 57/13 pc
Sydney	66/18	48/8	pc	66/18 46/7 s
Taipei	93/33	84/28	t	91/32 86/30 t
Tokyo	82/27	75/23	pc	82/27 77/25 sh
Toronto	82/27	57/13	t	75/23 54/12 s
Trinidad	90/32	64/17	s	95/35 64/17 s
Vancouver	72/22	60/15	s	74/23 58/14 s
Vienna	77/25	64/17	t	76/24 67/19 c
Warsaw	75/23	57/13	c	72/22 55/12 sh
Winnipeg	68/20	49/9	pc	70/21 52/11 pc

MARINE FORECAST

	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
NASSAU	Today: E at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	5-10 Miles	86° F
	Wednesday: SE at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	5-10 Miles	86° F
FREEPORT	Today: ESE at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	5-10 Miles	85° F
	Wednesday: SSE at 6-12 Knots	6-12 Feet	5-10 Miles	85° F
ABACO	Today: SE at 7-14 Knots	2-3 Feet	5-10 Miles	85° F
	Wednesday: SE at 7-14 Knots	2-3 Feet	5-10 Miles	85° F

TODAY'S U.S. FORECAST



U.S. CITIES

	Today			Wednesday		
	High F/C	Low F/C	W	High F/C	Low F/C	W
Albuquerque	98/36	69/20	pc	98/36	70/21	pc
Anchorage	67/19	54/12	pc	67/19	56/13	r
Atlanta	94/34	71/21	pc	88/31	71/21	t
Atlantic City	90/32	70/21	pc	92/33	66/18	t
Baltimore	92/33	68/20	s	90/32	68/20	t
Boston	87/30	70/21	s	89/31	65/18	t
Buffalo	84/28	63/17	t	76/24	57/13	pc
Charleston, SC	91/32	73/22	t	94/34	74/23	t
Chicago	84/28	62/16	t	83/28	61/16	pc
Cleveland	84/28	67/19	t	81/27	57/13	pc
Dallas	100/37	78/25	s	101/38	78/25	s
Denver	96/35	61/16	t	97/36	61/16	pc
Detroit	86/30	65/18	t	84/28	60/15	s
Honolulu	89/31	76/24	s	90/32	77/25	s
Houston	99/37	79/26	s	99/37	79/26	s
Indianapolis	88/31	69/20	t	86/30	65/18	pc
Jacksonville	90/32	71/21	t	93/33	74/23	t
Kansas City	96/35	73/22	t	90/32	69/20	t
Las Vegas	106/41	80/26	pc	106/41	83/28	s
Little Rock	98/36	74/23	s	99/37	76/24	pc
Los Angeles	86/30	64/17	pc	86/30	64/17	pc
Louisville	92/33	73/22	t	89/31	73/22	t
Memphis	96/35	77/25	s	96/35	76/24	t
Miami	92/33	79/26	pc	90/32	80/26	t
Minneapolis	78/25	60/15	pc	81/27	60/15	s
Nashville	94/34	72/22	t	88/31	70/21	t
New Orleans	94/34	77/25	t	92/33	76/24	t
New York	87/30	77/25	pc	89/31	71/21	t
Oklahoma City	100/37	74/23	s	101/38	73/22	s
Orlando	92/33	75/23	t	93/33	76/24	t
Philadelphia	92/33	72/22	s	90/32	70/21	t
Phoenix	110/43	87/30	s	112/44	87/30	s
Pittsburgh	85/29	65/18	t	82/27	60/15	t
Portland, OR	86/30	58/14	pc	83/28	59/15	pc
Raleigh-Durham	96/35	69/20	s	94/34	68/20	t
St. Louis	92/33	76/24	t	93/33	74/23	t
Salt Lake City	94/34	69/20	pc	95/35	68/20	pc
San Antonio	99/37	77/25	s	98/36	76/24	s
San Diego	78/25	69/20	pc	77/25	66/18	pc
San Francisco	72/22	58/14	pc	72/22	58/14	pc
Seattle	78/25	56/13	s	77/25	58/14	pc
Tallahassee	94/34	72/22	t	94/34	72/22	t
Tampa	93/33	77/25	t	92/33	76/24	t
Tucson	104/40	80/26	pc	104/40	81/27	s
Washington, DC	94/34	73/22	s	94/34	72/22	t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Prcp-precipitation, Tr-trace

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