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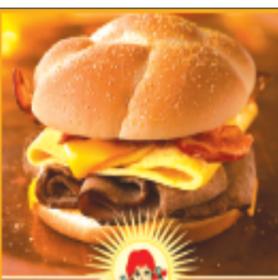
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EIGHT DIE IN PLANE CRASH

Flight falls into Lake Killarney moments after leaving airport

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HORROR unfolded as a flight to San Salvador crashed moments after take-off from the Lynden Pindling International Airport claiming the lives of all eight people on board yesterday.

Smoke was seen steaming from the left engine of the Cessna 402 as it left the Executive Flight Support runway just after 12.30pm. Air Traffic Control officials in the control tower informed pilot Nelson Hanna of the smoke just before his plane crashed into the nearby lake.

Taxi driver Chuck Farrington said he saw the airplane takeoff and turn on its side as if to return to the runway when the nine-seater passenger plane dropped directly into Lake Killarney on the eastern side of Coral Harbour Road.

Mr Farrington and the woman driver in front of him pulled over as soon as they saw the plane crash into the water and attempted to stop passing traffic as he called 911.

A car with about four men inside then came speeding towards the scene of the crash and another man ran towards the wreckage on foot, Mr Farrington said.

He stood by the lakeside as Nassau Airport Development (NAD) employee William Bethel waded out in around 3ft deep water to the wrecked plane around a quarter of a mile from the shore.

"It was a nasty scene, a terrible scene," Mr Bethel said.

"Everybody's legs, arms

and necks were broken, spines were broken, heads gashed open.

"There was no chance of survival; they died on impact."

Just one of the eight men on board was found breathing as the remaining seven bodies were hauled from the wreckage and received by emergency crews.

The living man was lifted into an ambulance to be taken to Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH), but attempts to save him proved fruitless as he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The remaining seven men were pronounced dead at the scene.

"It was just fellas floating in the water," said a pilot who had rushed out to help.

"They probably died on impact, but some of the guys were missing body parts and covered in gashes and wounds from where they probably got bounced around in the cabin."

Dozens of Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) officers rushed out to the mangled plane on small watercraft within minutes of the crash, as dozens more police officers arrived as well as emergency crews from the Nassau Airport Development company (NAD), Civil Aviation Department, and crime scene investigators.

Assistant Superintendent Hulan Hanna said all crews moved quickly to secure the area and pick through the wreckage. He praised their thorough and immediate response.

He also confirmed the pilot and six remaining passengers were pronounced dead at the scene.

All eight men were in

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'A TERRIBLE SCENE'

(TOP) The remains of the Cessna 402 can be seen on the surface of Lake Killarney.

(ABOVE) Emergency services at the scene of the crash, in which eight people died.

(LEFT) A body is removed after yesterday's crash. Nassau Airport Development (NAD) employee William Bethel said: 'It was a nasty scene, a terrible scene.'

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

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• LAKE KILLARNEY PLANE CRASH TRAGEDY •

Warning over 'safety risks' of unauthorised charter operators

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CIVIL aviation authorities are urging Bahamians to take heed of the safety risks when flying with unauthorised charter operators.

Inspector Delvin Major, accident investigator with the Civil Aviation Authority, said the Acklins Blue aircraft that crashed yesterday killing eight passengers was not an authorised charter operator.

"This is what can happen when you fly with hackers," said Inspector Major. "It can happen again. The holiday weekend is coming up, so Bahamians should take heed," he said.

Inspector Major said the pilot Nelson Hanna had a valid commercial pilot's licence; however, his company was not authorised to operate charter.

Hacking has become a part of aviation culture, according to some members of the industry. They claim aviation professionals and government regulators are perpetuating the lax culture, because it is more "convenient" and



CRASH SCENE: Defence Force officers remove a body after yesterday's plane crash.

"cheaper."

Authorities have accused passengers of colluding with pilots to evade the authorities.

Flights by hackers are cheaper because they do not pay commercial liability insurance, do not spend money on approved maintenance programmes for their aircraft, do not spend money on pilot training programmes, and are not held to the same standards, said Inspector Major.

Tribune sources say government employees, including island administrators, government ministers and police officers frequently utilise unauthorised charters.

One senior pilot said passengers are not the only ones enabling the practice. He said once passengers see the companies operating they believe civil aviation is regulating the industry and assume the companies are legitimate.

Staff from the Department of

Culture said they knew the pilot and company owner Nelson Hanna well, because the department used his company frequently for culture events in the family islands.

A *Tribune* source also alleges that the National Insurance Board had a contract with Acklins Blue and the aircraft "flew government people all of the time".

The Acklins Blue website lists air charter as one service offered by Acklins Blue Companies (ABC), although the authorities claim it is not an authorised charter company.

The other services listed under the group of companies are real estate services and purified water products.

The website claims the company's charter service operates from the Executive Flight Support terminal at the Nassau Lynden Pindling Airport.

Alfonso Bowe, manager at EFS, said Mr Hanna's aircraft was often parked at the terminal, but it was a "transient" aircraft that utilised other facilities.

"We offer personalized air transportation services throughout the Bahamas and to destinations in

Cuba, Dominican Republic, Cayman Isles and the Turks and Caicos Islands. We also offer regular service to Eleuthera and Harbour Island.

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Mr Hanna was said to be "well known" and "well liked" by fellow pilots. Byron Woodside, president of the Bahamas Pilot's Alliance, said "something extreme" must have happened for the plane to come down, because Mr Hanna was a "seasoned pilot."

The Acklins Blue website states Captain Hanna was the chief pilot

for the company with "more than 10,000 flying hours and over 19 years of experience."

It states he was "regarded as one of the best charter pilots in the country."

The mood was somber in the pilot's lounge at the airport yesterday, as fellow pilots tried to get information about the crash.

The risks of flying with unauthorised charters include: a lack of safety checks and oversight by the regulators; uncertainty about the maintenance status of the aircraft; possibility of no insurance coverage for commercial operations; questionable medical status for pilots, according to Inspector Major.

VISAGE SOUND ENGINEER DIES IN PLANE CRASH



TRAGIC: sound engineer Lavard Curtis.

LOCAL soca and rake n' scrape band Visage lost its sound engineer in yesterday's tragic plane crash in Lake Killarney.

Some of the other passengers – while not members of the band – have worked closely with Visage over the years, said band leader Obie Pindling.

Mr Pindling did not name the sound engineer, but he is said to be Lavard Curtis, 26, of South Beach.

Another passenger, Nat Williams, reportedly worked closely with the band on its first album "Energy" released in 1996.

Visage was set to perform at San Salvador's homecoming event today, according to island administrator Terrece Bootle-Bethel.

Condolences

Although declining to speak to The Tribune about the tragedy, Mr Pindling expressed his condolences through a short statement posted on his Facebook page hours after the plane crashed.

"The Visage family has suffered a tremendous loss today. Rumours are circulating that the band members were on the plane," wrote Mr Pindling, son of former Prime Minister Sir Lynden Pindling.

"One of the occupants is a present member of the Visage family and the rest are

all considered family because of our very close association over the years. On behalf of everyone in Visage family, past and present, we extend our deepest sympathies to the families of everyone involved in the accident."

Before releasing the statement, Mr Pindling confirmed to The Tribune that the band's sound engineer was on board the plane.

Stage

The nine-seater Cessna 402 aircraft crashed into Lake Killarney moments after take off. The group was flying to San Salvador from Nassau to set up a performance stage for the island's homecoming this week.

Visage, the Bahamas' self-proclaimed number one party band, was formed in 1981 by Mr Pindling.

They are behind a number of local hits such as "Put Ya Flags Up" and "Hold Ya Head."

According to Inspector Delvin Major, an accident investigator with Civil Aviation, Nelson Hanna piloted the plane, which was operated by the company Acklins Blue.

The plane crashed in the shallow waters of Lake Killarney just moments after taking off from Lynden Pindling International Airport at 12.30 yesterday afternoon.



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From the time he was a small child, Michael Munnings wanted to be like his dad. "My father was a banker," said Munnings. "I helped him design templates and forms on the computer. I was nine when I developed my first spreadsheet. My father couldn't believe it."

Inspired by his father, Munnings decided to pursue a career in banking. He started as a teller and was quickly promoted to various roles in the banking system, including Loan Officer, Assistant Manager of Consumer Credit, Senior Manager of Sales and Marketing, Sr. Manager of Credit Solutions and Director of Retail Banking. This past June, Munnings decided to join RBC as Manager of Customer Service & Operations, with responsibility for overseeing service delivery throughout RBC's 11 banking centres in New Providence and Grand Bahama.

According to Munnings, RBC is a growing company that demonstrates many strengths in the financial services industry. "RBC is focused on delivering exceptional financial products and services to the community, while remaining keenly focused on its clients," he said. In addition, RBC's commitment to empowering employees and developing their talents supports Munnings' personal mantra that he learned from his father: "If you're doing something, be the best at it. Whatever you do, do it better than those before you."

When he's not at work, Munnings has a passion for drawing, especially drawing and shading with pencils. This creative side balances his financial proficiency and has fostered his desire to challenge the status quo and constantly learn more.

In 2006, Munnings obtained his MBA from the University of Miami. He has one son, Makio Alexander, who may one day follow in his footsteps.

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Listing of authorised charter companies

IN AN effort to crack down on illegal charter operators, the Flight Standards Inspectorate issued a September listing of authorised charter companies, otherwise known as aircraft operators certificate (AOC) holders.

"Please ensure that before you board an aircraft for the purpose of travelling away for the holiday or for business that you consider using the service of an authorised air charter operator," states a notice issued by the Flight Standard Inspectorate.

The list was circulated to charter operators, fixed base operators and Family Island airports.

Authorised AOC Holders (September List)

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'My daddy gone! I want to see daddy!'

Scenes of emotion during wait for news of loved ones



By ALISON LOWE
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FAMILY members and friends gathered at the Princess Margaret Hospital chapel to await confirmation of the condition of their loved ones after receiving word that they may have been onboard a twin-engine plane that nose-dived into Lake Killarney yesterday.

Dozens of people were crowded around the chapel at around 3.30pm when *The Tribune* arrived on the scene, some still hoping for information and some already grieving.

As the news became available, some family members emerged from the hospital's chapel and burst into tears while others wandered off in an apparent daze.

Among the more vocal was a young girl in school uniform, who called in grief for her dead father, screaming, "My daddy gone! I want to see my daddy!" before collapsing into the arms of a female relative.

A grandmother, Ivis Curtis, clutched two relatives after learning that her grandson, 26-year-old Lavard Curtis, to whom she had been a legal guardian since he was a child, had died. "He went to be with his Saviour!" she cried.

Speaking with this newspaper, Mrs Curtis described her grandson, who lived in South Beach, as a "good Christian."

"He went home, I might as well tell you. The home that he worked for from when he was five years old. He was on the Lord's side and he is still on the Lord's side," she said, regaining her composure after the initial shock.

Church of God of Prophecy Bishop Clarence Williams was also seen emerging from the chapel, having learnt of the death of his son, Clarence "Nat" Williams in the crash. He appeared sombre, but composed.

The Tribune understands



TRAGIC NEWS: Church of God of Prophecy Bishop Clarence Williams was also seen emerging from the chapel, having learnt of the death of his son, Clarence "Nat" Williams in the crash. He appeared sombre, but composed.

that another of the victims, BEC employee Kevin Farquharson, had only recently celebrated his birthday in the last few days and was supposed to be returning from Long Island to San Salvador after visiting his family when he caught the charter flight yesterday, having missed his Bahamasair connection.

Minister of Health, Dr Hubert Minnis, announced at a press conference inside the hospital's boardroom that it was "with great sadness" that he had to report that there were no survivors of the plane crash, which involved a twin-engine Cessna aircraft with a total of eight men - including the pilot, Nelson Hanna - on board.

Although one passenger, whose identity is unknown at this time, was removed from the scene still alive, he was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Authorities have yet to confirm the names of the deceased, but unofficial reports are that the dead include the pilot Nelson Hanna, a Defence Force officer Delton Roderick Taylor, Clarence "Nat" Williams, Chet Johnson, Lavard Curtis, Kevin Farquharson, Chester Benjamin and Devon Storr. *The Tribune* will update this information as more details are

confirmed. The majority, if not all of the men, were said to have been heading to San Salvador to set up a stage that was to be used in the homecoming regatta event there.

"Every effort is being made to assist family members at this time of great sadness ... no effort will be spared to provide grief counselling for family and friends of those affected by this tragedy," said Dr Minnis. He added that the Ministry of Health and Public Hospital Authority would advise the public on "any new developments that arise."

National Emergency Management Agency Commander Captain Stephen Russell, Chief Medical Officer Mercele Dahl-Regis, hospital administrator Coralee Adderley and Assistant Commissioner of Police John Ferguson were also present at the conference.

GRIEF-STRICKEN: A grandmother, Ivis Curtis, clutched two relatives after learning that her grandson, 26-year-old Lavard Curtis, to whom she had been a legal guardian since he was a child, had died. "He went to be with his Saviour!" she cried.

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FESTIVAL DECISION EXPECTED TODAY

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SAN Salvador's Homecoming Committee was scheduled to meet last night to determine whether their five-day festival will continue as planned or be scrapped due to yesterday's tragic plane crash.

Local administrator Terrece Bootle-Bethel said they will inform the public of their decision sometime today.

"Based on what I am getting back, most persons are in shock. We are grieving and trying to ascertain who was on that flight by trying to confirm the names of persons on the plane," she said.

As for the homecoming celebrations, which were scheduled to begin today, Mrs Bootle-Bethel said that they need to make a decision as quickly as possible as a number of flights have already been booked and funds already spent.

"A number of families are grieving their loved ones today. Many persons here knew the pilot and there was at least one resident of San Salvador on that flight.

"The death of colleagues and persons known to them is heavy, so we are going to get feedback and see if persons can move forward in light of the grief and burden to bear. So we will get our feedback from all persons involved and see what everyone is saying and advise the nation accordingly," she said.

Mrs Bethel said she is personally of the view that the local committee may want to proceed, but much of what is planned involves persons travelling by air to the island.

Because of today's tragedy, she said, travel to the island may be somewhat affected.

Mrs Bethel said those who already have tickets to fly to San Salvador should wait to hear from the committee before changing their plans.

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Time for vendors to get their house in order

“SHOWBOATING” on the sidelines is what government is calling the position taken by the PLP in the case of the nine jailed straw vendors in New York. We see it as the PLP playing its usual game — taking advantage of the ignorance of less fortunate people.

The position is that nine straw vendors went to New York in September on a shopping spree. According to their own admissions they knowingly purchased fake designer goods — brand named bags and jewellery — for resale at their market stalls on Bay Street. As they waited at the airport in New York to board their return flight to Nassau, loaded down with shopping bags of illegal goods, they were arrested and charged in a Manhattan court with conspiracy to defraud the US by trafficking in counterfeit merchandise.

Because Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette, who is also Minister of Foreign Affairs, made a public statement to the effect that vendors at home should take note of what had happened to their colleagues and govern themselves accordingly, the PLP are trying to infer that the government had abandoned the straw vendors. They had no intention of helping them, said the PLP, until the PLP got on their case and embarrassed them into action.

This, of course, is not true. The government was not embarrassed by the PLP's senseless haranguing. On learning of the vendors arrest all agents of government moved in to provide whatever help they could. Mr Symonette received a daily report from the Bahamas Consulate in New York, which provided assistance to the vendors and kept their families informed.

Almost immediately the Ministries of Education and Labour and Social Development assisted the families and children left behind in Nassau. The government also engaged legal counsel to represent the vendors.

But apparently that is not enough. The PLP want the government to help them with their bail, find suitable accommodation for them until they go to trial, resolve the bond issue “and see whether — since this is a government-to-government issue — to see if we can't through the attorneys seek to get the charges dropped.”

Fox Hill MP Fred Smith and Fort Charlotte MP Alfred Sears, both lawyers, should know that once a matter gets before the courts it ceases to be a government-to-government issue. Nobody can interfere with the judicial process. No one can do it in the Bahamas, nor can anyone do it in New York. It is, therefore, wrong to take advantage of less educated people, and make them believe that somehow governments can negotiate

with the courts. Should offenders facing our courts in Nassau and jail time in HM Prison expect the same consideration from their government? These PLP lawyers should know that the symbol of a blindfolded justice sends out the message that all persons are equal before the Law and each gets equal justice — regardless of who they happen to be. The most the Bahamas government can do is to ensure that the vendors have good legal representation and are judged fairly. The vendors cannot expect more than that — and it is wrong of the PLP to fool them into believing otherwise. The law cannot be bent to accommodate them. As for those still in Nassau, who want to find wiggle room to continue the illicit trade, they should take Mr Symonette's wise advice and get their stalls in order before the police have to come and do it for them.

The PLP should be the last to be crowing when we discover that when the matter of the counterfeit goods should have been settled in 2006, a “senior government official” in the PLP administration instructed a “senior police official” not to raid the vendors' stalls, but let them continue to sell their goods. These instructions came after police raided the warehouse on East Street, allegedly the supplier of the counterfeit goods, and were prepared to move onto the straw market to put a stop to the illegal trade there.

The police's lack of action in stamping out the trade in 2006 led the US government to unfairly conclude that Bahamian police officers were “complicit” in the straw market's counterfeit commerce. From the information we now have the police turned a blind eye to what was going on in the market on instructions in 2006 from a “senior government official.”

This is why we find the holier-than-thou position now being taken by the PLP not only farcical, but insincere. If they are so concerned, why don't some of them take up a collection and help pay the bail for the ladies who are now in distress?

They should also go to the straw market and — despite the famous remarks of one reverend gentlemen that “principles don't put food on the table” — instruct the ladies that the continued illegal sale of counterfeit goods that once put food on their tables, will now land them in jail.

We recommend to the straw vendors that instead of being lulled into a stupor by PLP words excusing their actions, they should heed the sound advice of Mr Symonette, who said: “As a result of these charges, I highly recommend that Bahamians be guided accordingly.”

In other words quickly clean up your act and abide by the law.

The straw market and the issue of counterfeit goods

EDITOR, The Tribune.

On November 29, 2006 Police and Customs Officers raided an East Street warehouse where they seized a massive quantity of handbags and other items later identified to be counterfeits of goods manufactured by designers such as Gucci and other world famous companies.

Police and Customs Officers arrested persons allegedly responsible for the operation at the warehouse and seized the items as exhibits.

On January 11, 2007 two persons namely, Xishes and Yvette Ma were reportedly charged before the Magistrate's Court with offences related to the goods seized. Both persons are due to appear in Court on October 7, 2010 when the matter is

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likely to be completed.

I learned from my inquiries that the items found in the warehouse were being sold to local vendors for retail in the Straw Market and elsewhere.

This prompted me to inquire as to why the Police/Customs did not include the shelves and cupboards of the vendors in the Straw Market and anywhere else.

The response I received from a Senior Police Official was that a Senior Government Official told them to allow the vendors to sell the items that they already had for sale.

It would have been better to have seized the items and

have the vendors compensated by the wholesalers.

This alleged interference would have made the vendors feel secure in seeking a new market to purchase the items.

New York was the eventual choice.

The trade continued apparently undisturbed by the Police and Customs.

Our Legal Department must consider if what some of the vendors are perpetrating constitutes a contravention of the criminal law in The Bahamas — false pretences and fraud.

PAUL THOMPSON
SR.,

Former Assistant
Commissioner of Police,
Nassau,
October 1, 2010.

The proposed Chinese highway between the Airport and the six-legged roundabout is purely for Atlantis

EDITOR, The Tribune.

IS THERE any ambience in New Providence or are our MP's all wearing purple sunshades?

The proposed Chinese highway between Lynden Pindling Airport and the six-legged roundabout is purely and simply for Atlantis but regrettably we had a golden opportunity of improving the run from the airport to Atlantis and solve the worst traffic hold-up that at East Street and Independence.

An overpass or underpass here would have allowed the priority of the East-West Highway to be a real highway with no obstruction but we will now build and artificially landscape a road simply to put more traffic on West Bay between Saunders Beach roundabout which should have been a 'T' junction with traffic lights to downtown snarling up more than ever downtown.

Drive along West Bay after leaving Goodman's you can't see the ocean till a

snap at Sandport and then pass BTC till Orange Hill but from Orange Hill till Old Fort and beyond you hardly see the ocean as the bush is too high and blocks the view.

One thing is for sure other favoured lower cost loans do not impose what the Chinese do - 2 per cent is attractive, but how is the loan stated?

What will happen if the exchange rate changes and negatively impacts the conversion of US\$'s to the Qian?

The new so-called artistic feature of downtown development is their murals on large walls and buildings

that should really be demolished — as a visitor said to me recently Nassau has lost its looks like Kingston, Jamaica; we are not coming here again.

Sorry, fools rush in and there is no doubt this airport to six legged roundabout is solely the figment of a confused group who think they are doing good things.

The trouble is when they are kicked out of office how do you change these things?

JESSICA SMITH
Nassau,
September 23, 2010.

What must 'illegal merchandise' fiasco mean to the United States?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

In his letter published September 24, 2010, Ivoine Ingraham blasted the authorities in The Bahamas for not doing something earlier about “the illegal merchandise” fiasco.

If it is, as he puts it, “an embarrassment to this country”, I would like him to say what it must mean to the United States of America, where the said items were purchased.

Mr Ingraham may wish to warn a prominent local video store chain that has operated with impunity over the last two decades selling illegally copied, copyrighted discs and videos...before the Americans raid them.

DENNIS FOUNTAIN
Nassau,
September 24, 2010.

Has the Bahamas relocated?

EDITOR, The Tribune

Re: Hurricane Igor is heading for Bermuda not the Bahamas —The Tribune, September 29, 2010.

IN paragraph three, the editorial rightly decries geographic ignorance on the part of international reporters — but “Hey Mon”, has the Bahamas now relocated geographically to the Caribbean?

KEN W KNOWLES, M.D.
Nassau,
September 20, 2010.

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Man accused of threatening life of senior police officer

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STEPHEN Stubbs alias "Die" was back before the courts yesterday, accused of threatening the life of a senior police officer.

Stubbs, 34, of Ridgeland Park is accused of threatening the life of Detective Superintendent Leon Bethel, head of the Central Detective Unit while at CDU on October 2. Stubbs is also accused of behaving disorderly and using obscene language to the annoyance Superintendent Bethel. Stubbs, who appeared before Deputy Chief Magistrate Caroli-

ta Bethel in Court 8, Bank Lane, yesterday pleaded not guilty to the charges and opted for a summary trial in the Magistrate's Court. Inspector Ercell Dorsette told the magistrate that Stubbs is on bail in relation to a matter presently before her court and another matter in the Supreme Court.

Last October Stubbs was arraigned before Magistrate Bethel with three other men on drug charges stemming from the seizure of \$4 million worth of marijuana in Exuma. Stubbs is also charged with two others in the murder of Corporal Jimmy Ambrose at the former Club Rock on West Bay Street 11 years ago.

His lawyer, Murrio Ducille, described the charges of disorderly behaviour and obscene language as "trivial" and stated that the death threat charge was misconceived. Mr Ducille said that there had been no death threat directed by Mr Stubbs to Mr Bethel, but rather this was what Mr Bethel had been told by someone. Mr Ducille told the court that his client had gone to the police station over an investigation into a stolen vehicle. Magistrate Bethel noted that the threats of death charge was a serious one and questioned whether Stubbs had been complying with the conditions of his bail. Stubbs is expected back in court on Thursday for a bail hearing.

Murder accused claims confession was signed over fears of police brutality

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MURDER accused Angelo Poitier claimed yesterday in court that he had unwillingly signed a confession statement over fears that police would brutalise him.

"I told them what they wanted to hear. It was not freely from my own will," Poitier told jurors yesterday.

Poitier, 24, is on trial for the murder of former girlfriend Shanice Adderley, 19.

The young woman's body was discovered inside a grave in the Bahamas Veteran's Cemetery on Infant View Road on May 27.

According to an autopsy report, Ms Adderley had died as a result of blunt force trauma to the body.

The prosecution closed its case against Poitier yesterday.

Poitier opted to make an unsworn statement from the prisoner's dock, meaning that he was not subject to cross-examination by prosecutors. Poitier recalled that on the night of May 26 he had gone to a bar to "chill" for a while. He told the court that he met Brian Sands, a man he knew, at the bar and subsequently asked him to give him a ride home. He said that Sands then approached another man who agreed to give him a ride to his home on Providence Avenue.

"I went inside and never came out. Later that night or early morning, police

came to my house asking for me. They put handcuffs on me and told me that I was under arrest for the disappearance of Shanice Adderley. I told them I didn't know where she was," Poitier said.

The accused said that he was placed in a police cruiser. He alleged that while en route to the Nassau Street Police Station, a police officer jabbed him in his side. He further alleged that while at the Nassau Street Police Station the officer threatened him and shoved him to the ground while he was still handcuffed.

Poitier stated that he was subsequently taken to the Central Detective Unit where he was again threatened and told by an officer that he had to tell them what they wanted to hear. Poitier claimed that in an interview suite he was presented with a written statement which he signed over fear that police would brutalise him further.

As the victim's mother looked on from the public gallery, Poitier said that he was sorry that Shanice had died and claimed that he and Shanice had never had an altercation. The defence and prosecution attorneys are expected to make their closing remarks today when the case resumes before Justice Vera Watkins.

Government 'must ensure Bahamians conform' with knock-off goods laws

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THE punishment the US is seeking to impose on the nine straw vendors in New York City is "an indication of what could possibly happen" to the Bahamas as a whole if enforcement of anti-counterfeit or "piracy" laws remains lax, according to the President of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce.

Khaalis Rolle said it is long past time that the Bahamas government does its part to ensure its citizens understand that they must conform to laws against "knock-off" goods that mimic designer brands, as there is the potential for the country to be hit with sanctions if it continues not to abide by global trade rules that demand the protection of intellectual property.

"This is just an indication of what could possibly happen and it's at a very small scale lower level, but it's an indication of what could happen," said Mr Rolle.

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Government accuses the PLP of 'showboating' over straw vendors

A WAR of words has broken out between the FNM and the PLP over the issue of the nine straw vendors arrested in New York, with the governing party accusing the Opposition of "showboating" and attempting to steal the credit away from the public officers and diplomatic officials who have come to the assistance of the women and their families.

The PLP in turn again claimed the government never intended to render assistance to the detained straw vendors and was shamed into doing so by the persistence of the Opposition.

In a statement responding to a press conference held by PLP MPs Fred Mitchell and Alfred Sears on Monday, the FNM accused the PLP of doing nothing more than talking.

"While the PLP has talked and kept talking, the government has acted on many fronts. Immediately after being informed of the arrest of the vendors, the Consulate in New York began providing assistance to the vendors and information to family members.

"Almost immediately after the arrest of the vendors, the Ministries of Education and Labour and Social Development reached out to the family members of the vendors with offers of counselling for the

children and other assistance to the families. Actions, speak louder than words.

The governing party said that while the PLP "sits in Nassau, holding press conferences and taking advantage of the hurt and pain of the vendors and their family members, the government has engaged legal counsel to assist in the various," the FNM said yesterday.

However, the PLP said that the FNM's statement on the straw vendors' status was "stupid."

"The FNM seems never to miss an opportunity to feign ignorance, miss the salient points of critical national issues, and engage in futile diversionary tactics, all to the detriment of the Bahamian people," the PLP said.

"The initial response by the government was to have the Minister of Foreign Affairs lecture the straw vendors. Secondly, the prime minister stated in the House of Assembly that Bahamians are arrested in the United States all the time and that the government was not minded to comment on the issue. So the policy position of the FNM government was to wash their hands off this matter like Pontius Pilate and leave the straw vendors to fend for themselves."

The vendors were arrested



THE FNM was responding to a press conference held by MPs Alfred Sears (above) and Fred Mitchell.

on September 15 as they waited to board a flight back to Nassau from New York.

The Bahamas were charged in a Manhattan court on September 2 with conspira-

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LOCAL NEWS

Global PR company returns for seventh Bahamas International Film Festival

THE Bahamas International Film Festival announced yesterday that it has retained Rogers & Cowan, the world's leading entertainment public relations and marketing agency, to handle all publicity for the 7th edition of the festival, taking place December 1 to 5.

Rogers & Cowan has overseen all publicity efforts as the agency of record for the last three festivals.

The announcement was made by BIFF founder and executive director, Leslie Vanderpool and Rogers & Cowan CEO, Tom Tardio.

A statement from the company said the successful campaigns carried out over the past four years have brought significant international awareness to the festival and have helped solidify its place amongst the world's most admired young festivals.

"Building from this foundation, Rogers & Cowan will provide strategic planning and consultation and continue to expand the festival's profile throughout the worldwide film community," it said.

Working closely with Leslie Vanderpool and her team, Rogers & Cowan will focus on festival branding, media outreach and procurement, talent oversight and event management leading up to and through the 2010 festival.

Rogers & Cowan vice president Dennis Dembia will again handle day-to-day management of the BIFF campaign, including oversight of the press office in Nassau during the festival. Rogers & Cowan executive vice president, Nikki Parker, will continue to provide strategic direction and oversee all global efforts.

Leslie Vanderpool said: "BIFF prides itself on being a quality international film festival within the Bahamas, while also being a reference festival for the entire region. It is therefore important that we align ourselves with a leading PR firm such as Rogers & Cowan. BIFF has gained such tremendous media worldwide coverage over the years from this relationship, which is key to the growth and sustainability of the festival."

Tom Tardio said: "Rogers & Cowan is honored to continue its relationship with the Bahamas International Film Festival. Year after year we are seeing the festival gain prominence and strategically manage the stature that comes with increased media attention and global awareness."

"This is another exciting year for BIFF and we're embarking on a campaign that projects the energy and enthusiasm that has come to define the annual event and the wonderful country that hosts it."

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

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

With offices in Los Angeles, New York and London, Rogers & Cowan designs and implements campaigns for entertainment clients, such as film production and distribution companies, cable and network TV programming, records labels, recording artists, celebrities and athletes, videogame publishers and distributors and digital media companies.

Police deny existence of bus stop extortion racket

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POLICE are vehemently denying the existence of an extortion racket at the George Street bus stop.

Assistant Superintendent Bradley Sands of the Police Tourism Unit said he is aware of the accusations made by bus driver Virginia 'Scorpio' Williams, but is "not satisfied" there is any evidence to support her claims.

Ms Williams, a bus driver for seven years, said police are accepting money from bus drivers in return for preferential treatment at the George Street bus stop, used by Route 10 buses.

She claims her refusal to "free up" has made her a victim of harassment by an officer.

"How can I earn a living driving up and down Cable Beach with two or three people when the other buses are full? The officer asked me, 'What you going to do? Either move on or free up'. Ever since then he harasses me on the route, so I can't make any money because he always makes me move," said Ms Williams.

"It is quite clear that I'm getting in the way of the ring that they have going on in George Street that they know I will never be a part of because mama don't take no mess," stated Ms Williams in a report she claims to have emailed to Assistant Commissioner of Police Glenn Miller.

Assistant Supt 'not satisfied' there is any evidence for driver's claims

According to Ms Williams, bus drivers who pay the police are allowed to stay parked at the bus bay for prolonged periods of time – sometimes until they are filled to capacity.

Bus drivers, who claim to "have the police in their pockets" call officers in advance to signal their arrival, according to Ms Williams.

The officers are said to instruct waiting buses to move, irrespective of their load capacity, in order to make way for the buses who participate in the scheme.

Rules

ASP Sands said the claims were "nonsense". He said the bus drivers continue to treat the bus stop as a bus terminal when it is not. He said some bus drivers are like children, who need "constant supervision", and unless reminded or issued tickets do not obey the rules of the bus stop.

"She feels she has a right to stay on George Street to have her bus filled, but she does not have a right to that," said ASP Sands, speaking of Ms Williams.

"The only terminal that was given to them they refused, behind the post office. That is the only terminal and

they declined that. They don't have any sole right to the road, to block the road. They have no right to park on the government road," he said.

According to sources, the officers are said to accept cash as well as lunch in return for preferential treatment, but ASP Sands called it an insult to his officers to believe they could be corrupted by a "99 cent breakfast".

Harrison Moxey, operator of Wayne's Bus Services, the company employing Ms Williams, said he has received complaints from Ms Williams and a few other bus drivers. He said he personally experienced a similar situation when he was a bus driver.

"What ASP Sands said is true. It is a bus stop. The concern is, if it is a bus stop for all, then make everyone move. They are not consistent in their implementation and enforcement of the law," said Mr Moxey.

"I don't expect too much of the police, to tell you the truth. When they are friends they don't take things as serious," he said, when asked why he has not pursued the matter. He added: "I don't think she would make it up."

ASP Sands said he interacts with bus drivers every day, but Ms

Williams is the only one who ever complained about an extortion racket. He challenged her to produce evidence.

"If she witnessed it tell her to produce proper documents to support her claim. This is the only lady accusing police of accepting bribes. It is garbage," he said.

Ms Williams herself is in "contravention of the traffic laws", according to ASP Sands. He was referring to at least three \$80 tickets issued to Ms Williams by an officer in the Tourism Unit.

Ms Williams claims she received three tickets in less than one month, for: parking on a bus stop, failing to move when requested by police and leaving a vehicle with the engine running.

Ticket

For each of the three instances, she has a story about how the ticket was unfairly issued. She said the tickets are symptomatic of the harassment she is experiencing.

Since filing her complaints with ASP Sands, Ms Williams said she also spoke to Superintendent Wayne Miller at the Central Police Station and Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr Miller. The police have not contacted her as yet, she claims.

Ms Williams was given the option by her boss of driving a different route, but, she said: "I should not allow them to run me off the route. I should leave on my own accord."

Minister of Education announces National Career Awareness Month

THE country's students will be exposed to a myriad of career paths during National Career Awareness Month (NCAM), Minister of Education Desmond Bannister said.

It's the third annual NCAM, spanning the duration of the month of October and featuring a variety of events and activities.

The announcement was made on Monday during a press conference held at the Teachers Union Building on East Street.

This year's theme is 'Empowerment, Education, Entrepreneurship, Excellence: The keys to career satisfaction'.

Initiative

Mr Bannister said that since embarking upon this initiative, the Department of Education has received excellent reviews from teachers, students and parents.

"Our graduates face numerous challenges upon leaving school, and it is our hope that this initiative will provide them with an opportunity to make suitable career choices before entering the workforce."

Minister Bannister also thanked the NCAM team for their hard work and the many partners for their support of the event.

"As always we wish to express our gratitude to the many stakeholders whose names you see on the banner behind me," said Mr Bannister. "We greatly appreciate your commitment in providing our youth with this valuable head start."

Some of the activities sched-



CAREER AWARENESS: Minister of Education Desmond Bannister announces the third annual National Careers Awareness Month (NCAM) during a press conference on Monday, October 4, at the Teacher's Union Building on East Street. Elma Garraway, permanent secretary, looks on.

uled for the month include school-based activities to be held until October 29; a teleconference with Grand Bahama, Abaco, Exuma, Eleuthera, Andros and Inagua today and speakers circuits for students on the Family Islands beginning this week.

The month of activities culminate with the National Careers Fair, which takes place during week five from October 26 - 28 at the Kendal Isaacs Gym. The opening ceremony for the fair will take place on Wednesday, October 27.

Woman gets eight months for Facebook death threats

A YOUNG woman will serve eight months in prison for sending death threats over the social network Facebook.

The prosecution closed its case against Vanlyn Bethel, 21, on Monday.

Bethel, who was accused of sending death threats to Crystal Kemp

between September 18, 2009, and October 20, 2009, did not call any witnesses or make a statement in her defence.

Magistrate Derrence Davis ordered that the College of the Bahamas student serve eight months in prison and receive four months of counselling.

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Government 'must ensure Bahamians conform' with knock-off goods laws

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As for the significance of the fact that the government through its law enforcement agencies has failed to clamp down on the trade in counterfeit – such as that which takes place at the Straw Market in plain view – Mr Rolle said: "I don't have to say how much of a problem it is – the rules are the rules and it's up to the (law enforcement) agencies to enforce the rules."

Mr Rolle noted that the issue is one of ensuring the Bahamas is in a position to be economically viable on a globalised trading stage.

"I've said many years ago we need to start developing the mindset and platform to be globally competitive. I said it many years ago and I'll continue to say it, because you will see the downside of not being in compliance with global rules.

"We are at that transition point where in the past it was a problem (the trade in counterfeit goods in The Bahamas), but it wasn't a huge problem. However, we now have new global trading platforms and global and far reaching rules with governments and other entities that are requiring that you play fair," said Mr Rolle.

Admitting that abuse of intellectual property rights is not only a problem for The Bahamas, but also for

countries like the US itself, "the difference here, I think, right now, is that the Bahamas is in the world spotlight and we are going through a clear modernisation process and what we are doing is more magnified."

His comments come after nine Bahamian women, all vendors in the downtown Straw Market, were arrested and charged in New York City with attempting to traffic counterfeit goods. It is alleged that the illegal products were found loaded in 31 pieces of luggage the women had checked in to their Jet Blue flight from the city to Nassau on September 15. Each admitted to knowing the goods were counterfeit, and said they had intended to sell them at their market stall.

They were picked up following what court documents revealed to be a six-month long "sting" operation in the city and *The Tribune* understands that the investigation has not yet ended.

While their arrests rattled vendors in the market, who said it would heavily dampen profits at the site where counterfeit bags "move more quickly" off the shelves than traditional straw goods, the significance of the enforcement exercise reverberates at a higher level given the Bahamas' recent signing of the Economic Partnership Agreement with Europe and

our desire to soon join the World Trade Organisation.

Both the signing of the EPA and membership of the WTO bring with them further obligations on the part of the government to ensure that intellectual property rights are protected. Member states can demand action against other member states through the WTO if they deem the other to not be vested in the protection of the intellectual property rights of companies in their country, such as the US did against China in 2007.

The Opposition PLP has suggested that the vendors may effectively be pawns in a "government to government issue" between the US and The Bahamas, with the US taking action on its soil in response to the Bahamian government's unwillingness to do so on its own.

The BCOC President said it is against the interests of the public at large for the government to continue lax enforcement of intellectual property right-related law, as it allows for the continuation of a mindset that does not fit with the trading environment The Bahamas is becoming a part of.

"I've been saying for a long time that we need to start changing to accommodate what's going to happen in the future.

"Well the future is now...right now," said Mr Rolle.

Pastor victorious in court battle over church finances

A LOCAL pastor has emerged victorious in a court battle over his church's finances.

The Zion United Baptist Convention had initiated legal action last August against Rev T G Morrison, pastor of Zion Baptist Church on East and Shirley Street.

The Zion United Baptist Convention had sought an audit of the church's finances dating back nine years.

The convention had claimed that Rev Morrison failed to have the finances of the church audited and the results reported to the general

membership of the church, and that this constitutes a breach of Zion Baptist Church's constitution.

From the outset, however, Rev Morrison's attorney Henry Bostwick, QC, submitted that the matter should be struck out and that the convention was not seeking to enforce any legal right in the church's constitution.

On Monday, Chief Justice Sir Michael Barnett ruled in Rev Morrison's favour, finding that the Convention did not have the standing to bring the action and that the action should be dismissed.

Bahamas says farewell to Haitian Ambassador

THE Bahamas thanked Republic of Haiti Ambassador Louis Harold Joseph for the contributions he made in fostering closer ties between both countries.

A farewell reception was held Monday at the British Colonial Hilton, where Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Brent Symonette acknowledged the accomplishments made over the past eight years by Ambassador Joseph, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

Also present were Governor-General Sir Arthur Foulkes and Lady Foulkes, members of the Diplomatic Corps and senior government officials.

"We in The Bahamas have greatly benefited from your experience as a career diplomat, as time and time again you have been called upon to pour oil on the troubled waters, stirred up by the challenges of economic and political difficulties in your home country, which have led to an ever-increasing influx of our nationals to our shores," Mr. Symonette said.

"Yours has not been an easy task, as you have sought to uphold the laws of The Bahamas while endeavouring to find mutually acceptable solutions to this problem."

The Bahamas and Haiti established diplomatic relations in 1977. The geographic proximity of both countries in conjunction with Haiti being one of the largest and most populous countries in the Caribbean, with persistent development pangs, has played a significant role in determining the nature of relations between both countries.

Mr Symonette noted that the first few years of Ambassador Joseph's tenure were particularly fraught with difficulties, as Haiti was beset by political crisis.

"You helped us navigate our way through those turbulent times by providing sound advice about the ever-changing political landscape. You have encouraged us in our commitment to the economic and social development of Haiti by helping to facilitate the fledgling partnership between leading Haitian businessmen and our private sector, evidence in the holding of a trade fair in Nassau in 2005," Mr. Symonette said.

He added that Bahamians also appreciate Ambassador Joseph's efforts to educate the



HAITIAN AMBASSADOR Louis Harold Joseph makes his farewell speech at a farewell reception on Monday at the British Colonial Hilton.

Haitian diaspora about the Bahamas, the public service pertaining to social and health issues. And, on the other hand, his role in promoting Haitian culture through art, music and language.

"Excellency, the vulnerability of small island developing states to natural disasters was all too apparent throughout your tenure here. We witnessed the devastation caused in your homeland as one hurricane after another wreaked havoc and flood waters – the result of torrential rains – caused untold destruction to your land and your people alike," Mr. Symonette said.

He also mentioned the devastating earthquake, which struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, leaving hundreds of thousands dead and homeless.

"Through it all, you remained a stoic picture of dignity and calm, even as you yourself experienced personal loss," Mr. Symonette said.

Ambassador Joseph said he was honoured to have served for eight consecutive years, which has led to the strengthening of friendship and fraternity between both countries.

He said, however, that there are two unfinished items on the table, which he considered very important for the

continuous strengthening of relations between the Bahamas and Haiti.

One being the Framework Agreement for Bilateral Cooperation, and the other, the Memorandum of Understanding for Agricultural Goods Exchanges.

"I am certain that the government of the Republic of Haiti will ensure that my successor continues to work very closely with the government of The Bahamas toward the conclusion of these two agreements," he said.

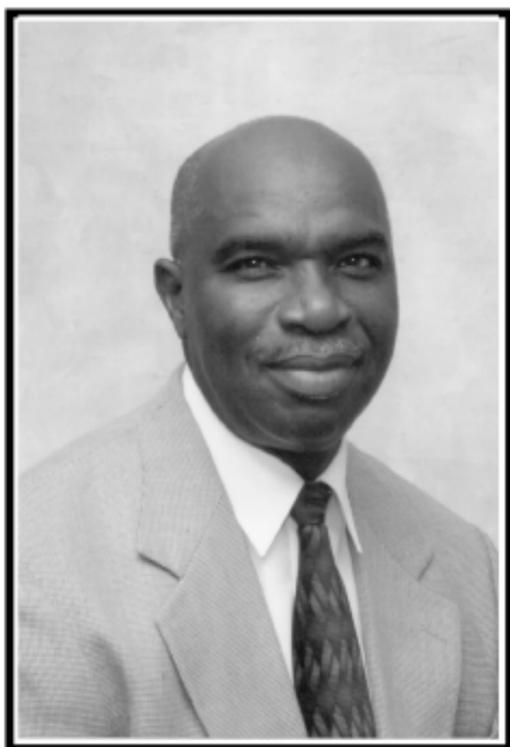
Ambassador Joseph said although his tenure was sometimes "difficult and bumpy", he encountered responsible staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Immigration Department and other government agencies determined to promote Haitian-Bahamian relations.

He thanked the government and civil society for assistance following the earthquake, and the Haitian community for their cooperation during his tenure.

Ambassador Joseph left the Bahamas yesterday for Washington, DC, where he served before his appointment to the Bahamas.

A new Haitian Ambassador to the Bahamas will be announced shortly.

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Teenage girl in 'suicide attempt'

SHORTLY before 4am on Saturday, October 2, police received a report of an attempted suicide at a home on Gladstone Road.

The victim, a 16-year-old girl, was discovered by family members. They called emergency services and she was rushed to hospital by ambulance.

She was treated and later discharged.

Police did not release further details of the incident, saying that their investigation is ongoing.

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cy to defraud the US, specifically by the trafficking of counterfeit goods.

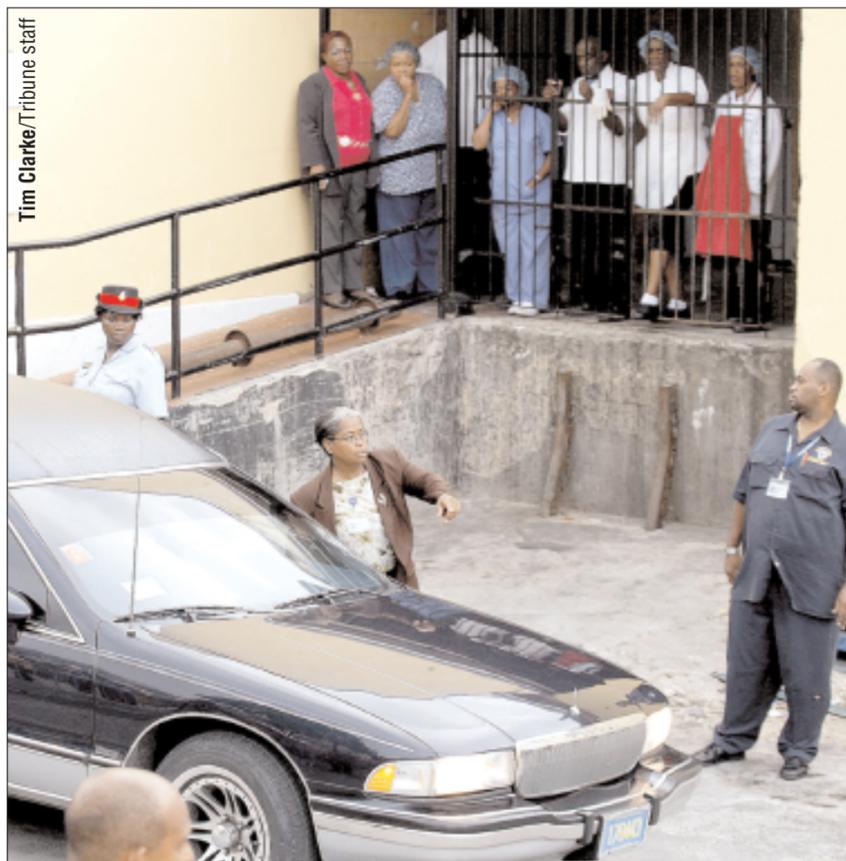
They could face a maximum sentence of three years in prison on the charge, which came after a six-month long federal surveillance operation by the US Department of Homeland Security and Immigration, Customs and Enforcement.

It is alleged that they went on an illegal shopping spree for counterfeit designer bags and jewellery that they intended to sell at their Straw Market stalls back home.

The vendors – Roshanda Rolle, Gayle Rolle, Marva Ferguson, Marvette Ferguson, Patricia Hanna, Shomone Thompson, Margaret Pierre, Judy Duncombe and Tracy Davis – have all admitted to knowing that the goods they purchased were counterfeit and/or illegal.

LOCAL NEWS

• LAKE KILLARNEY PLANE CRASH TRAGEDY •



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff



ABOVE: Defence Force officers stand to attention as the body of one of the crash victims, an RBDF officer, is removed from scene.

BELOW: An anxious wait for news at the scene of yesterday's plane crash.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff



BODIES of the plane crash victims arrive at Princess Margaret Hospital yesterday.

EIGHT DIE IN PLANE CRASH

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their 20's and 30's, seven were Bahamians and one is understood to have been a Jamaican, ASP Hanna said.

The dead were not officially identified before *The Tribune* went to press, but ASP Hanna said they were technicians travelling to San Salvador to set up entertainment facilities for homecoming regatta celebrations this weekend.

RBDF spokesman Lt Carlton Bethel confirmed one of the passengers was an RBDF officer and pilot, however he did not release the officer's identity last night, nor did he confirm unofficial reports the officer was a co-pilot on the fatal flight. Flight Standards Inspectorate accident investigator Delvin Major said it was too early to tell what caused the crash, but the mangled wreck will be pulled from the water for further investigation today or tomorrow.

He said the impact of the crash is one of the worst he has ever seen as the wreckage barely resembled a plane.

"The aircraft has a lot of substantial damage," he said.

"The roof is broken open, the wings are broken off.

"We can't tell if there was any fire because the engines are submerged in the water.

"Taking it out to examine it will be the only way we can tell."

He said initial investigations show the aircraft operated by Captain Hanna was operating as an unauthorised charter flight.

Flight Standards Inspectorate manager Hubert Adderley showed a safety document from the plane advertising it as Acklins Blue air charter company, which, he said, is not a certified commercial charter company and therefore appears to have been in violation of important passenger safety regulations.

Civil Aviation officials confirmed the original flight plan filed by Captain Hanna stated there was only one person on board and changes were not made before takeoff.

ASP Hanna asked for any witnesses to contact police with information that may assist investigations into the cause of the crash, which he said is one

of the deadliest on the island in living memory.

Relatives sobbed in shock, grief and disbelief outside barricades set up on either side of the fatal crash scene on Coral Harbour Road yesterday as the severely injured bodies were covered and lined up for transportation to the morgue.

A distressed woman was comforted by a relative as she cried: "The pilot was my cousin; going to San Salvador was his life."

Other family members of the deceased were received by hospital officials and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) officials at PMH where they waited to identify the bodies of their relatives.

RBDF officers loaded the bodies covered in bags splattered with mud and blood, and numbered from one to seven, on stretchers lifted into seven hearses and funeral home vans.

They were driven from the scene in a somber procession of police escorts and around a dozen more police and RBDF vehicles attracting stares from pedestrians and stopping motorists in JFK, Thompson Boulevard, Wulff Road and East Street on their way to PMH where they arrived just before 5pm.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and Opposition leader Perry Christie both released statements in the aftermath of the crash.

Mr Ingraham said: "On behalf of the government and people of our nation I extend deepest condolences to the families and friends of each of the individuals who met their untimely deaths early this afternoon.

"All relevant government agencies are lending their assistance in this tragic matter.

"Further, a thorough investigation of the crash will be conducted by the relevant authorities."

The PLP party leader expressed his condolences to the families and loved ones of the crash victims for their untimely loss.

He said: "I hope that the relevant authorities can do all they can to determine the cause of this crash in the public interest and to bring resolution to this tragedy.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families during this very difficult period."



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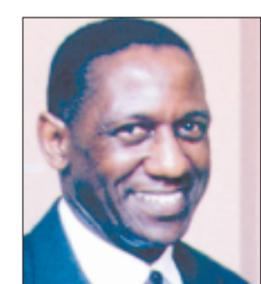
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Fashion Show on target for over 1,000 attendance

Organiser says participation by Bahamian designers 'can be better'



OWEN BETHEL

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamian organiser of a fashion show to be held in Nassau next month yesterday told Tribune Business he was confident the event would meet its 1,000-plus attendance target, but said Bahamian designer participation "can be better", with this nation just scratching the surface of the industry's economic potential.

Owen Bethel, Bahamian banker and president of Modes Iles, organiser of the Islands of the World Fashion Week, told this newspaper that early attendance indicators for the November 11-13, 2010, showcase in Nassau were positive, with a lead-up tour featuring exhibitions in California, Chicago and Miami helping to generate overseas buyer and fashion industry interest.

"I think we will meet our attendance target," Mr Bethel told Tribune Business. "We're basically looking at 1,000-plus persons, and there has been a lot of interest out of New York, besides local groups. We think Florida will make a significant impact through the Miami event, which will be held on October 23."

But apart from Harl Taylor Bags, two young Bahamian designers in the Next Generation Designer category, and Theo Seely, the winner of Sunday's Runway to Fashion competition and the Harl Taylor scholarship to study at New York's Parsons, The New School for Design, Mr Bethel said Bahamian designer participation "can be better".

Acknowledging that some budding designers may be finding it difficult to attract the capital funding needed to develop their fashion lines, due partly to the recession, Mr Bethel told Tribune Business: "Those who are of the

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'At wits end' with Customs

■ Import/freight company says virtually 'unable to continue in business' due to duty rate variances and frequent changes in Department's policy

■ Problems occurring despite \$818,347 duties paid to government's coffers via its import shipments

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

An import/freight company serving Abaco yesterday told Tribune Business it was "at its wits end" and virtually "unable to continue in business" do to the frequent procedure and duty rate changes imposed by Bahamas Customs, despite paying some \$818,347 in revenues to the Government on behalf of its Bahamian clients.

Tamese Knowles, proprietor/owner of IE Imports, which has an office in Marsh Harbour and ships to Abaco

from West Palm Beach, expressed her "frustration" to Tribune Business yesterday, explaining that she was still awaiting a \$4,300 refund from Customs of overpaid duties, despite having submitted all the relevant paperwork to it some two months ago. She added that the Department had recently dropped its demand for her company to post an unnecessary \$5,000 bond with it.

"I'm really, really frustrated with Bahamas Customs," Ms Knowles told Tribune Business, explaining that one of her issues was the fact that

different Customs officers quoted her different duty rates for the same item.

She had just experienced another episode of this over a dietary supplement she had imported into Abaco on behalf of a client. One Customs officer had quoted a 45 per cent duty rate for the product, but another had told her it attracted a 0 per cent tariff rate.

"How are we supposed to run a business?" she asked Tribune Business. "I'm at my

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'Far reaching' casino reforms to government

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA) has "resubmitted far-reaching reform" proposals to the Government for the revamp of this nation's gaming laws, its president telling Tribune Business that the country had been unable to translate its proximity to the US into success in this industry.

Speaking as Jamaica becomes the latest Caribbean nation to enter the global casino gaming market, outlining plans to issue three such licences, Robert Sands told this newspaper that cost and product competitiveness factors had prevented the Bahamas from more fully exploiting the industry's economic benefits.

Describing reforms of the Bahamas' antiquated gaming laws as "very important", Mr Sands said: "We took these reforms very seriously. We had a detailed listing that we submitted to the Government of the Bahamas, and have been assured they have taken them all into consideration."

"We have been in communication with the Government.

"We have resubmitted all

* Hotel Association president says Bahamas has failed to 'parlay' proximity into gaming advantage due to cost and competitiveness factors

our proposals, and have been advised that the Government is taking them under proper advisement.

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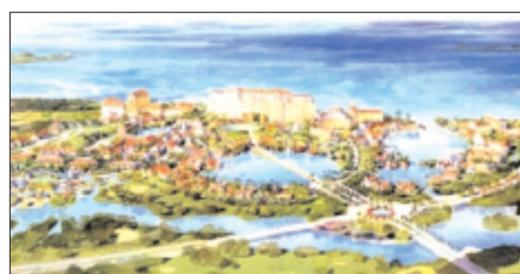
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'Significant' savings for Baha Mar via closure

- * October occupancy levels at Wyndham expected to reach low 40 per cent range, matching 2009
- * November and December business levels for resort expected to slightly exceed prior year comparatives
- * Sheraton beat forecast for September slow season



ROBERT SANDS

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

Baha Mar yesterday said it had enjoyed "significant" multi-million dollar savings during the six-week closure of its Wyndham resort and Crystal Palace casino that "helped to minimise" losses incurred during the traditional tourist slow season, with October occupancy levels for the property expected to match 2009 by hit-

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Timeshare's Bahamian ownership opportunity

By CHESTER ROBARDS
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ORLANDO, Florida - Bahamian resort developers could benefit greatly from the timeshare resort model, the Ministry of Tourism's senior director of research told Tribune Business yesterday.

And another tourism expert, who spoke on condition of anonymity, suggested Bahamian investment in timeshares on the Family Islands could be a catalyst to sustainable domestic tourism.

Gary Young, the Ministry official, said a timeshare or

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BUSINESS

Hilton wins top award



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The recently refurbished British Colonial Hilton is located in the heart of downtown

Nassau, only 25 minutes from the airport. Boasting the only private beach in the downtown area, the resort is ideal for business guests as well as those preferring a quieter vacation.

The private beach overlooking the harbour is complemented by a freshwater swimming pool, fitness centre, complimentary non-motorised water sports, and landscaped gardens. All 288 guest rooms, including 47 Executive Floor rooms and 23 suites with executive lounge access, offer harbour views or city views.

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PRESENTATION: Pictured (from left to right): Tiffany Carter, assistant legal counsel at Central Bank; Samantha Fox, associate and Tara Archer, partner at Higgs & Johnson; Michael Lightbourne, deputy governor of Central Bank; Oscar Johnson, partner at Higgs & Johnson; Stacey Benjamin, deputy legal counsel at Central Bank.

Higgs & Johnson's litigation team, headed by Oscar N. Johnson, gave a presentation to the Central Bank on the Employment Act.

The address looked at the legislation from the perspective of both the employer and the employee, detailing a number of relevant points of interest.

The Central Bank's deputy legal counsel, Stacey Benjamin, said: "The Question & Answer session was particularly exciting, and managers were enthusiastic about participating. It gave the attendees and the presenters an opportunity to focus on the most

important issues which concern us in the workplace environment. The information was both relevant and timely, and the presenters did an excellent job of answering our questions and giving practical and sound legal advice."

Tara Archer, a Higgs & Johnson partner, said: "We gladly share our knowledge of the applicable laws and the practical application of the same with our clients as requested, and to meet their needs. This educational session is just one of the ways Higgs & Johnson incorporates value-added benefits in our services to our clients."

Commission expands its investor education

The Securities Commission has unveiled the latest stage of its Investor Education Programme, a Public Announcement Campaign, which will attempt to inform Bahamians on good financial and savings habits over a four-week period.

The investment funds and capital markets regulator, which worked with CFAL and Junior Achievement Bahamas on the programme during the 2010 first half, said the latest aspect of the campaign will introduce Bahamians to four key topics.

The roll-out will be as follows:

- 2. Week 2 – Saving
- 3. Week 3 – Understanding Investments
- 4. Week 4 - The role of the Securities Commission

While not highlighted in its mandate, investor education and protection are inevitable functions of the Securities Commission.

The draft securities legislation, which is expected to repeal and replace the existing Securities Industry Act 1999 before year-end, includes investor education and protection as the Commission's primary functions and responsibilities.

1. Week 1 – Budgeting Made Easy

Exuma Business Outlook unveiled

The fifth Exuma Business Outlook Conference is set to take place on October 27 under the theme *Restore Exuma: Sustainability there, greater sustainability everywhere.*

The organizers, TCL Group, are promising an intense review of the island's needs and potential, and a look at its former glory of which few Bahamians, even younger Exumians, may know little.

TCL's president, Joan Albury, said: "TCL was motivated by several things in taking the Business Outlook franchise to the Family Islands.

"We realised that Bahamians have really had little opportunity to learn about the whole of their country.

"Many do not see that islands like Exuma are of vital importance to the growth and development of the Bahamas. We determined that Business Outlook, whether in New Providence, Grand Bahamas, Abaco, Exuma or Andros, would engage as presenters the movers and shakers of the target island to reveal the structure of the local economy, how it fits in the global Bahamas economy and what it needs to reach and sustain its potential. An essential element of the slate of participants is men and women who can share with the local populace what's going on in the wider Bahamian context."

Mrs Albury added: "To

date, we have confirmation from nine of the speakers we invited to participate in Exuma Business Outlook.

"They will all present on a specific aspect of Exuma's developmental challenges and opportunities, what they mean in the local and national context and to what extent these factors are being addressed. We will be releasing the slate of participants shortly.

"This much I can say now, however.

"Exuma is beautiful, with a range of great accommodations for visitors and the topics of the forum are so valuable that it would be well worth it to travel to Exuma to be a part of the event."

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inclination to be serious about it need to be so, because they need to show they are capable of designing different lines each year.

"You have designers showing some things at fashion shows that they were first exhibiting two to three years ago, and are not giving buyers confidence that they are able to produce different lines for different seasons.

"If they are going to have any confidence to buy lines from you, they've got to know you're able to make different lines, in full and on time, in different seasons.

"Bahamian designers are not yet taking that type of issue seriously, and are still very much generating clothing for cousins, friends and family. That's the scope of their market."

Asked by Tribune Business whether the Bahamas and its budding fashion designers were just scratching the surface of their potential, and if the sector could become a greater economic contributor for this nation, Mr Bethel replied: "Definitely so. It can."

He added: "One needs to differentiate between those who are seamstresses who want to

be designers, and need to gear themselves and equip themselves to take on the role of designer.

"Certainly, like the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) and the Harl Taylor Fashion Scholarship, are something they can take advantage of, and Islands of the World Fashion Week can be a learning store for them to become aware of what designers from other countries are doing.

"But I find that designers have come for their own fashion event, and do not look at what others are doing, so it becomes a very insular event, or they feel they've accomplished everything they need to do. But the industry changes from season to season."

Yet all hope is not lost, Mr Bethel telling Tribune Business

that last Sunday's event, which attracted six designers and a crowd of 100, showed there remained much promise among young Bahamian designers.

"There are a number of young designers that truly have passion for it, and want to develop their skills even more, so there is hope for the next generation of designers," he said. "I see persistence and determination in terms of developing an industry and their craft."

Mr Bethel told Tribune Business that the harsh economic climate was also encouraging Bahamian designers to head into the business, adding that they had to "do their best to develop themselves, and invest in themselves, and create their own business, because jobs elsewhere will not necessarily be forthcoming".

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KFC teams up with BTC on promotion

Restaurants (Bahamas) Limited, the KFC franchisee in Nassau, has teamed up with the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) to offer customers at the company's 10 outlets an opportunity to win over 25,000 prizes over a six-week period.

The programme, launched on September 6, guarantees that with each purchase each KFC customer could be eligible for a BTC \$3 phone card. That eligibility has been printed on the cashier's receipt, and the cus-

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At the end of the first week of the promotion, KFC customers in all 10 stores became winners of attractive prizes. Winners of More Talk vouchers were Jacqueline Johnson, Santino Seymour, Tamara Henfield, Sherwin Delancy, Vernice Brown, Kristen Davis, Lenrika Poirier, Phyllis Moss, Roberto Kerr, and Tourina Wright.

KFC customers winning Blackberry phones were Brooke Greene, Lamar Watkins, and Jason Ferguson. Three winning Vibe Unite were Brooke Greene, Lamar Watkins, and Jason Ferguson, while the KFC customer collecting a Nokia phone was Alexandra Smith.

The promotion, which will be spread over all 10 KFC stores in New Providence, will remain in effect until October 17.

Timeshare's Bahamian ownership opportunity

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fractional development is an opportunity for Bahamians to develop a property that can produce possible year-round occupancies and high per-unit expenditure in the community (based on the traditional weekly occupied model).

According to him, while the Bahamas would benefit from the high-end, branded timeshare and fractional developments, interest in those properties by foreign investors seems to be stunted or non-existent.

While the shared ownership model exists in several properties in the Bahamas, including several in New Providence and Grand Bahama, only one - Atlantis' Harbourside - is affiliated with a high-end international resort brand, and fitted with amenities that would attract immense buyer interest.

The model in the Family Islands, suggested by the anonymous tourism expert, services a different clientele, one not focused on the

entertainment value that properties like Atlantis epitomise. Instead, it was asserted that ownership in a Family Island property - even if a timeshare - is exactly the "value" Bahamians have been looking for in a vacation at home.

While the Bahamas has timeshare legislation, it has been suggested by some that the Government agencies that enforce and enact the law do not fully understand the industry and its subtleties. And there has been no proactive or aggressive push to attract high-end timeshare development.

Tourism marketing strategist and trend spotter, Peter Yesawich, speaking at Interval International's Vacation Ownership Investment Conference yesterday, suggested that the Caribbean is the number one destination on the minds of potential US timeshare buyers, with 35 per cent of the group surveyed saying they would like to visit the region within two years.

This figure bodes well for the Bahamas, which has a proximity advantage to the

US over the rest of the Caribbean, but which suffers from high airlift rates to many of its islands outside of New Providence.

Even Grand Bahama, which has a successful timeshare market and is closer to the US than New Providence, suffers airlift rates that have dissuaded some airlines from operating in the Bahamas, and in some cases, chased existing airlines from that market.

Bahamian tourism officials suggest that Grand Bahama could be developed into a flourishing timeshare destination if the capital to develop those products was available to Bahamians or coaxed out of high-end foreign investors.

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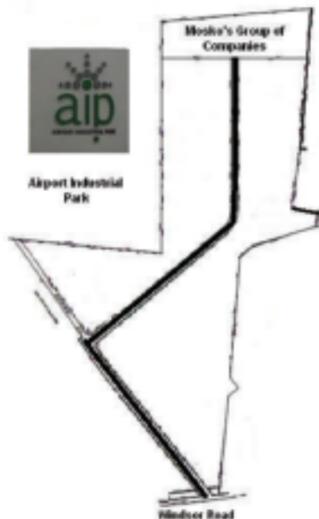
Announcement

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On the same date an ancillary office of Mosko's Group of Companies, located at the Airport Industrial Park on Windsor Road, West of the Lynden Pindling International Airport will be used as a drop-off and collection point for invoices, statements, checks, etc. The telephone number for the ancillary office is (242) 377-0516. The map below shows the location of the ancillary office.



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'At wits end' with Customs

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wits end. I'm someone trying to bring economic benefits to the island, and you can see what I've paid into Abaco. I've been doing business for four years, paying all duty due to Customs, bringing goods in on time for customers. I'm

offering a service and living up to my end of the bargain, but Customs are not living up to their end of the bargain.....

"Every week something changes. I comply, but I cannot continue in business like this, because every week something's different - a different duty rate, or a new law

is put in place. It's one Bahamas, one Customs Department; everything should be the same."

Ms Knowles said IE Imports, which currently flew import shipments into Abaco once per week, used to bring in 7,000-10,000 pound worth of goods pre-recession.

She added that the problems with Customs were exacerbating the fall-off in business, as the inability to get definitive answers on duty rates was discouraging customers, who understandably wanted to know how much they would have to pay in tax before ordering a shipment.

In a September 23, 2010, letter sent to Customs Comptroller Glenn Gomez, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and minister of state for finance, Zhivargo Laing, Ms Knowles laid out her numerous concerns and issues with Customs.

"The officers do not know their rates of duty," she wrote. "My customers and company will call to verify a rate of duty to make sure what the amount is. Even before expediting a shipment, you can call every location of Bahamas Customs, including Nassau, and you will get a different duty rate from each of the locations called."

While Customs officers said that duty rates were posted on Customs website and the Tariff Book, Ms Knowles

alleged that many of these rates were outdated. She added, for example, that the 80 per cent duty rate on water was shown online as being 10 per cent, while radiators were listed as free despite attracting a 60 per cent duty rate.

Recalling a September 7, 2010, shipment to Abaco that included an Inkjet Laser-printer, ink cartridges, paper on a roll and foam board, Ms Knowles said IE Imports and its client waited for more than two weeks to get the correct rate of duty.

"After being so frustrated over this" she attempted to call Comptroller Gomez, who was out of office, and despite six attempts could not be transferred to deputy comptroller, Mr Turner.

She was then passed on to another senior Customs officer, who she heard down the telephone shouting: "What is the rate of duty on computer parts?"

"How can these people be in these key positions and do not know duty rates," Ms Knowles asked.

Adding that she had been

forced to spend \$19,400 between two different brokers when Customs decided to change the procedures that were used by couriers to clear goods, Ms Knowles said that during that time, she and her customers were overcharged \$4,300 in Customs duties.

Yet after supplying Customs with the relevant paperwork two months ago, the Department had yet to agree the amount to be refunded or send her any funds, despite numerous promises it would do so.

"I have complied with everything Customs has asked me, and had to do it with the snap of their fingers," Ms Knowles wrote. "Even after two months going into three months now, I cannot get what is owed to me, I cannot even get the final figure that is agreed upon by both parties."

"My frustration grows more and more every day that this is not addressed, and after I have paid into the revenue of the economy of Abaco some \$818,347 in duties; \$23,700 in rent, landing/departure tax and facility fees, \$35,927; and several other thousands of dollars in payments to BEC, BTC, Cable Bahamas, insurance and gas.

"I am a small company, and these delays in sorting out what should be a straightforward matter/inquiry is hurting my business. I expect and hope for better efficiency and service with Customs matters, as the rate should be publicly available and not varied when dealing with Customs officers."



The National Insurance Board of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Adjustment of Pensions & Grants Payments

The National Insurance Board wishes to advise that included in the recent amendments to the National Insurance Regulations, was the provision for the automatic adjustment of pensions and grants to keep pace with the cumulative change in The Bahamas Retail Price Index. This amendment took effect in July of this year. As a result of the amendment, additional payments are owed to all persons who were awarded Maternity Grant or Funeral Benefit in respect of births or deaths on or after July 1, 2010. These payments will be made starting on Wednesday, October 6, at all NIB Local Offices. Claimants are advised to collect adjustment cheques at the Offices where they submitted their claims, and to bring along the usual supporting documents.

Adjustments to long-term benefits and assistance will be made to the regular monthly pension payments.

Bahamas Public Services Union



ANNOUNCEMENT

In Accordance with Article 7- (1) of the union's Constitution, The Bahamas Public Services Union will hold its Annual General Membership Meeting on Friday, 8th October, 2010 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the union's hall, East Street South, off Soldier Road.

Auditors Reports will be presented in addition to reports on the growth and development of the Union by the President, Secretary General and Treasurer.

All members are urged to attend and be on time.

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BUSINESS

'Far reaching' casino reforms to government
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"There are some far-reaching reforms that the Casino Committee of the BHA has submitted to the Minister for his review."

Asked about the content of the BHA's reform recommendations, Mr Sands told Tribune Business: "It has a lot to do with regulatory issues, it has a lot to do with competitiveness, it has a lot to do with marketing issues, and a lot to do with opening the parameters in terms of eligibility [to gamble] going forward."

Arguing that the casino gaming industry was "extremely important" to both the tourism industry and the wider economy, Mr Sands said: "The more diverse the menu mix of amenities offered in the destination, the greater your propensity to attract incremental business and also satisfy certain hotel resorts in the country. It lends itself to the overall make-up of the tourist destination we call the islands of the Bahamas."

Yet the BHA president indicated that the Bahamas had merely scratched the service of the casino industry's economic potential to date, and hinted that this nation was losing its competitiveness as both US states and other nations, with more flexible laws and improved product offerings, entered the market.

"The Bahamas could have a very significant advantage, and that's called proximity," Mr Sands told Tribune Business. "We have not been able to parlay that into success, either because of cost or a lack of competitiveness."

"Once we address the cost in terms of getting here, and address the competitiveness of the product offering, more so compared to that of Caribbean competitors, and follow closely what is offered in North America, we will be well on our way to consolidating our position. We have to be market driven and go on the demand of what customers want."

Casino operators, chiefly Kerzner International and Baha Mar, have been pressing for gaming law reform for some time. George Markantonis, Kerzner International (Bahamas) president and managing director, underscored the need for such change earlier this year, when he revealed that Atlantis's casino business was falling "15 per cent year-over-year every year" due to increased competition from many US states.

He explained that this was why Kerzner International had decided to invest \$20-\$25 million in upgrading Atlantis's casino to "make it state-of-the-art and able to compete with any other casino offering".

The rapid expansion of casino and gaming facilities in many US states, especially in Florida and the north-east states, key markets for Atlantis and the Bahamas, meant it was vital the resort - and the country - "make it easier, more attractive to bring people here".

Thinking of the high-roller, high-end clientele the Atlantis casino is aimed at, Mr Markantonis pointed to the rapid expansion of casino gaming in Florida, in particular, via the Seminole and Hard Rock casino, plus the installation of slot machines at facilities such as race tracks.

"This has a serious impact on us," the Atlantis chief said this summer, questioning why a Florida resident wanting to gamble in a casino would choose the added time and inconvenience of driving to the airport, going through various security and immigration checkpoints and then flying to the Bahamas, when they could virtually pursue their favourite past-time on their doorstep.

"We have to stay competitive," Mr Markantonis said. "Our gaming business is down 15 per cent year-over-year every year, because there's so much competition around us. Every US state is opening up casinos."

Among the reforms proposed were allowing Bahamian casino staff to multi-task and deal several games at once, rather than being restricted to the one game as they are currently.

'Significant' savings for Baha Mar via closure

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ting the low 40 per cent range.

Confirming that the resort and associated casino had begun to re-open yesterday, Robert Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president of governmental and external affairs, told Tribune Business that occupancy levels at the Wyndham were projected to grow through November and December, and were likely to be slightly ahead of 2009 comparatives.

"Our forward booking levels are trending towards levels achieved last year, which was the low 40 per cents for October," Mr Sands confirmed. "The average occupancy for hotels in Nassau was around 50 per cent in October. With a one week occupancy loss of business and so forth, the trend on an annualised basis in the 40 per cents was in line with what was accomplished on an aggregate trend, for the Wyndham certainly."

"With November and Thanksgiving, we will grow on that and see a much better November than October. They're beginning to come in."

"We never closed our sales and marketing office for the Wyndham, and are trending along the same lines as the rest of the year, showing small levels of growth over last year."

"Our growth levels parallel the industry's levels, it's fair to say, across the board."

The Sheraton Nassau Resort, Baha Mar's other Cable Beach property, remained open throughout the September 'slow' period, and Mr Sands said its occupancy levels had slightly exceeded expectations.

"Business levels have trended slightly better than last year," he told Tribune Business, "but September is a traditionally slow month. Occupancies did not fall below expectations, and exceeded expectations slightly."

With all the Wyndham's 550 rooms back on line, Mr Sands emphasised that no staff members were terminated during the six-week closure. He added, though, that as is common during the slowest part of the Bahamian tourism season, staff would be "rostered

according to business demand".

"Staffing will be commensurate with levels of business. Everything should be back to normal in terms of business levels," Mr Sands said.

"We will be building back up to full work weeks, and while not there yet, we will get back to those levels."

"Certainly, I would say in the first week it will be reasonably slow, as we get back into momentum."

Tournament

The Baha Mar executive added that the Crystal Palace Casino was set to host a slots tournament this week, and there was "pent-up demand" for the facility as a result of the casino being closed.

Asked whether Baha Mar had realised the anticipated

savings from the six-week closure of the Wyndham and Crystal Palace, Mr Sands told Tribune Business: "The savings were significant last year, and they are significant this year."

"I can tell you that the savings have helped us to minimise the losses during this particular period, and the savings are expected to be even better than last year. We've done some things a little bit differently this year."

Mr Sands said Baha Mar had "become more efficient" in its management of the whole process, both the labour side, utilities expenses and the "ramping down and up process".

"We have no plans to do it again next year," Mr Sands said of the six-week Wyndham closure.

"That is our position. That it is not our intent to do it again."

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(No 45 of 2000)

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

EU could revise Greek 2009 deficit, minister says

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ATHENS, Greece

The European statistics agency may revise Greece's 2009 budget deficit figures upward, but that would not have a major impact on this year's budget gap and the government will still meet its deficit reduction targets, Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou said Tuesday.

In April, Eurostat revised Greece's deficit for 2009 to 13.6 percent of gross domestic product from 12.9 percent, and had said that could be further revised by up to 0.5 percentage points. Greek officials expect any final revision to come by November.

"The increase in the 2009 deficit, whatever that may be, will have a very minor effect on the deficit for 2010," Papaconstantinou said. He said the revision could come after the inclusion of some loss-making state companies that were not

part of the original figures. The government still considers its targets are realistic and that they will be met, Papaconstantinou added. On Monday, the government unveiled its draft 2011 budget, predicting it would trim the deficit to 7 percent of GDP — bettering the 7.6 percent target set by the terms of an international rescue package that saved Greece from defaulting on its debts.

The final budget will be presented to Parliament on Nov. 18. Papaconstantinou said it would not include new austerity measures.

"There will be no additional measures" in the final version, he told private Mega TV. Athens found itself one step away from being unable to service its debts in May, saved just in time by a three-year 2110 billion (\$151 billion) package of rescue loans from the International Monetary Fund and other European Union countries using the euro as their currency.

EURO HITS 8-MONTH HIGH VS DOLLAR



(AP Photo/Shuji Kajiyama)

IT'S A BIG DEAL: A money trader reacts at a dealing room at a foreign exchange firm where the U.S. dollar hit the new 15-year low against yen in Tokyo, Japan, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010. The dollar fell below 83.30 yen at midmorning in Tokyo, breaking the previous low of 83.35 yen it fetched on Sept. 8.

NEW YORK

The expectation that the Fed will move to help the weak U.S. economy continued to drag on the dollar Tuesday.

The euro hit an 8-month high, the Swiss franc jumped to a record high and the dollar fell to its lowest point versus the yen since the Bank of Japan intervened in currency markets recently.

The Bank of Japan on Tuesday cut its main interest rate and said it was looking to set up other stimulus measures. Investors also expect the Federal Reserve to take more action to drive down U.S. rates. Of the major currencies, that makes the euro more attractive to investors because the European bloc of nations has a higher interest rate, said CMC Markets currency strategist Ashraf Laidi.

Investors don't expect the European Central Bank to act further to drive down rates there.

The euro peaked at \$1.3859, its highest point since early February, on Tuesday. Later in the afternoon, the euro traded at \$1.3850 from \$1.3686 late Monday. The common currency rose 7 percent last month, a significant swing in currency markets. It has already gained another 1.5 percent so far in October.

The dollar fell to 83.18 Japanese yen from 83.38 yen, earlier slipping below 83 yen for the first time since Sept. 15, when Japan intervened in foreign exchange markets to weaken the yen.

The Bank of Japan cut its interest rate to a range near zero from its previous target of 0.1 percent, and may set up a 5 trillion yen (\$60 billion) fund to buy government bonds, which would support the economy by driving interest rates lower.

Lower rates typically weigh on a currency, but the yen rose versus the dollar. Many investors expect the Fed to make a similar move to bring down U.S. rates.

"The impacts on the (yen) will be negligible if the Fed increases its asset purchases," said Browns Brothers Harriman analysts in a research note. They said there was speculation that the Fed could buy from \$500 billion to \$1 trillion in Treasuries or other government holdings.

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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.26	1.00	AML Foods Limited		1.01	1.01	0.00	0.250	0.040	4.0	3.96%	
10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund		10.63	10.63	0.00	0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%	
6.18	4.50	Bank of Bahamas		4.90	4.90	0.00	0.598	0.260	8.2	5.31%	
0.58	0.18	Benchmark		0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste		3.15	3.15	0.00	0.168	0.090	18.8	2.86%	
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank		2.17	2.17	0.00	0.016	0.040	135.6	1.84%	
12.50	9.62	Cable Bahamas		10.77	10.77	0.00	1.212	0.310	8.9	2.88%	
2.84	2.50	Colina Holdings		2.50	2.50	0.00	0.781	0.040	3.2	1.60%	
7.00	5.40	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		6.60	6.60	0.00	0.422	0.230	15.6	3.48%	
3.65	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs		1.95	1.95	0.00	0.111	0.052	17.6	2.67%	
2.55	1.60	Doctor's Hospital		1.90	1.90	0.00	0.199	0.110	9.5	5.79%	
6.99	5.94	Fanguard		6.07	6.07	0.00	-0.003	0.240	N/M	3.95%	
10.20	8.50	Finco		8.50	8.50	0.00	0.287	0.520	29.6	6.12%	
11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank		9.74	9.74	0.00	0.645	0.350	15.1	3.59%	
5.51	3.75	Focol (S)		5.46	5.46	0.00	0.366	0.170	14.9	3.11%	
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
6.59	6.00	ICD Utilities		5.69	5.69	0.00	0.012	0.240	465.8	4.25%	
10.50	9.92	J. S. Johnson		9.92	9.92	0.00	0.883	0.640	11.2	6.45%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate		10.00	10.00	0.00	0.355	0.800	28.2	8.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	5.01	6.01	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.4904	1.4005	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4904	3.59%	6.42%	1.478244	1.452500	31-Jul-10			
2.9265	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9115	0.85%	0.23%	2.926483	2.906205	31-Aug-10			
1.5548	1.4905	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5555	3.18%	4.30%	1.537403	1.521720	24-Sep-10			
3.2025	2.8522	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.8624	-8.16%	-7.49%			31-Aug-10			
13.6388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.4286	0.46%	2.40%			31-Aug-10			
109.3929	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	109.3929	5.20%	7.60%	107.570620	103.987340	30-Jun-10			
105.7795	93.1998	CFAL Global Equity Fund	100.1833	-1.52%	3.56%	105.779543	101.725415	30-Jun-10			
1.1223	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1272	3.43%	5.28%			31-Aug-10			
1.0917	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0948	2.51%	6.10%			31-Aug-10			
1.1198	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1275	3.37%	5.64%			31-Aug-10			
9.5955	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.5955	2.71%	5.96%			31-Jul-10			
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.3734	-3.69%	3.38%			31-Jul-10			
10.0000	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	9.1708	-8.29%	-8.29%			31-Aug-10			
7.9664	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	7.5827	-1.58%				31-Aug-10			
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Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today						NAV - Net Asset Value					
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Leader on BP claims points to fraud for slow payouts

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BP's \$20 billion fund to compensate victims of the Gulf oil spill has been inundated with inflated or unsupported claims and in some cases, outright fraud — all slowing down the process of getting money to people who need and deserve it, the administrator of the program says.

Kenneth Feinberg said more than a third of the roughly 104,000 applicants need to do more to back up their claims, and thousands of claims have no documentation at all. He added that the amount sought in some cases bears no resemblance to actual losses, such as a fisherman's claim for \$10 million "on what was obviously a legitimate claim of a few thousand dollars."

"People can put down on a claims form all sorts of numbers," he said.

At the same time, hundreds of claims that were initially denied have been accepted as Feinberg adjusts rules for compensation, such as whether people need to be physically close to the spill to get paid.

"At the beginning, it's always rough," said Feinberg, an attorney who previously oversaw claims for 9/11 victims. "Hopefully, by the end of this program, people will feel that the fund treated them fairly."

Many claimants are still waiting for checks from the Gulf Coast Claims Facility, which is doling out BP's money to oil spill victims.

The Associated Press interviewed dozens who say they have received small fractions of the compensation they requested.

Claims have been bogged down by the sheer volume of requests for money as livelihoods have crumbled since the April 20 rig explosion that killed 11 workers and spewed more than 200 million gallons of oil over about three months.

"We don't have any business left," said Sheryl Lindsay, a beach wedding planner who filed a claim for about \$240,000 for lost revenue from July through December because of cancellations.

The check she received from the BP claims center was for just \$7,700.

Lindsay said she recently learned that her claim will be reviewed for possible additional payments, but she needs money now.

She closed her coastal Alabama office and said she will soon file for bankruptcy.

Such complaints have "not fallen on deaf ears," Feinberg said.

Gain in services powers stocks; Dow up nearly 200

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Stocks surged to their highest level in five months Tuesday after a report that activity in U.S. services companies powered ahead in September, a hopeful sign for the economy's largest sector and the country's main source of employment.

A surprise move by the Bank of Japan to cut its key interest rate to virtually zero also lifted stocks worldwide. The dollar fell as investors shed defensive assets, and a gauge of U.S. stock market volatility fell. The Institute for Supply Management reported that the U.S. services industry grew slightly faster in September as demand from customers improved.

It was the ninth-straight month of expansion in services, which have been growing at a slower pace in the U.S. relative to the much smaller manufacturing sector.

Traders are also hoping to get more positive news from the beginning of corporate earnings reports this week and from another key economic indicator, the Labor Department's monthly jobs survey on Friday. PepsiCo Inc. and Alcoa Inc. report results on Thursday.

In corporate news, Mexican broadcaster Grupo Televisa said it would invest \$1.2 billion in Univision Communications, expanding a license deal between the Spanish-language media heavyweights. Televisa's U.S. shares rose 9.8 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 193.45 points, or 1.8 percent, to close at 10,944.72.

All but one of the 30 companies that make up the average rose, led by Boeing Co. and Bank of America Corp. American Express Co. fell again, a day after the company said it would fight an antitrust lawsuit, even after Visa and MasterCard settled similar suits.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 23.72, or 2.1 percent, to 1,160.75. The index



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broke through 1,150, a level it hadn't traded above since mid-May, and kept on going.

Robert Pavlik, chief market strategist at Banyan Partners LLC in New York, cited another factor in today's upward swing: Even when stocks have fallen lately, the S&P 500 has managed to stay above 1,130, a key technical barrier that it had broken through on Sept. 20.

He said that has given jittery investors confidence to buy.

Cash

"A lot folks who have cash on the sidelines are being drawn into the market because they don't want to be left behind," Pavlik says.

"I think there's potential to get to 1,200 by the end of the year."

The Nasdaq composite index rose 55.31, or 2.4 percent, to 2,399.83.

Other market indicators also suggested growing confidence among investors. An index measuring the dollar against six major currencies fell 0.7 percent, the CBOE Market Volatility Index fell 7.2 percent to its lowest level since Sept. 24, and crude oil rose \$1.35 to settle at \$82.82 a barrel. In a surprise move, Japan's central bank cut its key interest rate target to a range of zero to 0.1 percent, and is looking to buy government bonds in an effort to



Frank Franklin II, file/AP Photo

SIGN OF RECOVERY: In this file photograph taken July 6, 2010, a street sign is shown near the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street, New York. Stocks rose Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010, following news that activity expanded in the U.S. services sector last month. World markets also rose after the central bank of Japan surprised investors by slashing interest rates to near zero.

boost the faltering Japanese economy. Japan has been struggling with a strong currency and falling prices, and authorities there intervened in currency markets last month to weaken the yen, but the impact was short-lived.

Investors are also hoping for more action from the Federal Reserve to boost the U.S. economy, and got more encouragement from remarks by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke late Monday. Bernanke said the economy could be helped by another round of asset purchases by the central bank, and hopes are building that the Fed could announce new measures at its next meeting Nov. 2 and 3.

Stocks were also trading higher in Europe. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 1.4 percent, Germany's DAX index rose 1.3 percent, and France's CAC-40 rose 2.3 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 0.1 percent.

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The Deputy Director of Education for Curriculum and Supervision will play an essential role in the implementation and development of curriculum as well as professional development of teachers. The Deputy Director will be responsible for the successful design, development, and implementation of curriculum, working with teachers, parents, community members and other staff to analyze, assess, and improve educational programs.

Key Responsibilities:

- Curriculum Development - works with teachers and staff to ensure curriculum is aligned with National Learning Standards and is achieving the System's goals. Reviews current curriculum and recommends changes based on performance data. Demonstrates a strong grasp of educational technology applications.
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- 10+ years administrative experience in an educational setting
- Strong leadership skills and personal drive
- Passion for children and their families
- Ability to implement programs to improve student achievement
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- Commitment to technological advancement
- Familiarity with various educational models
- Strategic planning experience
- Strong communication skills
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Education Requirements:

- Masters degree preferred in education, business or related fields from an accredited college/university
- Accredited Teaching Certificate

Letters of Application submitted with copies of Degree Certificates, Curriculum Vitae, three references, and three passport photos, must be submitted to: **The Director of Anglican Education, Anglican Central Education Authority, P.O. Box N656, Nassau, The Bahamas**

The deadline for Applications is **Thursday, October 7th 2010**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHIEF RISK OFFICER

Job Summary

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- Carry out testing of business recovery planning and crisis management arrangements.
- Oversee and facilitate the training of staff in Compliance, AML and risk analysis practices.
- Implement a risk monitoring program to identify risk and breaches in controls and procedures.
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Qualifications and Experience

- 3-5 years full-time experience in auditing, accounting, statistical analysis or related field;
- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university;
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- Professional designation in Anti-Money Laundering, Risk Management and/or Compliance;
- Proven ability to analyze and interpret quantitative and qualitative data;
- Ability to create, implement, monitor and make recommendations for improvement to risk culture;
- Highest level of integrity, objectivity, and confidentiality in the execution of duties;
- Knowledge of relevant Bahamian laws, regulations, guidance notes, and best practices;
- Exceptional mathematical and computer skills;
- Excellent oral, analytical, interpersonal and written communication skills;
- Ability to multitask;
- Focused, driven and results orientated;
- Strategic thinking and statistical planning skills.

Qualified applicants should send their resume and cover letter via email to: **Attention: Chief Risk Officer Position**
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The Tribune Taste

Creating great food memories

(ARA) - Your memory of real, flavourful, fresh food is a key tool for losing weight. At least that's one of the intriguing claims in Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough's new book, "Real Food Has Curves: How to Get off Processed Food, Lose Weight, and Love What You Eat."

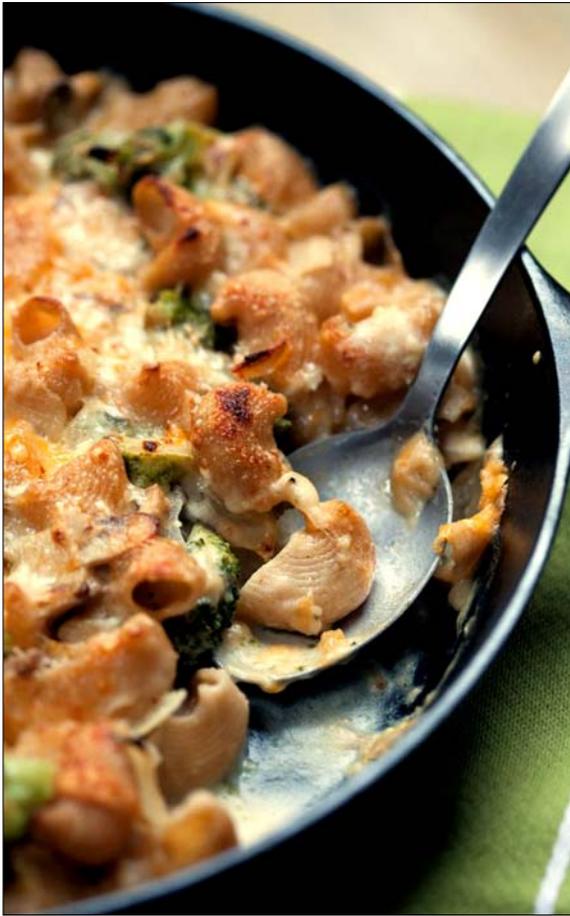
We find pleasure in what we eat because we stock up those good memories of past real food. "You don't get a lot of flavour depth in the processed stuff," Scarbrough says. "And so you don't develop many pleasure memories from it."

In fact, real food is the key to eating less, the authors say. For one thing, you're satisfied more quickly with its big flavours. And more flavour means more good memories. And good memories lead us back to real food - a loop of health and nutrition.

Scarbrough's mom's mac-and-cheese is still in his recipe repertoire, all these years later. "She never made the processed stuff; she only made the real thing," he says. "And so I crave it, want it - and feel wonderfully satisfied when I eat it."

It doesn't get much more real than dairy from California, a state with a rich heritage of producing and providing high-quality agricultural products for the whole country. What's more, 99 per cent of California dairy farms are family-owned, many for generations. "That's so important to me, a child of family farmers," Scarbrough says.

If you're looking to make some real memories in your house, try this souped-up version of mac-and-cheese from Weinstein and Scarbrough's new book. Plus, this recipe is a simple, healthful way to start your journey to better eating - with good memories in every bite.



SKILLET MACARONI AND CHEESE

This isn't a baked casserole, but a skillet supper, quick and easy. It's got lots of flavours and textures, all enhanced by real California dairy products.

Makes 4 servings

- 6 ounces** grated California Cheddar
- 2 ounces** finely grated California dry jack
- 1 tablespoon** unsalted California butter
- 1 small** yellow onion, chopped
- 6 ounces** cremini or white button mushrooms, sliced
- 3 tablespoons** unbleached all-purpose flour
- 3 cups** low-fat or fat-free California milk
- 1 tablespoon** Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon** minced tarragon leaves or
- 2 teaspoons** dried tarragon
- 1/2 teaspoon** salt
- 1/2 teaspoon** freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces** dried, whole wheat pasta shells (not the large ones for stuffing), cooked and drained according to the package instructions
- 4 cups** broccoli florets and stems

DIRECTIONS

- 1.** Mix the Cheddar and dry jack in a medium bowl. Set aside.
- 2.** Melt the butter in a large, high-sided, oven-safe skillet. Add the onion and cook, stirring often, until softened, about three minutes.

- 3.** Add the mushrooms and cook until they release their liq-

uid, it comes to a simmer, and then reduces by about 2/3, about five minutes.

- 4.** Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables in the skillet. Stir well to coat.

5. Whisk in the milk in a steady, thin stream until creamy. Then whisk in the mustard, tarragon, salt and pepper. Continue whisking until the mixture starts to bubble and the liquid thickens, about three minutes.

- 6.** Remove the skillet from the heat. Stir in 3/4 of the mixed cheeses until smooth. Then stir in the cooked pasta and broccoli.

7. Preheat the broiler after setting the rack 4 to 6 inches from the heat source. Meanwhile, sprinkle the remaining cheese over the ingredients in the skillet. Set the skillet on the rack and broil until light browned and bubbling, about five minutes. (If your skillet has a plastic or wooden handle, make sure it sticks outside the oven, out from under the broiler, so the handle doesn't melt.) Cool five to 10 minutes before dishing up.

• For more California dairy recipes, visit www.realcaliforniamilk.com.

Flash Back

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

BY ROLAND ROSE

June 1953 local sailors put on the Coronation Regatta. Work boats Snipe class and Star class all competed, overlooked by the SS Florida and the old British Colonial Hilton.



entertainment

Theodore Sealy triumphs the Runway To Fashion Week!

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

IN a highly competitive Runway To Fashion week ultimate designer competition, Theodore Sealy won over the judges with his skillful design label called "Theodore Elyett".

The competition was held on Sunday, October 3 at Mario's Bowling and Entertainment Palace.

With less than two months until the biggest runway show to hit the Bahamian shores, Mode Iles LTD, producers of the award winning Islands of the World Fashion Week (IWFW) created this designer competition for novice designers based in the Bahamas. The competition, Runway to Fashion Week is loosely based on America's "Project Runway" and was created to involve local designers and gradually expose their talent to a larger market.

This two part event featured five talented designers, showcasing three to five of their designs before a panel of local fashion icons, who scored and had a chance to critique their work.

Each of the designers presented a newly created "cultural fashion" design, encompassing indigenous elements. At the end of the intense competition, the winner, Theodore Sealy received fabric courtesy of Bahama Handprints to showcase a line of five to ten garments at the Islands of the World Fashion Show and the chance of a lifetime to attend one of the world's most prestigious schools of fashion design, by way of the "Harl Taylor Fashion Scholarship."

Mr Sealy is a recent recipient of the Junior Achievement Bahamas Recognition of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement in Fashion Design and Entrepreneurial Skills Award.

The twenty six year old is also a multi-talented young man with varied skills in the fashion industry which includes; Fashion Illustration, Fashion Apparel Production, Fashion Show Production, Fashion Styling and Beauty Management.

Mr Sealy said his fashion portfolio dates back to 1998 when he emerged as a 13 year old award winning designer. Since then, he has built a portfolio in Nassau, New York and Toronto Canada.

His design label is named Theodore Elyett and he entered the Runway to Fashion Week Challenge to not only showcase his creative design abilities, but to also climb one step closer to compelling his goal of obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Design via the Harl Taylor Bag Scholarship.

The remaining designers included first runner up Rudolph Brown Jr, he is a Nassau based fashion designer and make-up artist. In 2002, he attended Savannah College of Art and Design where he received an Associate degree in Fashion Design and B.A. in Fashion Marketing and Design from American International University in December 2009. Mr Brown has been sewing designs for about thirteen years throughout

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ONE of the models for Theodore Sealy makes her way down the runway.



PICTURED are the founder of Islands of the world fashion week, Owen Bethel (centre back), Judges Mr Percy Wallace (back left) and Ms Tyrina Neely (front right), winner Theodore Sealy (back right) and his models.

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OCT 1 - OCT 11

2nd Annual Shakespeare In Paradise Theatre Festival

• Shakespeare in Paradise hosts its 2nd Annual Theatre Festival with eight major stage productions, including a Bahamianised version of the Shakespeare play "A Midsummer Night's Dream", Talcine Turner's "Woman Take Two", "God's Trombones", "One Flesh", "Dat Bahamian Ting" and "The World is My Home - The Life of Paul Robeson". The full schedule of all productions is posted on the festival's website at <http://shakespeareinparadise.org>. Reserve tickets via email at: tx@shakespeareinparadise.org call 393-3728, 394-7179 or 431-7197.

OCT 4-6

Shakespeare in Paradise: A One Man Show & Discounted Tickets

• The critically-acclaimed Broadway-style show, "The World is My Home - The Life of Paul Robeson" is written and performed by Actor/Writer/Comedian, Stogie Kenyatta who was classically-trained at the Afro American Studio in Harlem, the Henry St Settlement and Al Fann Theatrical Ensemble. Paul Robeson was the son of a preacher who transcended race and dreamed for a color-blind society.

He spoke out against the Holocaust, visited Warsaw ghettos in Poland and co-founded the OAU (Organisation for African Unity) with WEB Dubois. Three shows are held at the National Art Gallery of the Bahamas. On the first night, tickets are only \$5, specially discounted from the normal \$25 price through a sponsorship by the US Embassy Nassau. Tickets are available at The Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts from 10 am - 4 pm Mon-Sat.

OCT 8 - OCT 10

Fam Fest 2010

• Don't miss this year's Fam Fest at Fort Charlotte under the theme "Believe." Concert features special guests Papa San, Marvin Winans Jr And Sherwin Gardner, as well as artists such as Christian Massive, Ricardo Clarke, Mr Lynx and so much more!

OCT 9 - SATURDAY

"Harmony For The Home" Concert

• Sheraton Nassau Resort hosts "Harmony for The Home", a concert with a mix of stars including Novi, Nita, Terez, KB, Geno D, Funky D, Visage, Sosa Man, Sammie Star, Ta Da and more. Telephone: 356-5312, 302-3950 or 702-4127.

OCT 16 - SATURDAY

3rd Annual Camperdown Plant Sale

• Don't miss one of the biggest and best plant sales of the year with bargains galore and a wide variety of plants at reasonable prices, including ferns, palms, shrubs, tree, bromeliads, orchids and so much more! Gates open 9am on Soursop Street, Camperdown.

movie-REVIEW

The Social Network

By JASON DONALD

STARRING: Jesse Eisenberg
Andrew Garfield
Justin Timberlake

THE digital age has been a quandary of sorts for filmmakers. In real life, almost everyone these days has their head shoved into a laptop or handheld every five minutes – a trend that doesn't really translate to the screen. With this in mind, director David Fincher's *The Social Network*

focuses on the online phenomena of Facebook with an approach that's closer to the dialogue-heavy dramas of the seventies than anything from the 21st century.

Jesse Eisenberg is Mark Zuckerberg, a brilliant, socially aloof Harvard student, whose hacking of the institution's database leads to the idea of a social networking site with a difference.

Zuckerberg and his buddy Eduardo Saverin (Garfield), both on the fringes of Harvard's party scene, spend their

free time rattling out lines of code in a bid for their creation to take off. And take off it does, albeit with a price.

Choosing to skim over the technicalities of an Internet business, *The Social Network* concentrates more on recrimination, finger-pointing and the legal minefield that rapid success can bring.

"The Facebook" (its original moniker) gathers momentum at a frightening pace and no one, least of all its seemingly unfazed founder, seems to be able to keep tabs on the wreckage it leaves behind.

Eisenberg's star is rising fast and this performance is sure to elevate him to the A-list. He manages to

make a cold, difficult and arguably calculating protagonist someone that you can't help but root for. And there is strong support for Spiderman-to-be Garfield, as well as an impressively sinister turn by Justin Timberlake as Napster founder Sean Parker.

All are aided by a dynamite script by Aaron Sorkin of *The West Wing* fame, based on the book *The Accidental Billionaire*, which keeps even routine exposition tension filled.

The Social Network could easily have fallen into a trap of fast cuts and split screens in a bid to please a young audience. Instead, Fincher has crafted a smart, mature, effortlessly entertaining drama and one of the top movies of 2010 so far.

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Theodore Sealy

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the United States and the Bahamas where his foundation was established.

Mr. Brown said he wants to prove to the world that he can make a name for himself, through his designs, and his way of revealing his visions to the world.

"What better way to do it than to do so from the runway. He said: "Fashion is not just my passion, it is my life, and my design techniques are always of the runway, ready to wear garments with a hint of P' Lage' touch." He said he gave his fashion line the name P' Lage' and the name has been an eye catcher along with his designs throughout the United States as well as through The Bahamas where he has been sewing cocktail dresses, owns and wedding dresses.

Gloria Whyms also participated in the contest. She is currently in her last semester at the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) and recently graduated from the school's Fashion one garment making course. Ms Whyms states that she is now on to stage two being evening wear and fashion. Winning the school's 2009-2010 fashion show. Gloria has always had a passion for sewing and looks forward to seeing her clothing locally and internationally.

Participant Katherine Booth, 31-year-old who is does her best to be unforgettable is currently studying with one of the Bahamas' best instructors, Percy Wallace and BTVI's faculty in the fashion trade department. Treneil Hanna also was a participating designer in the competition.

The judges were Pamela Burnside, Percy Wallace, and Tyrina Neely.

The "Runway to Fashion Week" is also one of the events under the Carifringe Festival Calendar that is schedule for October 1-11. Carifringe is an annual ten day regional arts and culture festival that has been designed to feature a cross-section of Bahamian and Caribbean arts.



DANIELLE Anusiem host of the show entertains the crowd.



DESIGNER Gloria Whyms is introduced by her model during the show.



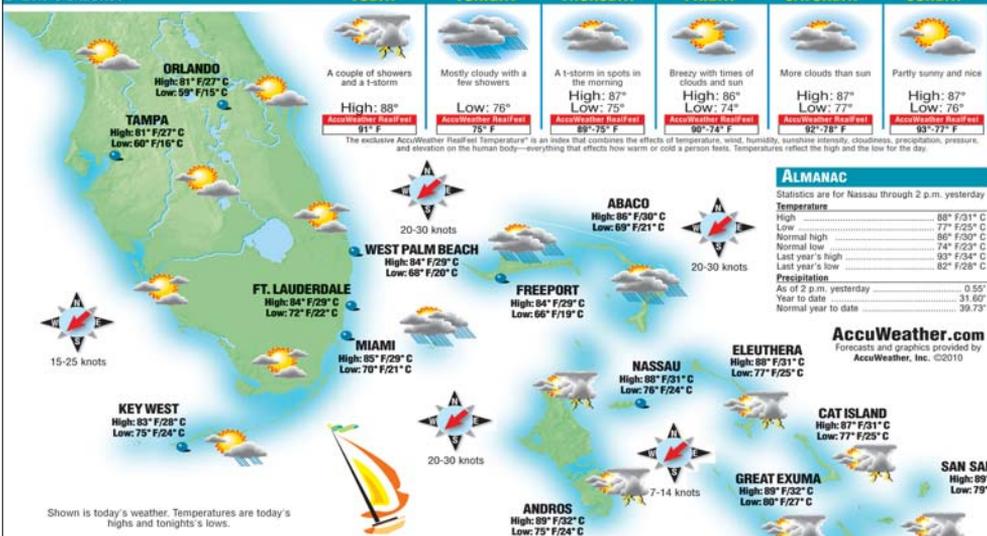
DESIGNER Rudolph Brown Jr shows off his model wearing one of his gowns inspired by Bahamian culture.

THE WEATHER REPORT

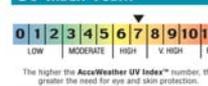


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5-DAY FORECAST



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Sunday	9:15 a.m. 3.8	2:53 p.m. -0.3
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Normal high	86° F/30° C
Normal low	74° F/23° C
Last year's high	93° F/34° C
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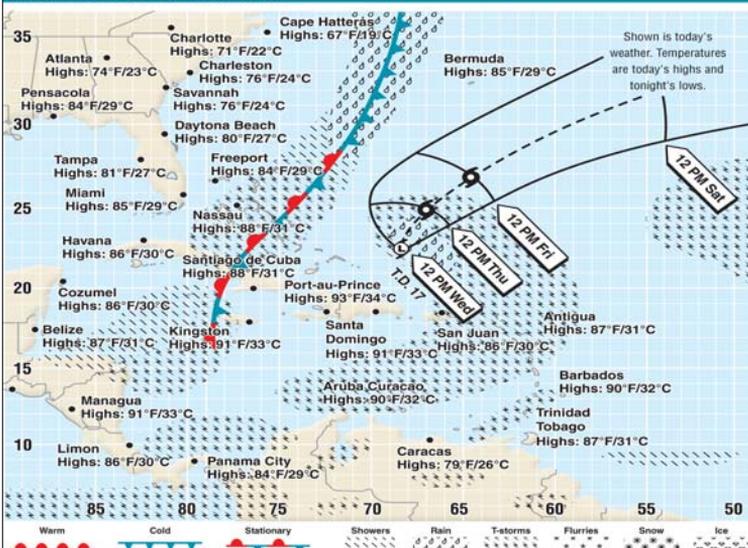
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MARINE FORECAST

Location	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
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ANDROS	Today: NNE at 12-25 Knots	8-12 Feet	10 Miles	82° F
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CROOKED ISLAND	Today: NNE at 12-25 Knots	4-8 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: NE at 7-14 Knots	4-8 Feet	3 Miles	84° F
FREEPORT	Today: NNE at 12-25 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: NNE at 12-25 Knots	5-9 Feet	5 Miles	84° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: NNE at 12-25 Knots	8-12 Feet	5 Miles	84° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: NNE at 12-25 Knots	4-8 Feet	6 Miles	84° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: NE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
NASSAU	Today: NNE at 15-25 Knots	3-6 Feet	3 Miles	84° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: NNE at 15-25 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: NNE at 12-25 Knots	1-3 Feet	5 Miles	85° F



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Creating great food memories

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Theodore Sealy wins Runway to Fashion Week

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The Arts

The Tribune SECTION B

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010

By PATRICIA GLINTON-MEICHOLAS

“Who would have known such artistry could be created from a plain wax Crayola crayon!” This was Kelley Knowles’ “Aha!” moment regarding the medium that has recently become the focus of her attention and not only yields colour, but also provides the form and substance and, in fact, the very raison d’être of her first solo exhibition.

It is a maiden exposition which demonstrates much promise and the birthing of an individualism, which, if taken at the flood and encouraged, can one day create a space for Ms Knowles in the pantheon of Bahamian art.

There are two pieces, especially, that could well be auguries of a passion and commitment that could lead to greatness, if these buds of a unique voice are nurtured to full bloom.

The title of Ms Knowles’ show (October 1-11, 2010), “No Acrylics! No Oil!”, demonstrates the honest forthrightness and desire for self-determination that has been characteristic of the works of several emerging Bahamian artists of late. Fresh from the prestigious art schools, which have had the good sense to admit, even solicit young Bahamians into their august precincts, they are willing, like our nursery hero Humpty Dumpty, to defy the conventions and reshape the world to suit their special communication needs. For this brave first effort, Kelley has all but retired the acrylics and cast out the oils that have long defined Bahamian art.

An alumna of the distinguished Pratt Institute, New York City, from which she holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture, Ms Knowles explains the reasons for the divorce from the twin tyros of Bahamian visual arts and her engagement with a medium of which most of us have asked little more than to stay decently within the lines of our shabby prepubescent artistic sallies.

“Fascination with both self exploration and self limit ministered in the creation of this body of work. I began the collection with no expectations at all but those of myself. The medium crayon was secondary to the work’s conceptual content and value. It did not take me long to realise the true beauty of works with crayon,” Knowles said.

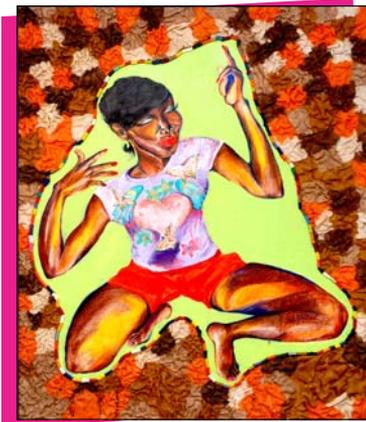
“In order to build and reconstruct, I first deconstructed and manipulated the crayon from its original form. I love the idea of stripping an object of its importance and principle to create originality. Process became imperative to the creation of each piece. I cut, grated, crushed, melted, carved and glued the crayons to achieve the results I desired.”

“No Acrylics! No Oil!” fills the ground and first floors of Knowles’ two-storey studio space. Those entering the gallery will be immediately arrested by “Papa”, the huge portrait of her paternal grandfather, whom the family recently lost. Those who knew Conrad Knowles well will find

COLOURING OUTSIDE THE LINES

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Young Bahamian explores Crayola crayons as medium for serious art



it highly appropriate that he still functions as host of the event. Defined by an old world gentility and gracious speech, Conrad nevertheless dominated any gathering in which he found himself because of his always evident pride in being Bahamian, irrepresible good humour, wide knowledge and gift for telling a good story.

Also on this floor, many will be impressed by the evidence of the intense effort that would have gone into the creation of “Extravaganza” and “Nassau Grouper”, but a close examination will lead to a greater appreciation for “Celebrate!” on the opposite wall. Here one begins to discern more painterly energy and deeper meaning.

On the floor above, Knowles mostly abandons the substance of crayons for sculpting and draws mostly on their colour in the manner of paint. In contrast to the ground-floor displays, these works depend more on standard figuration and, here, the artist’s declared goal is to capture motion, rhythm and expression. The pieces that stand out from this lot are “Get Low” and “Pretty Brown Eyes”, which best realise her intent. As with the pieces downstairs, here and there one can see areas that are still at the beginning of the artistic journey.

As the old Bahamian aphorism says, “last man, best bone.” We come now to the two small canvases that are, in this writer’s opinion, the stars of the show. Like old money, the two “Hope for Haiti” paintings hang so quietly at the turn of the stairs onto the landing, they might, at first, be missed by those to whom the tour of an art exhibition is a contest of speed consumption rather than a sensual exploration to capture and savour nuances of line, texture, shading and feeling.

Ms Knowles said that the works are her reactions to images of earthquake-devastated Haiti and the plight of Haiti’s children. With remarkable perceptiveness for one so young and full of life, Knowles saw not just loss in their faces, but incipient joy and hope.

Kelley Knowles, with an almost hushed awe, has learned and acknowledges the mystical in the production of art, a marriage between the demands of good training, personal inspiration and skill and the inexpressible—the spiritual that steps in and lifts a work beyond the humdrum and sometimes speaks instantly to one’s inner being. Maybe the “Hope for Haiti” works should be a little hidden away; their worth must be teased out and courted. Here are two shy but lovely maidens—not brazen, hotly coloured, or lustre, whose easily attained wares as quickly pall and sometimes appall in the brave new world of contemporary art.

Knowles notes: “The most intriguing part of working with the crayon was that each crayon determined the work’s final result. It was impossible to control each crayon exactly the way I wanted. I realised I wasn’t in control of the material; the only thing I was completely in control of was the content. I grew a love for the acceptance of imperfection in each piece. Distinctively individual. “No Acrylic! No Oil!” has opened a new chapter in my life.” We believe that it has. We look forward to seeing this young Bahamian artist grow.





Judo: Elaina brings home two bronze...
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Thomas ready to 'pop' another big performance

BRENT STUBBS
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NEW DELHI, India — He was the last member of the track team to arrive in the Games Village. But having made the necessary adjustments to his environment, high jumper Donald Thomas said he's ready to pop another big performance at the XIX Commonwealth Games.

"Since I got here, I've been trying to get ready," Thomas stressed. "I like the facilities. Everything is going good. Everything is up to par. I'm just getting ready to compete."

Like everybody else, Thomas said when he arrived here on Sunday (missing the colourful

opening ceremonies) he was shocked with what he saw.

"After hearing on the news the false allegations, as I stay here, I haven't had a problem. The facilities are nice, the place where we are staying is nice. Everything is nice to me and according to everybody else on the Bahamas team."

Having finished shy of a medal in Melbourne, Australia, where he made his debut on the international scene with a fourth place finish in 2006, Thomas said his goal this time around is to get the gold.

"I'm just going to go out there and have some fun and represent my country to the best of my ability," he said. "I also hope to come home with the gold medal. I'm not feeling any pressure. I just have to go out there and do what I know I



READY: Donald Thomas.

should do and I know I can be successful."

Dating back to the days of the double connection with Troy Kemp and the late Ian Thompson, Thomas will be

competing with fellow Bahamian Trevor Barry when the high jump preliminaries begin on Thursday.

"I'm hoping the best for him, just as I'm hoping for the best for me," Thomas said. "Hopefully the two of us will be on the podium. I don't know what he's been doing, but I can speak on behalf. I'm sure that if I go out there and do what I'm supposed to do, I should be victorious."

The final for the high jump is set for Sunday.

Head track coach Fritz Grant said that with the arrival of Thomas, the team is now complete and the focus is on them all going out there and performing at their best.

"We have the full troops in now that Donald is in town. I spoke with him and he seemed

to be confident of his chances in the high jump competition," said Grant, who along with manager Roosevelt Thompson had their final team meeting on Monday.

"This team is really focused and real loose and their training sessions have been very productive. Now that competition will begin tomorrow, you're looking for them to go through the rounds and advance as easily as possible and just compete and try to improve each round."

"That is going to be the key to make the finals. You have to get better with each round, not just come out and run fast in the heats and the second round, your times drop. We're trying to get them to manage their times effectively and they stay focused and relaxed." Grant said there's no doubt

that this team will produce some outstanding performances.

"Once they would have done their best, I would give God the praise and thanks," he stated. "But the synergy on this team is outstanding and I think the BOC's decision to bring us here early has enabled us to get acclimated to the heat."

"Everybody has made the adjustment, they are accustomed to the food and so tomorrow (today), we're just looking to start off with a bang in the competition."

Today, three male sprinters - national champion Adrian Griffith, Rodney Green and Jamial Rolle - are expected to line up in the preliminaries of the 100m. Christine Amertil is also slated to open up in the women's 400m prelims.

Fountain, Russell into quarters

- Marvin Rolle comes from behind for victory
- Devin Mullings and Rodney Carey Jr lose
- Rolle, Mullings fall in doubles



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NEW DELHI, India — Nikkita Fountain and Larikah Russell made their women's doubles match look so easy that it took some of the burden off their three weary male counterparts, who had a rough time in their opening singles matches yesterday at the XIX Commonwealth Games.

Although Marvin Rolle was the only one successful in staying alive with his come-from-behind 2-6, 6-1, 6-0 win over Thangarajah Dineshkanthan of Sri Lanka, the concern was how well he, Devin Mullings and Rodney Carey Jr would play coming off the jet lag.

As it turned out, Mullings suffered some cramps during his match and he went down in two sets to the top seed Somdev Devvarman of India 6-4, 6-2 and Carey Jr fell victim to Scotland's Jamie Murray 6-2, 7-5.

"I had a rough day, just coming off two long flights, one from Nassau to London and then from London here," said Carey Jr, who got off the flight, headed to the hotel and had to rush right back out to the tennis stadium to compete yesterday.

"I kind of expected it, but I just wanted to go out there and give it my best. Considering what I had to do, I think I did a pretty good job. I didn't play my best, but I was real happy," he said.

Carey Jr, Rolle and Mullings all encountered visa problems which prevented them from coming into India earlier so that they could get acclimated.

But despite getting knocked out before he could really enjoy the atmosphere of the games, Carey said he's just "delighted to be here to represent my country and get the experience out of it."

Mullings, playing in his first match since he arrived on Sunday, admitted that the jet lag finally caught up with him. The south-paw with the power-packed forehand surprisingly jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first set and extended it to 4-1, but as the fatigue started to settle in, Devvarman started to bear down and he kept Mullings on the run.

Eventually, after Devvarman took the first set, Mullings had to seek some medical attention for his hip and legs. But he managed to shake it off and came out strong to hold serve in the first game of the second set.

However, Devvarman stepped it up a notch and while favouring his



DYNAMIC DUO: Nikkita Fountain (left) and Larikah Russell stand beside the scoreboard after winning their doubles match at the Commonwealth Games.

legs, Mullings was unable to continue to play at the high level that he did in the first set.

"It just came down to the physicality of it," said Mullings, who was hoping to keep his winning streak going against Devvarman.

"I was hitting the ball, I was dictating and I won the first three games of the first set. But at 4-1, we had a couple long points and my body just gave way. I guess I was so tired from the long trip. Plus it was hot out there. He's a survivor and he battled for every point. I hit the ball cleanly, but I couldn't maintain it. He wore me down," he said.

Mullings said he needed a little more rest because he didn't have any legs left. "It was disappointing because I was on top. I was leading him," he said.

After falling behind in the first set, Marvin Rolle was able to regain his composure and he easily took the next two sets to secure the win over Dineshkanthan.

"It was good, I had a rough start at the match, but I was confident that I could come back," he said. "I was just beating myself. So I settled down a little and I came out with the victory."

"After losing the first set, I started to put the ball on the court. I used my slice more than my forehand. I allowed him to make more of the mistakes. But I'm feeling better now that I won," said Rolle.

Rolle will now prepare to play No.7 seed Josh Goodall of England, who knocked off Gavin Manders of Bermuda 6-2, 6-2. Their match will be played today.

Before the day was done, Rolle and Mullings also teamed up to play in the men's doubles. However, they didn't have anything left in the tank and went down 6-4, 6-2 to the Wales' team of Chris Lewis and Milton Josh.

In the women's doubles, Fountain and Russell needed just 35 minutes to dispose of Tiriata Keeba and Maetiu Keebwa of Kiribati, 6-1, 6-0.

No match for their opponents, Fountain said they missed pulling off the double bagel when she missed two returns and Russell said she missed one at 4-0 in the first set.

Nevertheless, Fountain said: "It was a good match for us to start off with. I'm not sure who we will have in the next round, but it was a good warm up match for us. We didn't have that much pressure on us, so I was happy it was just the first round."

Russell, on the other hand, said it was really funny because "one of the women was running from the ball." "We just wanted to try to get over it as quickly as we could."

They will now go on to play the top ranked Australian team of Anastasia Rodionova and Sally Elizabeth Peers in the quarterfinals.

Russell is also still alive in the women's singles, having easily disposed of Keeba in the first round. She is scheduled to play her second round match today.

On hand to watch the matches yesterday were BOC's secretary general Rommel Knowles, chef de mission Roy Colebrooke and deputy chef de mission Tim Munnings.

The only female athletes, Eve and Amertil have a lot on their shoulders

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NEW DELHI, India — As the only two females on the track and field team, Lavern Eve and Christine Amertil know that a lot will be riding on their shoulders at the XIX Commonwealth Games.

But the two veteran competitors who are rooming together at the Games Village have indicated that they are looking forward to the challenge.

While Eve, competing in her fourth and final Commonwealth Games, won't compete until Friday in the javelin, Amertil will be participating in her third games starting today in the 400m.

Since arriving here with the male-loaded team since Monday, both competitors have indicated that they have been taking advantage of the accommodations and getting themselves ready to compete.

"So far, my experience here has been very good. It has exceeded all expectations," she said. "So I don't know. You can't be listening to the media. You have to see for yourself. But it has been put together really well. This is the best Commonwealth Games I've been so far."

For Amertil, it's nothing out of the ordinary, but said the proximity of the training facilities has made this one very special. "Being right here in the village and not having to go through the hectic traffic out there has been really nice," she said. "We get to see everybody, which makes it a lot easier to prepare yourself."

As she gets set to compete, Eve said she is confident of winning a medal. "If I put everything together on that one day, I know I can do it," insisted Eve, who will be among a record 17 competitors in the preliminaries.

"My hopes are high and I guess one thing I say is that I can rely on my experience. So on that day, I'm just hoping and praying and go out there and do my best."

And to be able to achieve that feat, Eve said she feels it will take at least a throw of 58 or 59 metres to step up on the medal podium.

"From practice the other day, I'm right there. I haven't had that many meets. I had two this year and they were well below par because of injuries," she pointed out. "Now I'm in a better condition and the injury is not 100 per cent, but it's under control."

"Not competing, sometimes it takes a while for you to see where you are, especially in javelin. Any event that has rhythm or is very technical, sometimes you have to do a few meets for things to come together," she said. "Hopefully when I compete, I can put it together and let one fly."

In preparation for her performance, Amertil said she has gone through her normal workout routine, got a lot of stretches, rested quite a bit and made



UP FOR CHALLENGE: Lavern Eve.

sure that she wasn't going to get overwhelmed in any way.

"I'm just hoping to go out there and run well," Amertil projected. "I've had a long season, starting with indoors. But I'm feeling pretty good now, so I'm hoping that will carry through for the next three rounds."

Amertil, however, noted that the Australians are at an advantage as they have just started their season and the British started late as well just so they can be ready for the games.

Although they are the only two females on the team, Eve said she understands why some of the others are not here because it's extremely late in the season to have the games.

"I would like to have seen them here for company sake, but those things happen," she said. "Me and Christine get along very well. We've roomed together before when I'm not with Jackie (Edwards). But she's very adventurous, so I'm definitely going to be hanging on her coat."

Since they hooked up in 2000 at the Sydney Olympic Games, Amertil said whenever the opportunity presents itself, she always tries to stay connected with Eve.

"We're pretty much sisters and we've roomed together for a while," she said. "Being the only two females on the team, we've been doing our training together and encouraging each other."

"So we will be rooting for each other, as well as the guys. But it's good to have another female here along with me. It would have been nice to have some of the others, but I understand their choices and I know they have done what is best for them."

Eve said while Amertil will be the first out of the gate, she will be in the stands rooting for her because she's confident that she will be able to get into the final. More than that, Eve said she's looking for both of them to be on the medal dais.

"I've seen the rest of the team, especially the men, training and I wish them the very best," Eve said. "I know that the Bahamas will get a number of medals. So I'm hoping that one of them is mine and the other is Christine's."



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Judo: Elaina brings home two bronze

ELAINA Cuffy led the Bahamian team to win two bronze medals – one at the Pan-American Infantile Championships and the other at the Panama Open – last weekend.

Elaina is 11 years old and fights in the +52 Kg category. She defeated the Panamanian champion with ippon (instant win) throws on the way to both victories. Her other matches were close and she narrowly missed a silver in both tournaments.

"I am very excited to begin training again," she said after her first international tournament. "We train a lot and it is fun, and I know that I won because of it."

Team captain Tajaro Hudson also turned in an impressive performance, throwing the Puerto Rican champion for ippon in seconds in the 56kg under-13 category. He lost in the medal round to the

Bahamas well represented at Pan-American Infantile Championships and Panama Open

US, ending up in fifth place. "I am disappointed," said Tajaro. "I made a gripping error and my opponent, who was very good, got me."

This was Tajaro's second time at the Pan-American Juveniles and first as team captain. "Being team captain is great, I got to warm up the team and give them advice on their strategies against their opponents."

Artio McPhee (-31 Kg) and Andrew Munnings (-34 Kg) performed well in all of their matches but lost to more experienced opponents.



TEAM BAHAMAS: Elaina Cuffy (wearing medal) led the Bahamian team to win two bronze medals at the Pan-American Infantile Championships and the Panama Open.

Coach D'Arcy Rahming, also president of the Bahamas Judo Federation, said the programme "has definitely

improved. "We concentrated on movement and footsweeps for preparation. The summer was

grips and groundwork. Now I can see that we really need to concentrate on improving core strength," he added.

For more information on Bahamas Judo, contact the headquarters at (242) 364-6773.

Detroit Pistons to be sold

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Pistons have found a new owner and he knows Motor City sports.

The Pistons have decided to sell the team to Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings owner Mike Ilitch, a person involved with the process said Tuesday. The person, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because of a confidentiality agreement, said both sides were negotiating financial terms.

Forbes last year valued the team at \$479 million, but a weak economy, the threat of an NBA lockout next year and a motivated seller — Karen Davidson — likely mean the price is lower.

Ilitch Holdings spokeswoman Jennifer Haselhuhn said the organisation signed a nondisclosure agreement earlier this year and cannot comment.

Mayor Dave Bing, former Pistons star, said Tuesday "the deal is not done, but we remain optimistic."

Ilitch, the Little Caesars pizza mogul, has said he was motivated to buy the Pistons in part to make sure another buyer didn't move the NBA club out of town.

If the sale goes through, the 81-year-old Ilitch would be the only person to own and control teams in three of North America's four major professional leagues.

Ted Turner once owned the Atlanta Braves, Hawks and Thrashers.

Problems mount as organisers consider free ticket release

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NEW DELHI (AP) — The empty stadiums that have marred the first two days of competition at the crisis-hit Commonwealth Games may be filled by children and the underprivileged given free tickets if attendance doesn't improve.

After weeks of problems and delays in a wide range of areas in the buildup to the games, the sporting events are starting to grab some focus in New Delhi with host India winning five gold medals on Tuesday and England winning its first two in the pool.

But the problems persisted outside of competition. Workers were rushing to relay turf on the infield and try to clean up Sunday's opening ceremony at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium so it's ready in time for the athletics programme to start Wednesday.

Police scoured the athletes village after an anonymous bomb threat, but it was later confirmed as a hoax. Authorities said a 16-year-old local boy had been cautioned after calling the police from a mobile telephone and claiming that a bomb had been placed in the village.

Against the background of bungling, many of the venues across the city remained nearly empty, prompting local organisers to admit that they



GOLD GLORY: Scotland's Robert Renwick celebrates after winning gold in the Men's 200m Freestyle final during the Commonwealth Games at the Dr S.P. Mukherjee Aquatics Center on Tuesday.

(AP Photo)



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are considering giving away free tickets.

"We are working on the children from schools. Already steps are being taken in that direction," local organising committee chairman

Suresh Kalmadi said Tuesday at a news conference that was sometimes farcical. "And also from the low level of society."

While Indian shooters were busy winning the country's first gold medal of the games, the leaders of the local organising committee were sitting alongside the heads of the Commonwealth Games Federation and faced the media for the first time since the event opened.

Kalmadi was confident that the glitches from the first day of competition on Monday had been solved overnight, saying that the transportation issues were dealt with and the addition of ticket booths at all venues would lead to bigger crowds.

"As of today, things are all right," said Kalmadi, who also mistakenly noted that "Prince Diana" had attended the opening ceremony before correcting himself and identifying Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall as the attendees.

Lady Diana was the ex-wife of Prince Charles, who is the

heir to the British throne and the person who officially declared the games open. Diana died in a car crash in 1997. Despite the optimism shown by Kalmadi, Commonwealth Games Federation President Michael Fennell said his organisation still had a number of concerns.

"There are some issues that we had to deal with and we have assigned those issues to various people to correct," Fennell said. "And we're expecting that those will be corrected during the course of the day."

New scales were used for the belated weigh-in before boxing competition started Tuesday. Athletes and coaches were upset when the scales used Monday were found to be giving incorrect readings, forcing some boxers to take desperate, unnecessary attempts to shed weight.

Organising committee secretary-general Lalit Bhanot said it had been "rectified" and "There's no problem at all."

The 19th edition of the Commonwealth Games have been plagued by construction delays, allegations of corruption and security worries, but with 18 gold medals awarded Tuesday and now 26 overall, much of the focus has now turned to sports.

India picked up two in shooting and three in Greco-

Roman wrestling on Tuesday, with Abhinav Bindra and Gagan Narang starting the rush with victory in the men's 10-meter air rifle pairs event.

"It was always important for us to do well on home ground," Bindra said. "It gives us a good start and hopefully, we will have many more medals in the coming days."

Ravindere Singh won the 64-kilogram class in Greco-Roman wrestling, Sanjay claimed the 74-kg gold and Anil Kumar won the 96-kg event.

Australian wrestler Has-sene Fkiri was disqualified for making a rude gesture after losing to Kumar, giving Kokoma Hugues Bella-Lufu of South Africa the silver and Eric Fuenekes of Canada the bronze. Bella-Lufu beat Fuenekes in what was supposed to be the bronze-medal match.

Singapore claimed two shooting gold medals when Swee Hon Lim and Bin Gai won the men's 50-meter pistol pairs event and Xiang Wei Jasmine and Aqilah Sudhir won the 50-meter rifle pairs.

In track cycling, Australia won the men's and women's time trial races and the men's pursuit. Olympic champion Anna Meares won the women's 500-meter time trial in 33.758 seconds, Scott Sunderland took the men's 1-kilometer time trial in 1:01.411.

Jack Bobridge won the 4,000 meters individual pursuit.

England won its first two gold medals of the games in the swimming pool. Francesca Halsall beat world champion Marieke Guehrer of Australia in the women's 50-meter butterfly, and world champion Liam Tancock won the men's 50 backstroke.

Also, Leiston Pickett gave Australia its fourth gold of the six-day swimming meet by winning the women's 50-meter breaststroke and Robert Renwick won Scotland's first gold with a victory in the 200 freestyle.

Australia won the women's team gymnastics gold for the fourth time in a row and led the medal standings after two days with nine gold medals and 23 overall. India was in second place with 11 overall.

India dominates 2nd day of tennis

NEW DELHI (AP) — Former No. 1-ranked doubles pair Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi combined to beat Sri Lanka's Dineshkanthan Thangarajah and Amresh Jayawickreme 6-3, 6-3 as India's tennis players continued their dominance on day two of the Commonwealth Games competition.

In other matches, Somdev Devvarman defeated Devin Mullings of Bahamas 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of men's singles, while the women's pair of Nirupama Sanjeev and Poojashree Venkatesha beat

Irufa Mahir and Maleela Solih of Maldives 6-0, 6-1.

With Tuesday's victories, India has won seven of its eight matches so far.

Match

The most anticipated match of the day was the men's doubles with the Indians outright favorites. Paes and Bhupathi, estranged friends who come together only while representing India, were greeted with thunderous cheers by some 1,000 spectators in the 5,600 seat R.K. Khanna stadium.

Although the scoreline suggested an easy victory, the Sri Lankans made the Indians struggle, especially in the second set when their serve was broken only in the seventh game.

Bhupathi and Paes had last teamed up for the Davis Cup match on September 19 when they beat Brazil's Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares in India's 3-2 win.

Still Bhupathi appeared stiff on Tuesday, and appeared to struggle with his serve. Paes was brilliant with his interceptions and his trademark backhand defensive flick.



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