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# 2nd plane crash in two days



**THE PLANE** which went down on Little Whale Cay was a Cessna 172 Skyhawk similar to this one.

**Lake Killarney crash: missing passenger is found to be alive**

By **MEGAN REYNOLDS**  
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A FERVENT search for an additional two passengers believed to have been on board Tuesday's fatal plane crash ended in relief for one family last night when their loved one was found to be alive.

Sound technician Junior Lubin, 23, had told his girlfriend he was boarding the Acklins Blue Cessna 402 to San Salvador before it crashed into Lake Killarney killing pilot Nelson Hanna and seven passengers shortly after takeoff from Executive Flight Support at around 12.30pm.

But as relatives of those killed **SEE page 20**

## Prominent businessmen and their wives injured as flight goes down

TWO prominent Bahamian businessmen, Mark Roberts and his father Larry Roberts, together with their wives, were injured when Mark's Cessna 172 Skyhawk crash landed on Little Whale Cay at around 3pm yesterday. Mark, who was seriously injured, was flown to Nassau last night by a Coast Guard helicopter emergency flight. He was accompanied by his wife, Louise.



**HUSBAND AND WIFE:** Mark and Louise Roberts were in the crash. Mark was seriously injured and Louise, who is pregnant, sustained neck injuries.

As the helicopter could not accommodate Mr Larry Roberts of Bahamas Realty and his wife, Liz, they remained the night at Little Whale Cay and will be flown to Nassau today. Mr Roberts, Sr., suffered a back injury. His wife had minor injuries.

Mark Roberts, the owner of Tile King, is the plane's owner and was piloting the four-seater, single engine aircraft at the time of the crash.

Mark Roberts, the 45-year-old president of FYP Builders Mall, sustained serious head injuries, as well as a broken nose, two broken ankles, broken shoulder and arm, while his pregnant wife Louise, an interior designer with Alexiou and Associates Architects, sustained neck injuries.

This comes just one day after a charter plane, also a Cessna, crashed in Lake Killarney killing all passengers onboard.

Yesterday's crash was reportedly due to a gust of wind hitting the plane, causing it to clip a tree and forcing it down.

As the family was waiting for an emergency evacuation by the US Coast Guard last night, they tried to keep Mark conscious.

"We were flying low to let them know that we were not going to land," said Mr

**SEE page eight**

## DEFENCE FORCE IN RECOVERY EFFORT



**RECOVERY:** Royal Bahamas Defence Force officers search the water of Lake Killarney in the recovery effort after Tuesday's crash.

## PM: Bradley Roberts has 'intimidated' PLP over the Arawak Homes issue

By **PAUL G TURNQUEST**  
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PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham challenged the leader of the PLP yesterday to stand up to his party's chairman Bradley Roberts, who he claims has "intimidated" them into silence on the issue of Arawak Homes demolishing the houses of poor Bahamians.



**CHALLENGE:** Hubert Ingraham

During yesterday's proceedings in the House **SEE page 14**

## Home of man missing at sea is demolished

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THE home of a man missing at sea was demolished by Arawak Homes Ltd as residents and property owners protested at the real estate developer's offices on Monday.

Half of the duplex built by brothers Maxwell and Dwayne Taylor in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates over ten years ago was flattened when three security officers and a lawyer representing Arawak Homes Ltd arrived at the property with an excavator and two dump trucks at around 9.30am.

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## 'LIMITED RESOURCES' HAMPERING EFFORTS TO POLICE AIRCRAFT OPERATORS

By **NOELLE NICOLLS**  
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CIVIL aviation authorities say limited resources make it difficult to police licensed aircraft operators as well as unlicensed operators.

"Our job as regulators **SEE page 13**

## Minister forced to withdraw allegations against MP

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KENNETH Russell, the Minister of Housing, was forced to withdraw allegations he made against the former minister and current MP for Golden Gates, Shane Gibson during a heated session of the House of Assembly.

During yesterday's Parliamentary session, Mr Russell alleged that he had been approached by a number of

contractors who informed him that they had to pay a kick-back of \$1,000 per pay cheque – or a total of \$5,000 per house.

"We heard the rumours of \$5,000, Mr Speaker. If you built 1,500 houses, that's \$750,000 that you received as gifts, Mr Speaker," the minister charged.

While never calling the sitting Member of Parliament by name, Mr Russell said that the "former minister – as they said – came to this House with

little and now has much."

To this charge, the PLP's leader of Opposition Business, Obie Wilchcombe jumped to his feet and objected to Mr Russell's allegations – noting that the Minister was spewing allegations about a sitting Member of Parliament receiving gifts and having more now than when he first arrived. Mr Wilchcombe pushed the Speaker to have the remarks withdraw.

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## BAHA MAR REACHES AGREEMENT OVER LOAN ON HOTELS

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LOCAL NEWS

# Tributes pour in for Clarence 'Nat' Williams, a 'great' sound engineer



ONE OF THE BEST: Clarence 'Nat' Williams

By ALESHA CADET

CLARENCE 'Nat' Williams, a well known figure in the local music community, was remembered by musicians yesterday as one of the best sound engineers around.

Mr Williams, a member of the band Shabak and son of Bishop Clarence Williams of the Church of God of Prophecy, died in Tuesday's tragic plane crash with eight other men.

Entertainer Sasha Dunn said: "Every show I ever saw him take part in was a hit. He was one of those top-shelf engineers. I knew him for three to four years maybe, I would often see him at events."

Singer Terneille "Tada" Burrows told *The Tribune* she had known Mr Williams for about

12 years. "He did sound for everybody, like Fam Fest, Visage, Caribbean Gospel Music, and he was also involved with Milky Way Studios. He did live sound as well as mixed sound or records," she said.

Tada added that a Harris Institute scholarship will now be named in Nat's honour.

A tribute Facebook page was set up hours after the plane crash, and almost a thousand people had already subscribed by yesterday afternoon.

One person wrote: "It is so heart-breaking and mind blowing to see a great man such as this gone so soon. Nat was in my opinion the greatest engineer and a great friend to know. He will surely be missed here in the Bahamas and in the international arena in music entertainment."

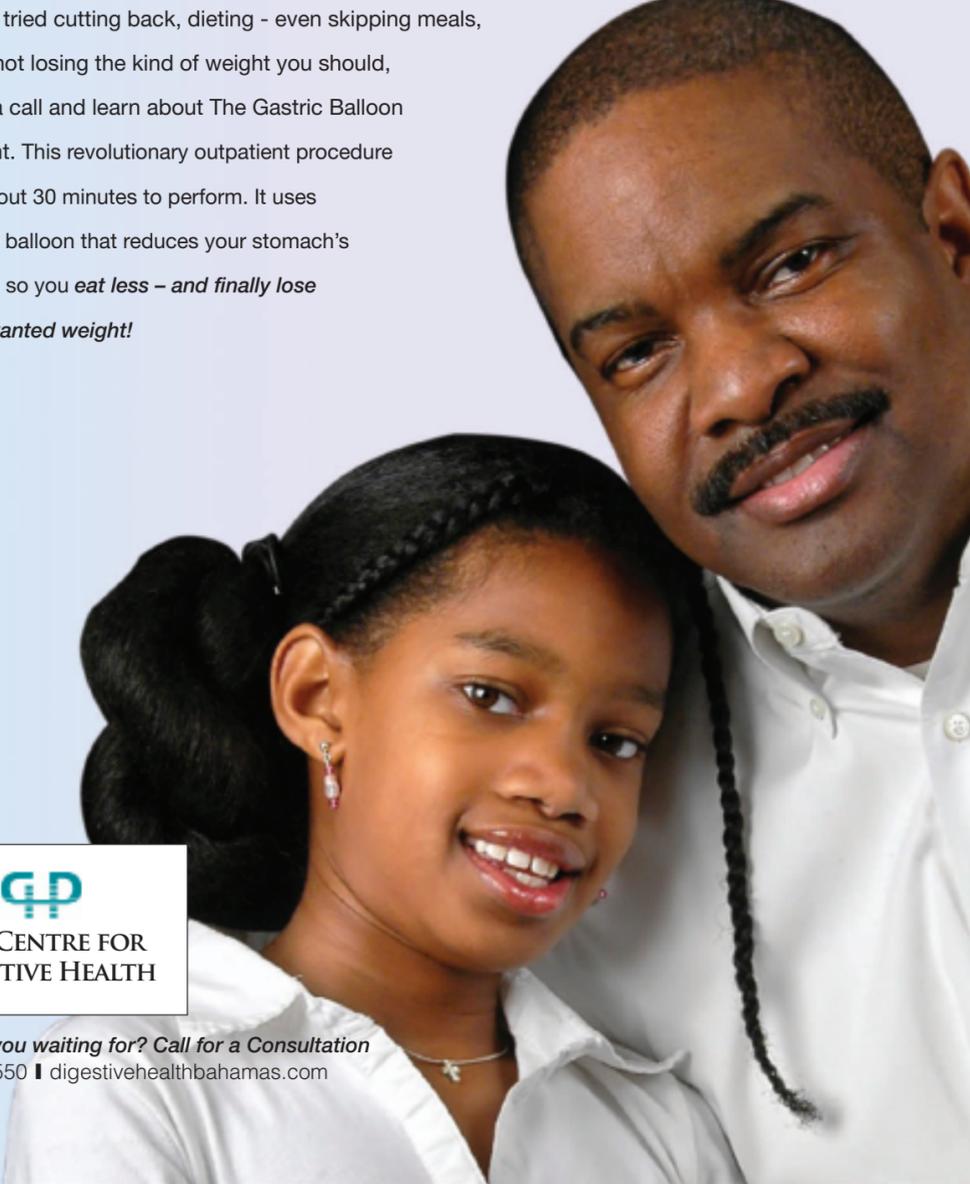
Another wrote: "I can't believe one of the best bosses, sound engineers, one the reasons I want to continue becoming an engineer, and one of the funniest guys around, is gone. I'm just thankful that I got to know him, learn from him and hang-out with him, but it really hurts to know that Monday night was the last night we got to speak to each other. But I know when them Pearly Gates open, it would be all good again."

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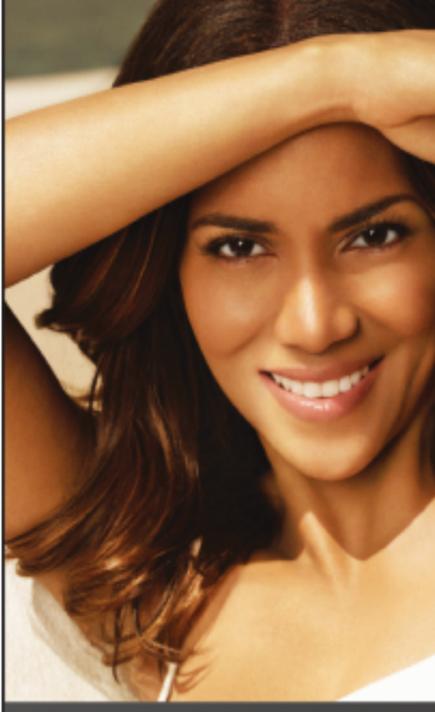
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# Government urged to 'sweeten pot' further for ZNS employees

## Customs revenue receipts 'had not gone missing'

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**  
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SOME \$9 million in Customs revenue receipts collected at the Prince George Wharf had not gone missing but were simply stored in another location when auditors came looking, Customs Comptroller Glenn Gomez explained.

These receipts have since been turned over to the Auditor General's Office, Mr Gomez said, adding that reports on the situation were "a little bit distorted."



**GLENN GOMEZ**

He was referring to media reports that stated that receipts for \$9.87 million in revenue collected at Custom's Prince George Wharf office between July and October, 2008, could not be found when inspectors from the auditor's office sought to verify the source of the funds.

"There was nothing missing... What had happened, the auditor had earlier this year done an audit of some receipts at the Prince George Wharf office of Customs. They found that just over \$9 million in revenue had been collected but they were unable to find all of the relevant receipts at the station at the time to say exactly what the \$9 million was comprised of," Mr Gomez explained.

"We don't have a lot of storage space and a year's amount of records takes up a lot of space so they had moved most of it from the Prince George Office to a warehouse where we keep records and things until the seven year (mark) then they are destroyed."

"Once we found out that they needed the receipts, we retrieved them along with the receipt books and they were reconciled against the revenue collected and they, the auditors, said they were satisfied," said Mr Gomez.

In a report dated July 13, 2010, Auditor General Terrance Bastian noted that his department had not been able to locate the receipts.

"During our examination of the cashbook, we were unable to trace the recorded amounts to the general receipt books and cash vouchers because these vouchers could not be located for audit inspection," he said. Mr Bastian's report also noted that harbour dues and departure tax billings were not received within the required 30-day period.

Mr Gomez said the Auditor General's Office got the requested receipts about three or four weeks after the report was made. He attributed lapses in bill collection to employees not being accustomed to the shift system which recently came on stream at the department.

## PM, McCartney shake hands and share a laugh

By **PAUL G TURNQUEST**  
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THE attention of most parliamentarians was stolen briefly from House of Assembly proceedings yesterday when Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham shared a cordial greeting with the man who might have been his leadership challenger if the FNM party had held a national convention this year.

Having resigned from the post of Minister of State for Immigration, Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney has made his intention of one day leading the FNM known. He has recently taken an even stronger stance, saying the time has come for Mr Ingraham to "pass the baton" of party leadership to the next generation.

Therefore, when the prime minister stood and walked to the back bench to shake Mr McCartney's hand, all eyes focused on the pair to see how the exchange would turn out.

Sharing a laugh, the two shook hands and exchanged words before Mr Ingraham walked on - patting Mr McCartney on the back as he passed.

Before leaving the chamber, Mr Ingraham explained to *The Tribune* he told Mr McCartney he had heard the MP's "baton" statement. Mr Ingraham said he informed the young MP that when he is ready to hand it over, he hopes Mr McCartney will be there to carry it.

By **ALISON LOWE**  
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UNIONS representing ZNS line and managerial staff have appealed to the government to further "sweeten the pot" for ZNS employees who were offered severance packages, but the minister responsible said it unlikely any more money can be found to accommodate this.

Both Tommy Turnquest, Minister with responsibility for the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas, and ZNS Chairman Michael Moss yesterday confirmed that the current total value of the severance packages already on offer is \$4 million.

On Monday, the Bahamas Communication and Public Officers Union president Bernard Evans advised his union's membership not to accept the separation packages offered to them that day by ZNS executives.

"We're not pleased at all with their offer," said Mr Evans, indicating that what was offered would leave staff in a poor position to meet their immediate financial obligations.

But Mr Turnquest said: "I think they (union leaders) ought to give their members good advice."

Employees have until next Tuesday to decide whether they will accept the voluntary separation packages, at which time the "sweetener" added to the offer will fall away, and by next Thursday final decisions will be made about who will have to leave as the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas is restructured. ZNS chairman Mr Moss said some employees had started to accept the packages offered before the union leader advised for them not to.

He said: "I hope that people will not be discouraged from going if they want to. At end of the day, the board will be making some determinations as to who will go and who will stay and I would prefer for those who are keenly interested in going to be the ones who go first, otherwise if people don't sign up the board may end up keeping people employed who would prefer to go and letting go people who desire to stay."

Mr Moss rejected the characterisation of the packages as unfair as "disingenuous." He said staff have all been offered a year's medical insurance coverage, valued at around \$7,000.



**MICHAEL MOSS**



**TOMMY TURNQUEST**

Managerial staff are being "treated as if they have worked for the corporation for two additional years," meaning that they get an extra two months of pay. Line staff, who are also getting two months extra pay, are receiving benefits that would have otherwise been provided to individuals who had worked four years longer, as they get two weeks pay per year of service upon separation, Mr Moss said.

In addition to this, both line and managerial staff were given the option to choose "whichever component of the contract offers the biggest settlement."

"We have put in the offer to both, that if resignation or redundancy or retirement option provides the best package, we will go with that," he said.

The executives also offered double the usual pay "in lieu of notice" that the law demands for line and managerial staff.

Yesterday, two line staffers who together have worked for the corporation for over 50 years told this newspaper they were not happy with their packages and wondered how they would be able to support their families. They predicted a great strain will be placed on the Department of Social Service's

resources by the terminations at ZNS.

"I'm only 50 years old so I really need to work some more. I can't get national insurance, I have a mortgage, I have children and I am a single mother."

"It's a slap in the face because you've been here since you were 20-something years old, you've spent most of your life building the place up and then it's just this," said one of the staff members.

John Pinder, head of the National Congress of Trade Unions, of which the BCOU is a member organisation, said the offers did not follow the precedent set by other public sector organisations which saw employees provided with an additional 12 months to two years salary to leave the organisations, on top of what was required as a minimum by the Employment Act.

Mr Pinder described the offers made as "really sad" but also admitted that the employees would not have "a leg to stand on" should they reject the offers as they were advised that as long as what they are given meets the minimum requirements of the Employment Act, it would be legal.

Both Mr Moss and Mr Turnquest said that to look at what

has been offered to other government employees may not be "comparing apples with apples" for a number of reasons.

Mr Moss said: "Tax payers are going to have to pay for this package, on top of the \$8 mil-

lion plus subvention that has been given to ZNS for last few years. The National Insurance Board, for example, had the means to sever people out of its own resources, we went to the government cap in hand."

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## US plans uncertain as war enters 10th year

KABUL, Afghanistan — It's make-or-break time in Afghanistan.

The war entered its 10th year Thursday, and this is no ordinary anniversary.

With extra American troops now in place, this is the critical juncture to determine if President Barack Obama's revised war strategy will work and reverse Taliban momentum.

Key players are hedging their bets, uncertain whether the Obama administration is prepared to stay for the long haul, move quickly to exit an increasingly unpopular conflict, or something in between.

Fearing that his Western allies may in the end abandon him, Afghan President Hamid Karzai has started to prepare his nation for a withdrawal of international forces by shoring up relations with neighbouring Pakistan and reaching out to insurgents interested in reconciliation.

Pakistan, America's nominal ally, says it's fighting insurgents. But it still tolerates al-Qaida and Afghan Taliban militants hiding out on its soil — out of reach of U.S.-led NATO ground forces.

Public support for the war is slipping in the United States and Western Europe. Already, the Netherlands has pulled out its troops, the first NATO country to do so. The Canadians leave next.

Patience is running out here as well. Afghans are tired of the violence, increasingly resentful of foreign forces. Many wonder why their quality of life has not markedly improved when their nation has been awash in billions of dollars of foreign aid.

"NATO is here and they say they are fighting terrorism, and this is the 10th year and there is no result yet," Karzai said in an emotional speech last week. "Our sons cannot go to school because of bombs and suicide attacks."

All this is very different from the near universal international support the Bush administration enjoyed when it launched attacks on Oct. 7, 2001. The war was aimed at toppling the Taliban from power because they harboured Osama bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders responsible for the stunning strikes on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon less than a month earlier.

The hardline Islamic regime, which repressed women, banned music and held public executions for disloyal actions, collapsed within two months.

But looking back at the first years of the war, the effort was underfunded from the start. When the Bush administration's attention shifted to Iraq in 2003, the Taliban began to regroup. After several years of rel-

ative calm and safety, the situation in Afghanistan began to deteriorate around 2006. The Taliban have steadily gained strength since then. And bin Laden remains alive. Obama ramped up the war this year, sending tens of thousands more troops. Casualties are running at their highest levels since 2001, when the Taliban were overthrown without a single American combat death. The U.S. death toll in July was 66, setting a monthly record; to date, about 2,000 NATO troops have died in the conflict, including more than 1,220 American service men and women. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said in June that the U.S. and its NATO partners have to show progress before the end of this year or face a decline in public support for the war.

There's plenty of frustration at the White House and in the U.S. Congress too. In August, when Sen. John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, visited Kabul, he bluntly stated that if the Karzai government didn't clean up corruption, it was going to be hard "to look American families in the eye and say, 'Hey that's something worth dying for.'"

On the battlefield, NATO's top commander, Gen. David Petraeus, is banking on his plan to protect heavily populated areas, rout the Taliban from their strongholds and rush in better governance and development aid to win the Afghans' loyalty away from the Taliban.

Commanders believe the war will be won only if Afghan civilians start supporting the troops. And, they say, the only way that will happen is if the forces can provide enough security to allow people to break free of the fear and intimidation of Taliban threats. In some places, residents don't even want to be seen talking to U.S. forces for fear of Taliban reprisals. Karzai still backs coalition efforts but has also used back channels to reach out to Taliban leaders who seem amenable to finding a political resolution to the war. Karzai appointed nearly 70 people last week to a High Peace Council, which will guide efforts to reach out to insurgents.

Pakistan also wants to maintain relations with some factions of the Taliban, which it believes will be a powerful player in Afghanistan when the Americans go home.

And there's strong suspicion in the region that U.S. troops will go home sooner rather than later — largely because of Obama's decision to set July 2011 as his goal for starting a drawdown of U.S. forces.

(This article was written by Deb Riechmann, Associated Press Writer).

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I recall my training at the West Riding Detective Training College in Yorkshire, England. It was made very clear to us that Police Prosecutors are not expected to respond to legal submissions made by defense attorneys, in particular when it is on a point of law. Magistrates must deal with such matters. If the submission is about evidence or police procedure there ought to be response from the Police Prosecutor. I would suggest that the Hon. Attorney General and other authorities considering the change from Police Prosecutors to Attorneys at Law visit the Police Prosecutions Department for information on the following:

(a) Accommodation. Will the small cubicles presently in use be acceptable to attor-

neys? Consider the cost of providing more suitable and acceptable office accommodation. The cost of upgrading the offices.

(b) Will a single attorney in each court be capable of and prepared to undertake the volume of cases being dealt with by Police Prosecutors? The average being about 25 cases per day, including trials, bail hearings, first appearances and pleas. Attorneys from the Attorney General's Office attend the Supreme Court with one case file which they could have had for weeks of preparation.

(c) Deals between Police Prosecutors and defense attorneys are very unlikely.

(d) Calculate the difference in the earnings of Police Prosecutors and attorneys.

(e) Interview Police Prosecutors on their case load and the number of files that are taken home to be read and prepare for presentation in court on the following day.

"If it ain't broke don't fix it."

PAUL THOMPSON  
QPM, CPM,  
Former Assistant  
Commissioner of Police.  
Nassau,  
October 1, 2010.

## Mr. Christie, the master of cynicism

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Please publish this open letter to Opposition Leader Perry Christie.

Dear Mr Christie,

You are so funny. In my opinion you were clearly playing a cynical game of wait-and-see over the Baha Mar project. You hemmed and hawed and refused to make a clear statement of your party's position on the matter so that whatever the Government decided you would be free to pounce on it.

But as the Leader of the Opposition that has complained about not being consulted you were thrown into a tizzy when Mr. Ingraham told you he would bring the matter to the House of Assembly so you and your colleagues can vote yea or nay.

Then you, Mr. Christie, the master of cynicism, accused Mr. Ingraham of being cynical for calling your bluff and upsetting your game plan! But, incredibly, and in the same breath, Mr. Christie, you say that it is commendable for the Government to seek bipartisan support for the project!

Which is it Mr. Christie? Cynical or commendable? And do you ever listen to yourself, or do you just go on talking, hoping people will say how well you speak and forget what you said when you first opened your mouth?

And talking about cynical, Mr. Christie,

do you recall how you all voted unanimously in favour of constitutional changes in the House of Assembly and then went out in the country and campaigned against the very changes you had voted for? Do you remember that?

When Mr. Ingraham spoke about the Baha Mar project in the House, you said you did not like his tone. Now that he has laid it all out to the people in a press conference you say that he has "sour" public opinion about the deal. I don't recall you saying anything that would have made public opinion "sweet" on the deal while you were bobbing and weaving.

What Mr. Ingraham did was to talk to the Bahamian people as if we were adults, not silly children to be manipulated by a double-talking politician.

He laid it all out — the pros and cons, the ups and the downs of the proposed project.

He spoke as an intelligent leader who masters his brief and understands all the implications. He spoke as an honest leader who is willing to trust his people with the truth. You call that souring public opinion, Mr. Christie?

I call it informing public opinion with the facts. You should try it some time, Mr. Christie.

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LOCAL NEWS

# US increases funding to \$1.6m for drug interdiction efforts

THE United States of America has increased its funding to Bahamian law enforcement agencies for their drug interdiction efforts from \$150,000 to \$1.6 million for the period 2010 to 2011.

This was announced during a meeting with government officials and Julissa Reynoso, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Makila James, Director of Caribbean Affairs at the Ministry of National Security on Tuesday.

The Bahamas was represented by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Brent Symonette and Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest.

The officials were accompanied by US Ambassador Nicole Avant.

The main thrust of the discussions focused on further exploring the strong ties between both countries in areas including security and climate change. The need for cross-border cooperation on a multitude of issues that



REPRESENTING BAHAMAS: Brent Symonette

challenge countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) was also discussed.

Ms Reynoso acknowledged that CARICOM was in a period of transition, and that she looks forward to a fruitful relationship with the new leadership of this sub-

regional organisation.

She also assured the Bahamas of the US' commitment to collaborating on a number of mutual areas of interests which are of great importance to this country.

In this vein, it was announced that there has been a major increase in funding for the period 2010 to 2011, to \$1.6 million from \$150,000 allocated for the period 2009 to 2010.

These funds have been provided to support law enforcement operations, specifically in all facets of the fight against the illicit drug trade.

The US said it views this support as a testament to its commitment to bilateral cooperation.

Mr Symonette and Mr Turnquest both said that the Bahamas recognised the importance of bilateral and regional cooperation in ensuring that threats to national security are effectively and comprehensively addressed.

They also said that the Bahamas continues to play a vital role within the region and sub-regional frameworks, most recently assuming the chairmanship of the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE).

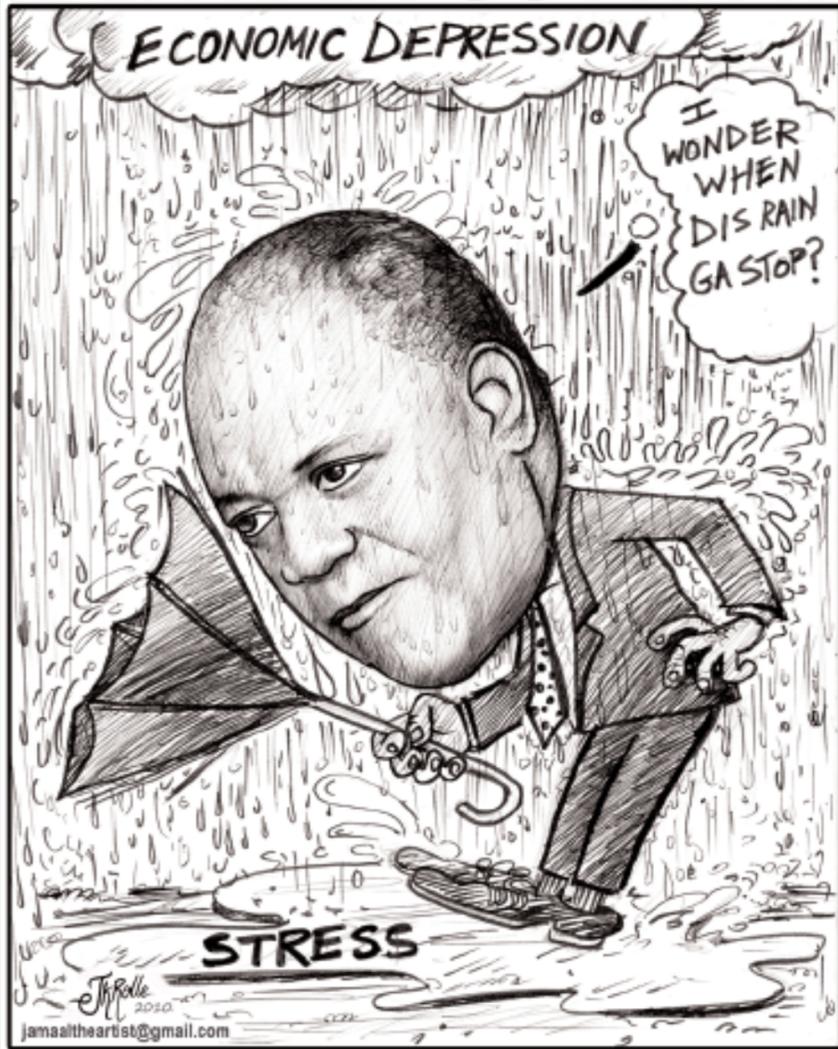
Mr Symonette further discussed other matters of concern and interest and indicated that the Bahamas looks forward to working closely with Ms Reynoso in her capacity as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere.

Discussions were also held with the Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and Leader of the Opposition Perry Christie.

The officials, accompanied by Ambassador Avant, also presented \$10,000 in books to the Ministry of Education as part of the 'Read to Lead' programme.



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LOCAL NEWS

# Classical 98.1 FM brings easy listening to the airwaves

By REUBEN SHEARER

CLASSICAL 98.1 FM is Nassau's newest easy listening radio station.

The quietest station on the dial, it will play the best and most familiar classical pieces of all time.

The station boasts an extensive music library cov-

ering the full spectrum of the genre – from its origins to modern classics; a library that no individual collector could ever replicate.

Classical's music selection will include familiar pieces from well-known composers such as Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Dvorak, Bach, and Elgar.

The station's format will not include news, weather, or talk – just music with limited advertising and sponsorships to help offset costs.

Donald Tomlison, co-owner of Classical 98.1 along with his wife Deborah, is thrilled by the possibilities.

A lover of classical music, Mr Tomlison recognised that there was no local option for like-minded individuals. He promises "lots of beautiful music" and hopes to work closely with the Bahamas Musical Society and the art community.

According to Mr Tomlison, the station has been "broadcasting on and off for a month [attempting] to get the best possible broadcast signal because with classical music ... a pure signal is



necessary."

Having accomplished technical purity, Mr Tomlison says the station is now broadcasting on a full time basis.

He is somewhat surprised by the overwhelming positive feedback he has received from listeners thus far and predicts that per-

haps classical music is more popular among persons living in the Bahamas than he had initially estimated.

Classical music is a world-renowned genre with immeasurable influence on various cultures over its centuries of existence.

It is hoped that the new station will fill a void for

classical music lovers and help to foster an appreciation for this rich and beautiful music among all sectors of Bahamian society.

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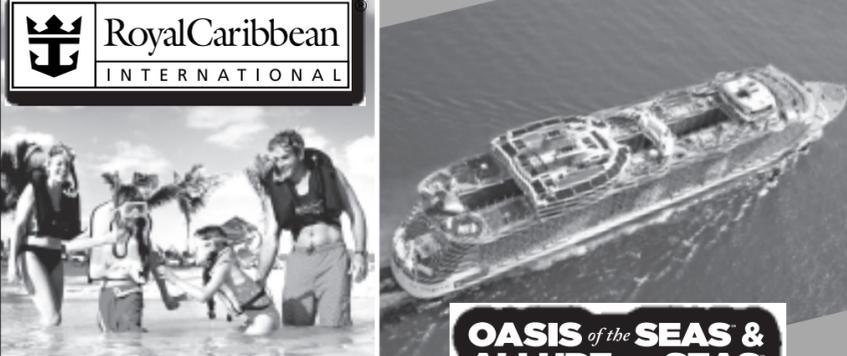
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LOCAL NEWS

# BIFF announces a new edition of documentary competition

The Nature Conservancy sponsors 'Green Reel' for second year

THE Nature Conservancy is sponsoring the "Green Reel" competition for its second year to enable students to create documentaries that explore the environmental issues affecting the Bahamas.

The Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF) called for submissions of documentaries from emerging Bahamian film-

makers between the ages of 15 and 18 to participate in the special competition.

The topic of the documentaries is the environment and the Bahamian community.

Filmmakers were encouraged to explore how Bahamians interact with the environment and how changes in the environment can impact

Bahamian communities.

They were told to focus on one or more of the following environmental issues – biodiversity, climate change, coastal erosion, conservation, invasive species, land degradation, over fishing, pollution, and threatened species/habitats.

BIFF founder and executive

director Leslie Vanderpool said: "BIFF is always looking for ways to encourage young Bahamians to showcase their talents through film."

Eleanor Phillips, director of the Northern Caribbean Office of the Nature Conservancy here in the Bahamas said: "We at the Conservancy want to encourage the youth of the

Bahamas to tell us through film how they want the environment of the country to be in the future.

After all, we are the stewards of their future."

The competition's winner will be given special recognition at the 2010 Bahamas International Film Festival and will receive a BIFF Award.

# Jamaican officers get first-hand look at security in Nassau Harbour



Internet Photo

**MAMMOTH TASK:** View of Nassau Harbour with cruise ships docked. Jamaican officers took a look at the security measures in place at the harbour.

A CONTINGENT of high-ranking officers from the Jamaica Constabulary Force visited New Providence this week to get a first-hand look at the security measures in place at Nassau Harbour.

The officers visited the port facilities and interacted with stakeholders all across the downtown area.

Security has become a prime concern at the Nassau Port which services a wide range of guests when they are visiting the capital, said Patrick McNeil of the Port Department at a welcome reception for the JCF officers at police headquarters on Monday.

Also speaking at the reception, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest gave some information on the number of tourists that have come into the country within the last year.

"In January, between the 12th and the 18th, the port received 80,335 guests. In March 12-18 we received 84,108, and in July 16-22, the port received 81,711," said Mr Turnquest.

"All of this speaks volumes to the mammoth task we have at the port to ensure that our guests get the best experience (they) can possibly receive."

In April, government spent \$50 million to dredge the harbour and constructed mooring dolphins to enhance the facility.

Over the years, a very small portion of criminal elements have threatened that area, impressing upon the Royal Bahamas Police Force the importance of stepping up its efforts in protecting visitors, Mr Turnquest said.

Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade said he hopes the JCF contingent will form a good appreciation of the RBPF's efforts to keep cruise passengers safe in New Providence.

"That is why we're struggling with protocol, and we're still trying to get it right in the country and across the region," said Mr Greenslade.

"We believe that you want to understand some of the mistakes that we've made, and we want you to learn from some of the experiences we've had

that may have not been good experiences.

"We could never do this as a police department alone, and we're still trying to get it right all across the country."

Mr Turnquest said to the JCF contingent: "If this is to work for you as it has been working for us, there has to be a focus on working partnerships where everyone feels a part of the process."

"I believe that unless we deal with the front, and set an example for ourselves, we will never get the job done," said

Mr Greenslade.

"I want to encourage you and urge you to recognise the job that you have been doing."

Karina Powell-Hood, Deputy Superintendent of the Jamaica Constabulary Force said:

"Our visit here today is a symbol of partnership between two Caribbean countries, the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of National Security."

Ms Powell said she hopes the JCF is afforded the opportunity to return the favour to the RBPF in future.

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LOCAL NEWS

# The second plane crash in two days

FROM page one

Roberts, speaking by cell phone from Little Whale last night, "when a gust of wind caught the plane and we hit the tree."

He said the plane was a total write off. "If anyone could see the plane they would marvel that anyone could have come out of it alive," said Mr Roberts, whose only concern was to keep his son alert while they waited for the helicopter's arrival. He said his son was in terrible pain.

The Roberts family was flying from Miami with plans to stop at Little Whale Cay in the Berry Island chain before continuing on to Nassau. It is presumed that their plans changed when weather started to move in. And so they just flew low over the small private island to let the caretaker know not to expect them when the accident occurred.

National Emergency Management



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

**THE HELICOPTER** arrives at Odyssey Aviation at the Lynden Pindling International Airport just before 8pm.

Agency (NEMA) director Commander Stephen Russell last night said weather conditions and approaching nightfall were making the emergency evacuation difficult. However, the helicopter landed

at Odyssey Aviation at the Lynden Pindling International Airport just before 8pm, where an ambulance, doctors and a police out rider were standing by to rush him to Doctors Hospital.



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**THE MARKER** shows where Little Whale Cay is situated in relation to New Providence.

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Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts as at June 30, 2010 show the Public Debt of The Bahamas to be B\$3,957,307,000.\*

#### GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

The following information is extracted from the unaudited accounts of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

	FY2008/2009p** BS	FY2009/2010p** BS	FY2010/2011p** BS
Revenue	1,324,218,000	Approved Budget 1,400,046,000	Approved Budget 1,517,159,000
Recurrent Expenditure (excluding Repayment of Public Debt)	1,422,674,000	1,430,454,000	1,467,170,000
Capital Development Expenditure (excluding loans contributions and advances to public corporations)	139,777,000	208,850,000	227,579,000

\*\* Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts.

\* The Public Debt amount is inclusive of The Public Corporations contingent liability which as at June 30, 2010 totalled B\$564,465,000.

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LOCAL NEWS



# The Bahamas ambassador to US addresses PAHO Directing Council meeting

By KHYLE QUINCY PARKER  
Press Attaché  
Embassy of the Bahamas

WASHINGTON, DC – Addressing the Pan-American Health Organisation's 50th Directing Council meeting, Bahamas Ambassador to the United States Cornelius A Smith spoke of concerns that over 70 per cent of persons committed to prison in the Bahamas are below the age of 35 and that suicides are on the rise.

He also spotlighted the issue of violence-related injuries in the non-Hispanic Caribbean as a matter of regional health concerns.

The ambassador was responding to the report of PAHO Director Dr Mirta Roses, titled "Promoting Health, Well-being and Human Security in The Americas," which she delivered at PAHO headquarters in Washington, DC.

"In the non-Hispanic Caribbean, particular attention is given to personal security and to the response

**"Homicides disproportionately affect males greater than females, both as victims and as perpetrators, with 88 per cent of murder victims between 2005-2009 being male and 96 per cent of perpetrators being male."**

Bahamas Ambassador to the United States Cornelius A Smith

to violence-related injuries which disproportionately affect an expanded population of persons aged 15-35 years, rather than the referenced 15-24 age group as noted on page 27 of the (director's) report," he said.

"In (the Bahamas), 70 per cent of the persons committed to prison are younger than 35 years of age, although specific data regarding the median age is lacking. Homicides disproportionately affect males greater than females, both

as victims and as perpetrators, with 88 per cent of murder victims between 2005-2009 being male and 96 per cent of perpetrators being male."

"The number of suicides each year is increasing," Mr Smith added, "and this highlights the need for attention to be given to this aspect of mental health/mental security and the integration of mental health programmes in the response to violence."

Other issues he raised included environmental

security, food security and an anti-HIV and congenital syphilis agenda.

Mr Smith headed the Bahamas' delegation to the PAHO meeting, which included Drs Merceline Dahl-Regis, chief medical officer; Delon Braynen, deputy chief medical officer, and Cherita Moxey, senior house officer. Bridget McKay, alternate representative from the Bahamas Permanent Mission to the OAS, was also part of the delegation.

The purpose of the meeting was to make new policy decisions that addressed the critical health problems of the region, including pandemic H1N1, neglected diseases and other poverty-related infections, primary health care, nutrition and development for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, safe hospitals, adolescent and youth health, gender equality, human organ donation and transplantation, health and tourism, family and community health.

PAHO MEETING: Dr Merceline Dahl-Regis was part of the Bahamas' delegation.

The Directing Council is made up of representatives of all the member states and meets once a year to analyse and determine the general policies of PAHO.

PAHO is an international public health agency with more than 100 years of experience in working to improve health and living

standards of the countries of the Americas. It serves as the specialised organisation for health of the Inter-American System. It also serves as the regional office for the Americas of the World Health Organisation and enjoys international recognition as part of the United Nations system.

## Scripture Thought ISAIAH 40:18-22

18. To whom then will you liken God?  
Or what likeness will you compare to Him?
19. The workman molds an image,  
The goldsmith overspreads it with gold,  
And the silversmith casts silver chains.
20. Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution  
Chooses a tree that will not rot;  
He seeks for himself a skillful workman  
To prepare a carved image that will not totter.
21. Have you not known?  
Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations  
of the earth?
22. It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,  
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LOCAL NEWS

# Celebrated Bahamas play enjoys revival

WOMAN TAKE TWO  
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Woman Take Two, probably the Bahamas' best known play, was given a thoroughly enjoyable revival at the 2010 Shakespeare in Paradise festival. The play, written in the 1970s by Telcine Turner-Rolle, has been on the BGCSE Literature syllabus since the early days of the examination and has enjoyed two other successful runs in Nassau prior to this latest production. It is easy to appreciate why the play sounds so many chords with its audiences and readers, and David Jonathan Burrows' energetic direction ensures that Nassau's theatergoers are not disappointed.

It is a play about manipulation, ambition and the clash between traditional and modern ways and brings in many issues that we are still grappling with today, such as teenage pregnancy, 'sweethearting', prejudice against Haitian Bahamians and the woman's role in a



marriage. These themes are presented with a sure comic touch, achieved through genuine understanding of comedic moments and the very real humour found in much Bahamian dialect.

It is also part of Turner-Rolle's achievement to have taken what could be seen on the surface as stereotypes and create the possibilities for fully round-

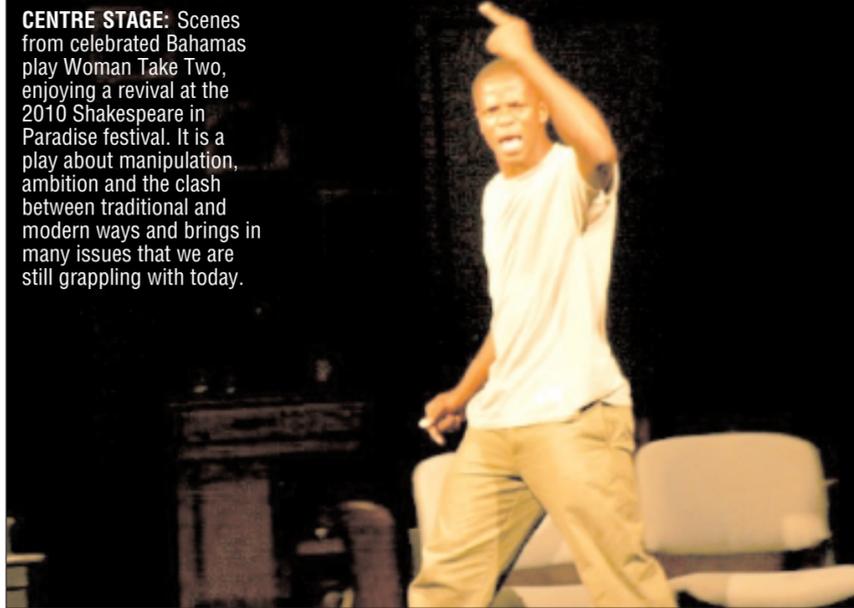
ed characterisation that Burrows and his actors presented to us. These characters are not easy to play because they defy their stereotype and demand sensitivity and thought if they are to convince us. That this reviewer was convinced almost all of the time, speaks volumes for the work done in rehearsal and the attention paid to detail that characterises this production.

Harold Davies, the scheming, womanizing, unscrupulous owner of a construction company, is a character the audience loves to hate. His unabashed manipulation of Haitian Bahamian Lionel Joseph and his mistreatment of and attitude to his wife make BGCSE students and audience members alike feel a distinct animosity towards him. However, Anthony Roberts reveals some aspects of Harold that we tend to normally overlook: his genuine concern for his daughter, his real pride in his own achievements and his somewhat contradictory stance against abortion. Playing the central tactical maneuvering scene with Lionel tipsy was a stroke of real genius and such was Roberts' sincerity that I could almost believe that he and his secretary would have separate rooms on their 'business' trip to Miami!

The central role in the play belongs to Merline Evans, who is bringing up her own ten-year-old daughter and playing the surrogate parent for her 19-year-



**CENTRE STAGE:** Scenes from celebrated Bahamas play *Woman Take Two*, enjoying a revival at the 2010 Shakespeare in Paradise festival. It is a play about manipulation, ambition and the clash between traditional and modern ways and brings in many issues that we are still grappling with today.

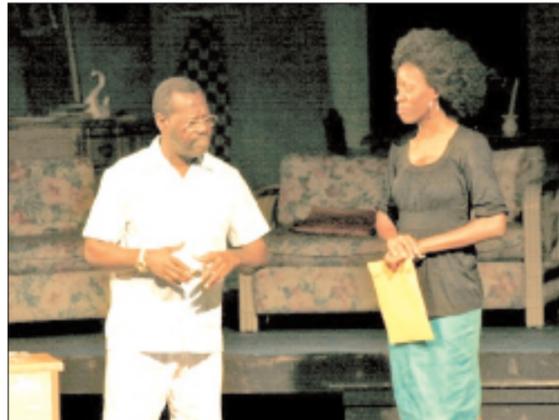
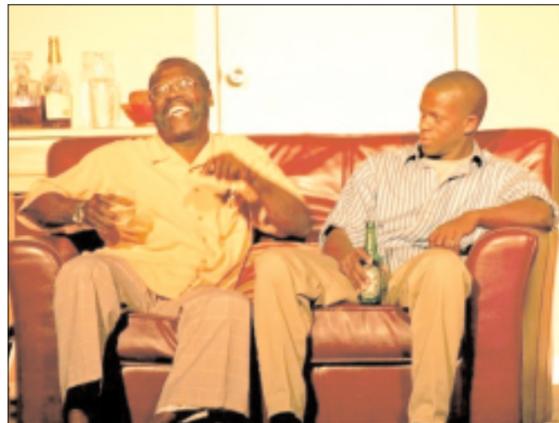


old niece, Beverly. Merline is a very complex character and Doris Jackson filled her with righteous anger, tender sympathy, straightforward good sense and old fashioned discipline by turns, never letting one side of the character dominate for long. Ms Jackson showed she is an expert at the throwaway line - and she handled the fluctuations in her relationships with and attitudes to Beverly and Beverly's fiancé Lionel with a complete assurance. She has an imposing presence, never more so than when she was dressed in her Lodge uniform, and I look forward to seeing more of her on the Nassau stage.

Another actress I would like to see working on the stage again is Enith Darling who played the maid, Matilda. Her performance was a delight from beginning to end and, while hers was a smaller part than most of the others, she dominated the stage while she was present and delivered her remarks with the touch of a true comedienne. Her scene round the washtub with Merline was beautifully paced and pitched, never once descending into caricature, and she showed herself at least the match of the excellent Ms Jackson.

The play's romantic interest centres around Beverly (Moya Thompson) and Lionel (Terran Brown) and although these two young performers both gave strong performances they did not quite succeed in coming to grips with all aspects of their characters. Both were excellent in their affectionate moments, making their love and future hopes very real and believable, but neither had the range to convince completely. To make her rejection of Lionel persuasive to the audience we have to witness the inner turmoil Beverly must be going through. Miss Thompson did succeed in making her relationship with her younger cousin, Jennifer, very convincing and Brown handled the play's penultimate scene when Lionel propositions Harold's wife with complete authority. He lacked range in his angry moments though, and needed to have explored alternative methods of expressing fury and resentment to make his rage more acceptable.

The play's other actors solidly complemented those already mentioned: Eryn Bellot, although too old looking for Jennifer, had just the right degree of mischievousness necessary and was very comfortable on the stage; Anée Wildgoose certainly lived up to Sonia's playful epithet and helped Roberts bring out the



sympathy for her plight when she becomes pregnant; and Tami Forbes, too young for Mrs Davies and sporting a tattoo that middle-aged women in the 1970s would not have indulged in, was nonetheless excellent as a woman at her wits end with her philandering husband. The title of the play comes from a traditional ringplay song and at certain times during the play Jennifer joined some of her neighbours to dance, much to her mother's chagrin. These short interludes injected further life and atmosphere into the proceedings and the children are to be congratulated on their essential contributions. I would, however, have liked a little more creativity in the presentation of these scenes to give the children more to do than just gyrate up and down.

All the actors are to be complimented on their sense of timing and the ease with which they allowed the rhythm of the words to carry their speeches and inter-

actions. Nothing was hurried and important lines and moments received just the right amount of emphasis and stress. Credit here must also go to the director and his assistant, Deon Simms. With a play that elicits such riotous reactions from its audience, actors must use their sense of timing to ride the reactions to ensure their next lines are not lost and the cast did an exceptional job in this regard. Believe me, there were some volcanic bursts of laughter and much vocal response but the cast calmly dealt with them and waited to proceed.

The composite set, excellently lit by Philip Burrows, served the play well and the use of levels was particularly pleasing while the Bahamian music, played between scenes while furniture was moved, added to the general atmosphere and setting of the play.

Ms Turner-Rolle's play remains a great favourite, the issues are as pertinent today as they were 40 years ago and productions like this one will only enhance its reputation.



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LOCAL NEWS



**CHARLENE COLLIE-HARRIS**, engineer and public relations representative for the New Providence Road Improvement Project, speaks to parents and teachers of Claridge Primary.



**SERGEANT GARLON ROLLE** of the Traffic Division of the Royal Bahamas Police Force and **Charlene Collie-Harris**, engineer and public relations officer for the New Providence Road Improvement Project, give road safety tips and an update on the road projects to parents and teachers of Claridge Primary School.

# Claridge Primary PTA gets update on Road Improvement Project

THE roads currently being constructed in New Providence are being built to be durable, Charlene Collie-Harris, engineer and public relations representative for the New Providence Road Improvement Project (NPRIP), told the Parents Teachers Association of Claridge Primary School.

"We're not just paving roads," said Mrs Collie-Harris. "We're removing what's there and making proper roads that last long and have the correct infrastructure."

Mrs Collie-Harris and Sergeant Garlon Rolle of the Traffic Division of the Royal Bahamas Police Force offered the administration and parents of Claridge Primary an update along with safety tips for crossing the roads as part of an island-wide information campaign on the NPRIP.

"So far the road works are in line with our objectives including provision of sidewalks, drainage, underground utilities, proper signage and street lighting among others," said Mrs Collie-Harris.

Sgt Rolle said there are too many traffic accidents occurring in New Providence with more than 90 accidents in one week.

"We have to do a better job in the way we drive," he said.

He appealed to parents and teachers to use their signals and seat belts. Furthermore, "Be mindful of your safety, your children's safety and the safety of others. Stay off the phone while driving, be patient and manage your time. Be courteous to other drivers — don't block the road when purchasing your newspaper and cell phone cards. Use signals and stop signs," said Sgt Rolle.

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LOCAL NEWS

# 'Limited resources' hampering efforts to police operators

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is to oversee the safe operation of all the companies that are authorised AOC holders (aircraft operator certificate)," said Hubert Adderley, director of the Flight Standards Inspectorate.

"It is not that we don't watch out and go after unlicensed operators, but we have limited resources and we put those resources to work the best way we can," said Mr Adderley.

The practice of hacking is "rampant" in the Bahamas, and for years the authorities have struggled to crack down on the illegal activity.

## Authorities

With the manpower limitations, Mr Adderley said the authorities would be forced to neglect other responsibilities if every day they "continually" ran behind private aircraft owners, who are sometimes responsible for hacking.

"As long as there is a demand by the public for that type of service it will continue. What we are trying to do is educate the public so when they come to travel they will be aware of what to look for," said Mr Adderley.

Although there are aviation regulations that state individuals should not

advertise charter services if they are not AOC holders, "it is not possible to catch everyone who does that," said Mr Adderley.

The Ministry of Tourism's website lists at least 35 different airline companies that operate scheduled air services and charter flights. Only 15 of those 35 companies are listed on the Department of Civil Aviation's list of 33 authorised Bahamian AOC holders.

Companies on that list are the only charter operators authorised to provide inter island charter services.

Some of the other companies listed on the website are US registered airlines with authorisation to fly from the United States to the Bahamas.

"A foreign company cannot do inter island charters. If an American company is coming into the Bahamas to an island, like Crooked Island, which is not a port of entry, they can stop at a port of entry to clear their passengers and then take them on to Crooked Island. They cannot fly throughout the islands and pick up passengers," said an officer at the Civil Aviation Department.

There are other companies that may not be AOC holders that affiliate themselves with authorised charter operators. They function as a marketing company and hire an AOC

holder to deliver their cargo or transport passengers.

Twin Air Calypso, a US registered charter company, sometimes carries passengers for Reggie Express Services, a company advertising Bahamian charters, according to *Tribune* sources.

There are many categories of charter operators. Some US registered companies, who do not operate regular charters to the Bahamas, can apply for a temporary charter license. Once that license expires, however, they are not authorised to transport commercial passengers and cargo to the Bahamas.

Bahamian passengers are urged to use discretion when chartering flights to the Bahamas and between the islands of the Bahamas.

"In many instances, a pilot may purchase an aircraft for private or personal use and have insurance coverage for this specific purpose. However, when the pilot uses his aircraft for commercial purposes, more than likely he has no insurance coverage for this purpose," said a statement issued by the Flight Standards Inspectorate.

"Unlicensed operators are usually not checked by regulators because the first priority of the regulator is to make sure licensed air operators are operating in a safe manner," according to the statement.



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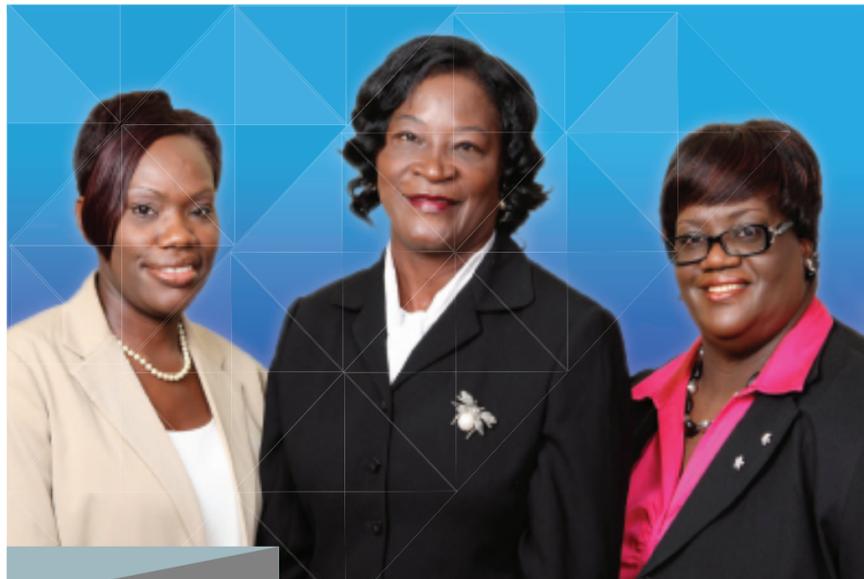
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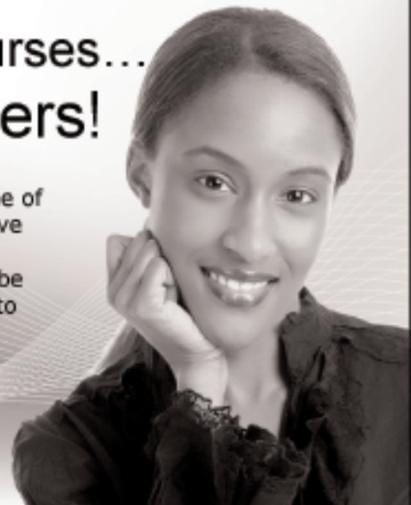


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of Assembly, Mr Ingraham drew attention to the continuing land dispute between Arawak Homes and these homeowners who have also claimed ownership of the said properties.

Describing Arawak Homes as the "PLP chairman's company," Mr Ingraham said that the PLP cannot claim to be the party of the poor any longer.

"The PLP chairman's company is knocking down people's houses. The chairman of the PLP. And the PLP is silent! They can't open their mouth. Mum's the word! Mum! Intimidated by their own chairman, and claiming to be friends of the poor. What poor? They knock their houses down!" Mr Ingraham exclaimed.

When interrupted by a number of Opposition members from their seats on the issue, Mr Ingraham challenged the PLP's leader, Perry Christie to "stand up" and have his say on the issue. However, Mr Christie did not oblige the Prime Minister.

When contacted yesterday for comment on the matter, the PLP's chairman, Mr Roberts said that he was only singled out as a shareholder

PM: Bradley Roberts has 'intimidated' PLP over Arawak Homes issue

of Arawak Homes by the Prime Minister purely because of "dirty, nasty, no-good politics."

"Mr Ingraham only had to look on his left or on his right, wherever Tommy Turnquest (leader of Government Business) was and he would see another shareholder of Arawak Homes. So my question is why didn't Mr Ingraham ask why did Mr Turnquest knock down the homes? Why didn't Mr Ingraham ask about the prominent pastor who is a shareholder in Arawak Homes.

"Mr Ingraham is not concerned that Arawak Homes is the legitimate owner of that property. Mr Ingraham is the worse for this country. He has brought this country to its knees and the worse part is, he has no idea how to return economic prosperity to this country. Mr Ingraham is what he is, a political parasite," Mr Roberts claimed.

Minister forced to withdraw allegations against MP

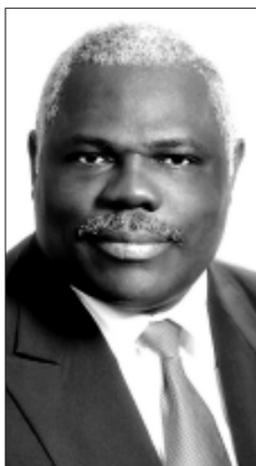
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To this, Mr Russell said that he was only following in the footsteps of what Mr Gibson had done to him during a previous sitting of the House of Assembly.

Mr Russell: "Mr Speaker, I have at least six more of these instances to talk about that I will talk about over the next year with my colleague (motioning to the FNM MP for Garden Hills, Brensil Rolle)."

Opposition MPs jumped into action and began to protest Mr Russell's remarks; chief among them the PLP's MP for Golden Gates.

Mr Gibson: "Mr Speaker, when the MP for High Rock began his presentation, he began by referring to the Member for Golden Gates. Then he went on talking about how contractors talked



ALLEGATIONS: Kenneth Russell

about paying out \$1,000. Then he went on talking how the former minister came in and now he has more than he came in with. Mr Speaker,

I think that that is wrong, and I think the Member should apologize and withdraw those statements because clearly he is referring to me in a dishonourable way and my privilege is being breached."

Mr Russell was then advised by the Speaker of the House, Alvin Smith, to withdraw his remarks if he was not able to provide some evidence to corroborate it.

Mr Russell: "Mr Speaker, there is no difference between what I did this morning, and what the Member did (a few weeks ago)."

The wrangle continued between Mr Russell and a few seated PLP MPs for a few minutes before his initial exchange was eventually withdrawn.

The comments, however, were not expunged from the records of the House of Assembly.

Baha Mar reaches agreement over loan on hotels

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resort development, and Baha Mar officials say this shows ScotiaBank and its partners have confidence in the project and its economic potential.

In a statement issued yesterday, the company said: "With this settlement, the commencement of the Baha Mar world-class development project is now in a position to move forward subject to the project receiving the necessary approvals from the government of the Bahamas."

Sarkis Ismirlian, chairman and CEO of Baha Mar, said: "We and the ScotiaBank-led syndicate have worked very hard over these past several weeks to reach a settlement that serves the best interests of all parties, and should also benefit the Bahamas."

"I want to thank the ScotiaBank-led syndicate for their continued support of Baha Mar. In reaching this settlement, both sides accommodated each other, with the ultimate goal of fully repaying the lenders for their outstanding goal."

Mr Ismirlian added: "With this agreement in place, we are hopeful the government of the Bahamas will move expeditiously to provide the necessary approvals – as they recently said they would – so that we can commence this project, which holds such significant economic and job benefits for the Bahamas, and which will transform the Bahamas into one of the premier global resort destinations."

The company expects to start construction later this year, and eventually employ 11,000 Bahamians and inject \$1 billion into the economy in the first year of operation.

• See Tribune Business for more information.

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Melanie Taylor, 36, said her brother Dwayne Taylor, 40, a scrap metal worker who lives in the remaining half of the duplex, was warned not to alert the media his brother's home was being demolished or he too would lose his property.

Maxwell Taylor, 42, also a scrap metal worker, had been informed by Arawak Homes Ltd in June that the home he lived in with his children and girlfriend would be demolished as it had been built on the developer's land and stood in the way of a road they had planned.

But Mr Taylor had vowed to fight for his property before he disappeared at sea on July 17 as he headed from Nassau to Abaco with two employees in a 19ft boat.

Arawak Homes then stepped up their pursuit of the property and informed Dwayne Taylor his brother's half of the duplex would be demolished on Friday, Ms Taylor said.

Although the home was unoccupied and Arawak Homes Ltd agreed

Home demolished

to wait until Monday to demolish it, Mr Taylor, who lives next door with his girlfriend and their six children, was warned not to speak out or he would also lose his home, Ms Taylor claims.

"My brother Dwayne is afraid to speak out because they said they would break down his building," said the 36-year-old of Dean Street, Nassau.

"He doesn't have the money to fight them so he can't take the chance of losing everything he's got."

"They said if he brought in the media there would be no negotiating, so he didn't get involved."

The incident only emerged when Ms Taylor spoke out at a public meeting about the continuing land dispute between Arawak Homes Ltd on Tuesday evening.

Mr Taylor was reportedly told by Arawak Homes Ltd that he could own his home if he paid \$60,000 for the property, but Ms Taylor said Arawak Homes Ltd has yet to produce any documents to prove legal

ownership of her brothers' property which was allocated by government following a land dispute 15 years ago.

Arawak Homes Ltd president Franon Wilson did not mention the fresh destruction when he met with reporters at his offices in Shirley Street on Monday morning, as residents and property owners from the Pinewood Gardens area protested outside.

Hundreds of property owners and residents in the Pinewood Gardens area fear they will lose their homes as Arawak Homes Ltd maintains there is widespread trespass on their land.

Maxwell Taylor's home is the second to be demolished by the real estate developer after Frederick and Maria Wood's home in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates was knocked down on September 24.

Arawak Homes Ltd declined to comment on the recent demolition, but is expected to release a detailed report tomorrow, identifying the homes, properties and names of residents and property owners whose homes and land the company lays claim to.

Residents and property owners

have sought representation from the Nassau Village and Sea Breeze Property Owners Association and lawyer Carl Bethel, chairman of the FNM.

Minister of Lands and Surveys Byran Woodside is acting as a mediator in the dispute and although he confirmed the property was demolished by Arawak Homes on Monday, he declined to comment on the matter but said he would release an official statement soon.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham took the opportunity to attack the PLP over Arawak Homes Ltd's destruction of property in the House of Assembly yesterday.

He alluded to PLP chairman Bradley Roberts' interest in Arawak Homes when he said to Opposition members: "I'm talking about the chairman of your party knocking a church down, and knocking a house down when people are living in it."

"Stop it! stop it!" "And the person who is the principal of this company who is knocking these houses down was honoured by your party...elevated to a stalwart councillor the other night, and you can't say a word!"

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**ANXIOUS WAIT:** Families wait in the rain outside Princess Margaret Hospital morgue yesterday for information on their loved ones.

# Lake Killarney crash: missing passenger is found to be alive

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in the crash identified the bodies of their loved ones at the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) morgue yesterday morning, Mr Lubin's family heard nothing.

They waited for hours in agony at the crash site off Coral Harbour Road yesterday afternoon as Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) divers searched the wreckage in murky waters 5-6ft deep, 400ft from the shoreline, for signs of Mr Lubin and of a Jamaican man whose passport was found at the crash site and who remained missing last night.

But Mr Lubin's family's terrible anguish ended in relief when he called from San Salvador just before 7pm and told them he had taken a mailboat to San Salvador instead.

Mr Lubin and seven other sound technicians were hired to set up entertainment systems for the Homecoming events at Graham's Harbourside in San Salvador, which started last night.

Homecoming organiser Ishmael Terrence Major said all but one of the seven technicians scheduled to fly to San Salvador on a Bahamasair flight Tuesday morning missed the plane and the remaining six arranged to fly with Captain Nelson on the Acklins Blue airplane instead.

Flight Standards Inspectorate officials said Acklins Blue was not a certified charter operator.

Concern about the safety of the flight was expressed at the crash site yesterday as the nine-seater plane, with capacity to seat ten and carry up to 1,900lbs, was said to have been loaded down with 900lbs of equipment and eight or nine passengers, including one who weighed 385lbs.

Although the identities of the eight men killed in the crash were not released by officials last night, they are understood to be pilot Nelson Hanna, RBDF officer Devon Storr, BEC linesman Cory Farquharson, Delton Roderick Taylor, and sound engineers Chet Johnson, Sascha Mildor, Lavard Curtis of gospel group Shabak and Clarence "Nat" Williams who headed an entertainment technology company. All were in their 20's and 30's, Assistant Superintendent of Police Hulan Hanna said.

Mr Major, who is also chief councillor in San Salvador, said: "It's sad to know that we have people flying in and out and they don't have the certification to be out there."

"I'm saddened by what happened, we are all broken over it."

However, he said the Homecoming events will go on as planned.

"We have come this far and we have spoken to someone from Nat Williams' company and we will make sure everything goes as planned because knowing him, he would have wanted it no other way," he said.

But Obie Pindling, leader of the band Visage, who arranged several months ago to play in San Salvador this

weekend, said band members have not yet decided whether they will perform this weekend as planned.

Mr Pindling said they have all been unable to work since losing their sound technician and friend of 15 years Nat Williams and other colleagues, and he said Captain Hanna, a pilot of 20 years, was also a close friend of the band.

"I haven't been able to work, much less play music," Mr Pindling said.

"You talk about getting on a stage and entertaining people, but when we can't even make ourselves happy at this stage, how are we going to make a crowd happy?"

"Everybody on that plane was related to the band in some way or another."

Hospital officials said the bodies of those killed in the crash will be released to their families today as relatives identified the bodies of their loved ones at the PMH morgue.

Cory Farquharson's sister, Charlotte Farquharson, described her brother as an understanding human being and said her grief is all the more as she and her brother buried their father in June.

"Anybody who knew him knew my brother would give the shirt on his back," she said.

The brother of sound engineer Chet Johnson said: "Words can't explain what I am going through right now, I am just trying to keep up with it and be there for his wife and my mom."

Cat Island MP Philip "Brave" Davis issued a statement over the massive loss for families and the community.

He said the pilot was his and his wife's personal friend.

"His service to people of San Salvador is unmatched and today the people of that island stand with his family in this time of testing," Mr Davis said.

"We would also pause to pay tribute to Devon Storr, a focused young man who laid the foundation of promise to serve his country as a pilot on the Royal Bahamas Defence Force."

"And to Bishop Clarence and Evangelist Barbara Williams, we share your loss of a promising young son, Nat Williams."

"The Bahamas salutes all of them today as they all have touched our lives and assisted in building our country."

RBDF officers will continue to search the murky waters of the crash site today in hopes of finding signs of the missing Jamaican man as the wreckage is expected to be hauled from the lake for inspection in the investigation into the cause of the crash.

Air Traffic control officials reported smoke poured from the left engine of the Cessna 402 as it took off on Tuesday and the pilot appeared to be turning back to the runway when the plane crashed into the nearby lake.

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## Bahamas on course for an 'outstanding Civil Aviation regime'

\* Bahamas putting together Green Paper on 'best Civil Aviation model for all islands'  
\* But private airline chief concerned about pace of implementing reforms suggested in ICAO audit response, and says existing regulations not always being properly enforced  
\* Says Bahamian aviation industry is 'safe'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Minister of Tourism and Aviation yesterday expressed confidence that the Bahamas would have "an outstanding Civil Aviation" regime if it continued down the path it was currently on, adding that a Green Paper on its development was currently being prepared.

Asked how the Government was faring in implementing the recommendations contained in the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) 2009 audit of the Bahamas' civil aviation safety system, and this nation's proposed action plan, given that it was found to lack more than 61 per cent of the key safety elements required, Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace said the reform process was "continuing".

"Every day we're moving forward with that," he told Tribune Business. "We've never paused. Some things are happening in terms of putting forward a Green Paper on the development of Civil Aviation in the Bahamas, so that we have the best possible model for all islands of the Bahamas."

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said Civil Aviation's Flight Standards and Flight Standards Inspectorate (FSI) unit had been "recognised as one of the best units in the region, so that shows what we can do with the selection of the right people."

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## Government's own reforms 'even more beneficial' to gaming industry's progress



By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Government is looking to marry its own recommendations that it believes will be "even more beneficial" to Bahamian casino gaming with those proposed by the private sector, the minister of tourism and aviation said yesterday, as it moves to "enhance and hold on to the significant competitive advantages" this nation has in the sector.

Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace confirmed to Tribune Business that proposed reforms to Bahamian casino

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## \$50m monthly spend during Baha Mar peak

- Major obstacle to \$2.6bn Cable Beach redevelopment now removed after \$200m Scotiabank loan settled via bank equity stake
- Developer hopes Bahamian government approvals to move 'as expeditiously as possible'
- Ball now in Government's court and House debate, with construction contracts for Bahamian companies 'ready to go' upon completion

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Some \$50 million per month will be spent during the "peak construction" of Baha Mar's \$2.6 billion Cable Beach development, Tribune Business was told yesterday, as the developer expressed hope that the Bahamian government's approvals process would move forward "as expeditiously as possible" following resolution of the Scotiabank syndicate's \$200 million outstanding loan.

Baha Mar confirmed yesterday afternoon that "all outstanding issues" concerning the Scotiabank-led syndicate's loan had been resolved via the debt-for-equity swap first revealed by Tribune Business, with the banks taking an equity stake in the \$2.6 billion project, thus removing the major obstacle to



THE ORIGINAL rendering of the Baha Mar project.



ROBERT SANDS

the development proceeding.

Robert Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president of external and governmental affairs, told Tribune Business that neither Baha Mar, nor Scotiabank, was disclosing any

details of the settlement, although this newspaper had been told that initial discussions had revolved around the banking syndicate taking a 20 per cent equity stake.

Given that the \$2.6 billion project is receiving some \$2.45 billion in debt financing from the China Import-Export Bank, SEE page 9B

## Small business sector is 'close to collapsing'



MARK A. TURNQUEST

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamian small business sector is "close to collapse and regressing a lot", a consultant to these companies warned yesterday, telling Tribune Business many were losing hope and believing their "future looks bleak".

Describing the Bahamian small business community as standing at "a crossroads", due to a combination of the recession and absence of a formal structure to support their development, Mark A. Turnquest, of Mark A. Turnquest Consulting, said he, too, was losing confidence in the country's future, adding: "I'm more disappointed in the progress of our country than ever before."

Warning that Bahamian-owned businesses were in danger of being "reduced to a mere fraction" of where they were in the so-called 2005 and 2006 'years of plenty' prior to the recession, Mr Turnquest said there appeared to be a general lack of "motivation, creativity and innovation" to turn the sector around.

And he urged the Government to clarify the status of its Small and Medium-Sized Business Development legislation, telling this newspaper that the absence of information on its progress had caused some small businesses to lose hope that it would ever come to fruition.

"We're at a crossroads, because these small businesses don't know what type of hope they have. They're becoming hopeless," Mr

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\* Consultant to firms in sector says many 'losing hope' because 'future looks bleak', due to perceived lack of support

\* Warns: 'I'm more disappointed in the progress of our country than ever before'

## Customs rejects firm's \$50,504 duty submission

- \* Bonded goods sales report battle heats up in Freeport, as government agency refuses to accept duty payment until same is received
- \* Wholesaler fears new angle being sought to detain firm's imported trailers
- \* Adds that two other companies have also had trailers detained over same issue

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

A leading Freeport-based wholesaler yesterday expressed concern that Customs was trying a new tactic to pressure it into compliance with demands to submit a 'bonded goods sales' report, telling Tribune Business the Department had rejected its September 2010 post-paid duty sales report and submission of \$50,504 worth of duties to the Public Treasury.

Christopher Lowe, Kelly's (Freeport) operations manager, said the company was yesterday informed by its broker that Customs had rejected its report and associated duty payment for September until it submitted a bonded goods sales report.

Describing this as "a new approach still pushing for the same thing", Mr Lowe expressed concern that Customs would use this as a new reason to detain the wholesaler's imported trailers, telling Tribune Business that because it had rejected September's duty payment it would refuse to clear any further imports until the funds owing were received.

Explaining the latest twist in the dispute between Kelly's (Freeport), Mr Lowe told Tribune Business: "Customs has SEE page 4B

## Abaco Club's 20% rental interest rise

By CHESTER ROBARDS  
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ORLANDO, Florida - Ritz-Carlton's only international Destination Club property, The Abaco Club at Winding Bay, is readying for an improved 2011, after a 20 per cent increase in rental interest followed the property's addition to Marriott's widely-visited website.

Edward Kinney, Ritz-Carlton's vice-president of corporate affairs and brand awareness, told Tribune Business yesterday that despite a slow start to sales of the wholly-owned condo units and property segments, The Abaco Club at Winding Bay was doing well as a destination club, with its points-based membership programme showing the same promise as its sister chain, Marriott.

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# Firms must 'ignite their uniqueness'

By DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

What is creativity anyway? I've had many people say: "I could never do what you do." In all likelihood, they might be correct. But a popular misconception is that creativity happens in a flash of inspiration. Just the opposite is true. It's a way of thinking and approaching a problem. True creativity and original-



## THE ART OF GRAPHIX

DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

ity is a time-consuming process involving imagination, a sense of curiosity and analytical skills.

A writer expresses 'creativity' as a mental and social process involving the generation of new ideas or concepts, fuelled by the process of either conscious or unconscious insight. We

tend to speak about creativity in all sorts of contexts, and it's used in reference to everything from 'scrap booking' to advertising, sculpture to physics, writing to teaching.

We know the value of creativity. In other words, we associate creativity with an 'otherness' like it's floating around out there waiting to be found (or worse, invented).

Let me chime in and say that creativity is a state of mind, or simply a mood.

That means anyone can feel creative at some time. Some of us may be in the mood more often, and some less. Yet very few people are creative at all times. Creativity involves two processes: thinking, then producing. For example, if you have ideas but don't act on them, you are imaginative but not creative. Creativity requires whole-brain thinking; right-brain imagination, artistry and intuition, plus left-brain logic and planning.

### How does the Creative process work?

Let's take a closer look. True, creativity isn't possible without sufficient time. It is like trying to build a house in a week when it really requires three months. There is little time to worry about quality or attention to detail.

What you end up with is a poor foundation and a lot of last minute painting to dress it up. Time allows the mind to explore different approaches, revise and develop them further.

Creativity is progressive by nature, as new ideas inspire even newer ones. As the initial images and text develop, minor adjustments are made, and an expression or design can be paraphrased or manipulated to have more impact for added interest. However, a critical part of creativity is the attention to detail. Ultimately, it must be a strong solution to the original problem to become a success.

### Can creativity be learned?

A study by George Land reveals that we are naturally creative, and learning to be creative is akin to learning a sport. It requires practice to develop the right muscles, and a supportive environment in which to flourish.

Research has also revealed that everyone has creative abilities. For example, the more training obtained, the greater the potential for creative output. The average adult thinks of three-six alternatives for any given situation, while the average child thinks of 60.

This comes as a great relief, since creativity doesn't come from anything, since it is grounded in ideas and knowledge you already have.

Practice drawing connections between two seemingly unrelated people or objects using knowledge you already have.

Or consider comparing an object to a person, like your spouse and your coffeemaker. That may not be a safe comparison, but take the time to really assess what you know about each object or person, as I would like to think that creativity is often found in the overlooked details.

I particularly liked opera singer Dan Klein's explanation of creative work. "Creativity is the ability or process in which someone identifies the rules or traditions of a set paradigm, and then goes about interpreting, breaking or bending them to bring about a new or previously unexplored connection," he says.

Armed with this logic, originality is a crucial part of the creative equation, and being courageous and bold in doing something that no one else would attempt often speaks volumes.

Creativity has no endpoint, so for this reason, challenge yourself to be daring and ignite your uniqueness.

Never let the fear of striking out prevent you from winning the game.

So until we meet again, have fun, enjoy life and stay on top of your game!

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# Bank opens for Saturday banking

Bank of the Bahamas International (BOB) announced that starting this Saturday, it will introduce full-service banking hours for that day at its Village and Harrold Road locations between the hours of 9:30am and 1pm.

"We decided to open on Saturdays to make banking more convenient for, and accessible to, our customers," said Ian Thompson, business manager for retail credit. "We understand the busy lifestyles of our customers and time constraints that they face during the week. Some simply find it very difficult to get their banking done, especially if they have school runs and other errands to make."

"Customers can therefore take advantage of this additional day of banking, which gives them the flexibility and time they need. This is all a part of the bank's commitment in providing solutions for its customers."



**SATURDAY SOLUTION:** Bank of the Bahamas International's Harrold Road branch is one of two locations that will offer full-service Saturday banking. The hours of operation are 9:30am to 1 pm, starting on Saturday, October 9.

Bank of the Bahamas International customers may conduct regular banking

business, which includes opening accounts, applying for loans, credit cards or mortgages and Money Gram services.

In addition, customers will continue to have the convenience of banking online around the clock at [www.bankbahamas.com](http://www.bankbahamas.com).

## Abaco Club's 20 per cent rental interest rise

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According to Mr Kinney, the Ritz property's equity-based luxury travel programme has shown an uptick in Abaco, and the company is looking forward to more interest next year, especially as it is the only Ritz-Carlton Desination Club in the Caribbean region listed on the Marriott site. Marriott's site is one of the most visited industry sites in the world, and the most successful resort and hotel chain.

A second Ritz-Carlton property was planned for the Bahamas, to be constructed on Rose Island. However, the project was shelved after the development's main financier, Lehman Brothers, toppled near the end of 2008.

Some industry officials told Tribune Busi-

ness recently that those plans could be dusted off quite soon, as whispers of the project's refinancing float amongst those in the know. It has been hinted also that if the project comes to fruition the residential development segment would be scrapped for a single hotel development.

Rose Island remains scarred, however, where the development began and ended, with a semi-dug canal creating a blue, eye-like iris surrounded by scythed, bare limestone.

It is known, though, that construction on what was to be the ferry dock for the project, Nassau Harbour Club, continued despite the fall of the financier and is close to completion, while a contingent of developers related to the project remain embedded in Nassau.

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FROM page 1B

# Customs rejects firm's \$50,504 duty submission

rejected our duty paid sales report for the month of September, which encapsulates over \$50,000 to be paid to the Treasury, pending receipt of our bonded sales report.

"We just found this out. At the end of the month, we run these post-paid duty sales reports that go along with a Customs entry showing, for September, that we have collected \$50,504. They have refused to receive it pending receipt of a bonded goods sales report. If they refuse to receive the money, they can stop clearing trailers."

Customs' latest approach in an escalating battle with Kelly's (Freeport) comes after the Government in Nassau last week told the Department to stop detaining the company's eight trailers in a bid to hold it to ransom over the bonded goods sales report demand.

Some six of those trailers have now been cleared and released by Bahamas Customs, but the company is now fearful that other means to detain

the remaining two - with two further trailers set to arrive imminently - are being sought.

Mr Lowe yesterday told Tribune Business that Kelly's (Freeport) was not alone, adding: "There are two other companies whose trailers have been held up pending receipt of a bonded goods sales report."

Bonded goods sales is a practice whereby Freeport-based wholesalers, such as Dolly Madison, Kelly's (Freeport) and Bellevue Business Depot, are able to sell products to other GBPA licencees for use in

their respective businesses only, without any duty being paid to Customs/Government on their sale.

It is a report on this activity that Customs is seeking, but Kelly's (Freeport) and its attorneys are arguing that this has never been requested before, and is not included in any statute law, policy or agreement concerning their relationship.

## Practice

The current practice, they argue, is that on the 15th of

every following month, Kelly's and other licencees submit a report on sales where duty is post paid - such as sales to residents and non-GBPA licencees - together with the relevant duty sum. And it was Kelly's refusal to submit bonded goods sales reports that saw Customs detain eight of their imported trailers, in a bid to force the company to bow to its demands.

A September 30, 2010, letter sent to the Comptroller of Customs and head of Customs in Freeport by Kelly's (Freeport's) attorney, Fred Smith QC, a

Callender's & Co attorney and partner, called on the government agency to withdraw its demand for a bonded goods sales report as contained in its August 5, 2010, letter to the company.

Stating that a review of the Hawksbill Creek Agreement and Customs Management Act produced no authority for Customs to legally demand such a report, Mr Smith wrote: "This spontaneous demand is contrary to an established practice that has existed between our client and your Department since 1986, whereby our client

provided monthly duty paid sales reports and entries to your Department.

"Our client is a Licensee of the Grand Bahama Port Authority and has conducted its business under the provisions of its License for decades. The importation of duty-exempt goods by our client is governed by the Hawksbill Creek Agreement and the law of the Bahamas, and not at the whim of your Department.

"Our client has contractually and statutorily protected rights to conduct its business as it has been conducting it, and has a legitimate expectation that it is entitled to continue to conduct its business as heretofore without arbitrary interference by your Department conjuring up new procedures."

And Mr Smith warned: "We have advised our client that this subsequent refusal by your Department to clear the six containers upon the basis that our client has not supplied 'Bonded sales in January-August' is unlawful. Further, your Department's complete refusal to deal at all with the other two containers is also unlawful.

"In the premises, you are in possession of our client's goods and have no lawful authority to detain the same.

"For the avoidance of any doubt, we hereby require you to surrender our client's goods, comprising the eight containers of goods referred to above, up to them forthwith."

Warning that Kelly's (Freeport's) business had been placed "in jeopardy", and that it had already suffered financial losses, Mr Smith demanded that the trailers be cleared and the necessary paperwork for their release accepted, with no conditions, such as a 'bonded good sales report', attached.

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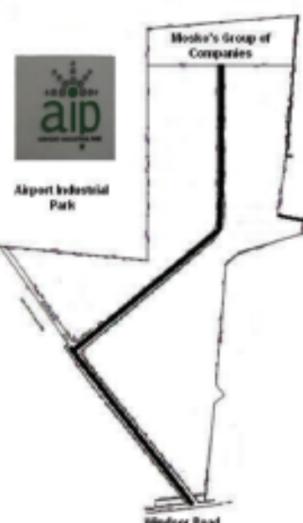
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## Bahamas Public Services Union



## 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.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

  
SECRETARY GENERAL

**BUSINESS**

# Bahamas on course for an 'outstanding Civil Aviation regime'

**FROM page 1B**

"Training has been outstanding, the absorption of that training has been very good, so as long as we continue down the path of putting the right people in the right places, I'm sure we will have an outstanding Civil Aviation regime in the near future."

However, Captain Randy Butler, head of Bahamian-owned private airline, Sky Bahamas, yesterday expressed concern to Tribune Business over whether the Bahamas was implementing its corrective action plan in respect of the ICAO report, pointing out that there appeared to be no line items in the 2010-2011 Budget specifically dedicated to financing the changes.

"From what I've seen, they're still at the same place," he said. "They have a corrective



**VINCENT VANDERPOOL-WALLACE**

action plan, and for a number of items, dates have come and gone. For new regulations, dates have come and gone, and for new people, dates have come and gone."

Adding that he would like the Bahamian public to be more aware of aviation safety, Captain Butler told Tribune Business that Civil Aviation "lacks the resources and man-

power to carry out its mandate".

He added: "In terms of regulation, we have regulations now that are not enforced effectively. There needs to be more enforcement of the current regulations as we have them, and I'd like to see us become more compliant with ICAO and international standards."

As to the impact of Tuesday's tragic crash, which took eight lives, on the Bahamian private airline and charter sector, Captain Butler said that while it was too early to determine the precise fall-out, some negative consequences were likely.

"It's too early to say," he explained. "This morning the passenger numbers were down a little bit, but September and October are slow months. It's too early to tell, but I imagine we will see some impact because people may become fearful of flying.

register revealed incomplete essential information for a large number of aircraft on the register, and discrepancies on the electronic register.

"In particular, neither the actual number of aircraft registered in the Bahamas, nor the current status of these aircraft, can be accurately determined. In addition, a registration mark in use can easily be confused with urgent signals. Furthermore, the official aircraft register is not kept in a secure location that provides protection from fire and theft."

The Bahamas' response appears to have been swift. In its reply to the ICAO report, this nation acknowledged that the findings in relation to the aircraft registry were "critical", and that "immediate measures were taken to correct".

A number of measures were completed by the deadline of March 30, 2009, and June 30, 2009, with further deadlines scheduled to be met at end-October and November 2009. It is not known whether those deadlines were met, but the Bahamas said: "A complete review of the Bahamas Aircraft Registry has been carried out to reliably determine the number and status of all aircraft currently registered in the Bahamas.

"During the review of the aircraft registry, any aircraft whose status could not be reliably determined has been deregistered and the owners notified. During the aircraft registry review, any aircraft found to have been issued with a registration mark that might be confused with urgent signals has been deregistered."

Another weakness identified by ICAO was that the Bahamas had not certified any of the airports in this nation, leaving it in non-compliance with Annex 14 to the Chicago Convention.

"At the time of the audit, the Bahamas has 19 aerodromes for international operations, 39 aerodromes for domestic operations and no heliports," the ICAO audit found. "Some aerodromes are in the process of developing an aerodrome manual. However, the Civil Aviation Department has so far not yet received any aerodrome manual for its acceptance or approval."

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## Safe

"I would say aviation is safe in the Bahamas. It doesn't mean that there's an absence of risk, but it's safe."

The 2009 ICAO audit, a copy of which was obtained by Tribune Business, found that the Civil Aviation Department's organisational structure "does not reflect in sufficient detail and does not clearly define the regulatory and safety oversight functions and responsibilities" in a number of key areas.

It added: "Furthermore, the Bahamas has not established a distinct separation between the regulatory/safety oversight entities and the service providers in the areas of air navigation services (ANS) and airports (AGA).

"While the Flight Standards Inspectorate (FSI) is funded by an impress fund to cover the cost for training, travel expenses and investigation of aircraft accidents and incidents, the Civil Aviation Department depends entirely on State budget allocations to fund its operations, and its financial resources are not sufficient to enable it to fulfil the state's responsibility for safety oversight."

One area where the Government moved quickly was on reforms to the Bahamas' aircraft register. The ICAO report found: "A review of the aircraft

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## BUSINESS

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# Government's own reforms 'even more beneficial' to gaming industry's progress

no gaming laws and regulations, which had been submitted by the Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA) and other interested parties, were "all in front of me now".

While some proposed reforms would be "fairly easy to adopt, others require more consideration", the minister said. He added that the Government would study other nations that had implemented similar changes to their casino gaming regulatory regimes, and analyse the impact these had, to determine what the likely effects would be in the Bahamas.

Telling Tribune Business that this presented "a wonderful opportunity" to benchmark against other jurisdictions and determine what the proposed reforms' likely impact will be, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said no timeline had been set for him to bring the proposals forward to Cabinet and, subsequently, take them to the House of Assembly.

"There are a number of items that weren't listed in the list brought forward that we think will have an even bigger impact on gaming, so they are part of the consideration," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace told Tribune Business.

## Accepted

These, he added, had also been generally accepted by the industry, and the minister added: "We're looking at things that will be even more beneficial, and are working on them simultaneously [with the private sector's proposals]."

Indicating that there was no immediate urgency to implement reforms to the Bahamas' casino gaming legislation, Mr Vanderpool-



Wallace said the Government's approach was to adopt a comprehensive amendment package that could all be introduced at the same time.

Acknowledging that the casino gaming industry's importance to the Bahamian tourism industry and wider

economy was significant, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said: "It has always been an important product of some parts of the Bahamas. The other consideration is to what extent do we have it proliferate throughout the Bahamas, but certainly in Grand Bahama and Nassau,

it's always been part of the product offering.

"We think we have quite a significant competitive advantage and want to hold on to that advantage. We believe the industry has great value and importance to us, and want to enhance it."

Describing reforms of the Bahamas' antiquated gaming laws as "very important", Robert Sands, the BHA's president, had told Tribune Business yesterday: "There are some far-reaching reforms that the Casino Committee of the BHA has submitted to the Minister for his review. 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."

## Content

Asked about the content of the BHA's reform recommendations, Mr Sands said: "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."

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.

ness. "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 northeast 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".

"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.

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# Small business sector is 'close to collapsing'

Turnquest told Tribune Business. "They're questioning the Small and Medium-Sized Business Development Act's significance, asking: 'How can government not bring it to us yet?' They're taking too long."

Both Zhivargo Laing, minister of state for finance, and Bahamas Chamber of Commerce president, Khaalis Rolle, told Tribune Business earlier this week that the Government was working with the private sector to effectively develop a 'joint venture' piece of

legislation that would "marry" both sides' initiatives to assist small business development in this nation.

Acknowledging that he was not intimately involved with the legislation's development, Mr Turnquest urged Mr Laing to clarify

the proposed Act's status, and added: "Right now, it's so confusing, because the small business owners are not motivated.

"The banks are not lending money, the Government is not riding to their support, no innovation is taking place. Small businesses were optimistic about the Small and Medium-Sized Business Development Act earlier this year, but right now they're not highly motivated about that because they've seen no [progress].

## Bleak

"Right now, the future looks bleak. I'm more disappointed in the progress of our country than ever before. Last year, I said: 'Turn the leaf and see what's going on.'..... But right now, I'm not personally confident in our future. Where are the processes, actions, practical solutions?"

Hence the need, according to Mr Turnquest, for the Government to outline its plans for the proposed legislation and Bahamian small business development going forward.

Pointing out that there had been no real discussion about how Bahamian small businesses and the wider economy would benefit from exploiting trade agreements such as the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Mr Turnquest said: "Right now, we're in a worse position and close to collapsing as a small business sector.

"We will end up having a bunch of a few big businesses, but when it comes to small businesses, we're regressing a lot. There's a lack of opportunity when it comes to financing, and a lack of structure. No one is saying this is how we are proactively going to develop a small business community together."

Criticising the Government and leading private sector institutions for previously failing to act 'in sync' when it came to Bahamian small business development, Mr Turnquest said that fail-

ing to get it right in this area, and both increase employment and deepen Bahamian economic ownership, would have negative consequences for this society.

"It's quite obvious that if we keep on doing this, there's going to be an increase in crime, decrease in our GDP, a decrease in our well-being and, of course, we're going to be reduced to a mere fraction of what we were in 2005, 2006 and 2007," he said.

"We have to get back to those years of 2005, 2006 and 2007. That is our objective we should be aiming at. I know we might not get back to those levels, but we need to use innovation and creativity to get there. We are moving backwards as a nation right now."

Urging the Government not to impede foreign direct investment in Bahamian small business sectors, Mr Turnquest told Tribune Business that the Bahamas was "presently almost the only country in the Caribbean without a Small and Medium-Sized Business Development Act".

Pointing out that Jamaica had such legislation since 1974, he added: "All we are doing is putting a stranglehold on our growth and development. I can't tell you what will happen next year, because based on my analysis I see us moving backwards completely compared to last year. We rely too heavily on tourism."

In an article previously published in Tribune Business, Mr Turnquest said Bahamian small and medium-sized businesses were failing at the rate of five per

week, while its contribution to the overall economy had shrunk by two percentage points over the past three years to just 3 per cent.

Also calling for a plan to encourage 80,000 Bahamians to return to the Family Islands, enticed by successful business development in those locations, Mr Turnquest said: "All stakehold-

ers that cater to SMEs need to do more if our country wants to diversify our economy, reduce our national debt and increase our GDP.

"Conversely, the only way that our economy is going to grow is to reduce borrowing, focus more on SME development and increase the country's production levels via new entrepreneurial (innovation, manufacturing, commerce etc) activities.

"Stakeholders who focus on small business development have been unsuccessful in creating strategies/policies on how to mitigate the negative impact of the recession with regards to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the Bahamas."

## NOTICE

### IN THE MATTER OF

ST. MICHEL SPORTSWEAR LTD.  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

### AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES  
ACT 1992

## NOTICE

Take notice that pursuant to the provisions of Section 249(2) of the Companies Act 1992, notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of St. Michel Sportswear Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation) will be held at the offices of the Liquidator which is situated at Gresham House, Charlotte Street South, New Providence, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D., 2010, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

And take further notice that the purpose of the said Meeting is to have laid before the Members of the Company the Final Statements of the Liquidation showing the manner in which the winding up of the company has been conducted, the property of the company disposed of, the debts and obligations of the company discharged and also to hear any explanations that may be given by the Liquidator, and also of determining by Extraordinary Resolution the manner in which the books, accounts, papers and documents of the company and of the Liquidator thereof, shall be disposed of.

A member entitled to attend the above meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D., 2010.

GEORGE CLIFFORD CULMER  
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BUSINESS

**\$50m monthly spend during Baha Mar peak**

**FROM page 1B**

this implies that the initial equity will be worth \$145 million, indicating the banking syndicate's stake would be worth \$29 million. Those values, though, are likely to be different in the final outcome.

"The important issue for us is that now, hopefully, since the Scotiabank settlement is in place, the [Bahamian government] approvals process will take place," Mr Sands said, indicating that Baha Mar was now awaiting Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham making good on his commitment to move the House of Assembly debate and other approvals through to a successful conclusion.

Adding that the developer wanted to "begin the Baha Mar project without further delay", Mr Sands said it had already submitted all relevant documentation to the Government via the Bahamas Investment Authority.

The major remaining obstacles are the House of Assembly debate on the 8,000-plus Chinese work permits, the 265-acre land transfers (freehold and leasehold) that Baha Mar's Chinese partners are insisting upon as a condition to consummate their alliance, and the 49 conditions precedent that Baha Mar has to fulfill with the Government.

"We have done what we think we can do at this time, and now await the approval process outlined by the Government," Mr Sands said. "As far as we are concerned, our Chinese partners understand that the land transfers take place at certain time spots, and that is all part of the approval process of the Government of the Bahamas.

"If I had to sum it up in a couple of words, we'd like to see these approvals done as expeditiously as possible."

Mr Sands said that while Mr Izmirlian was "excited to have reached this point, he will be even happier when we put shovels in the ground" and realise his vision for Baha Mar and the Cable Beach strip, in addition to "creating the significant economic impact that will accrue".

Baha Mar again reiterated that its project would create 11,000 Bahamian jobs once it became fully operational, in

addition to injecting \$1 billion into the economy during that first year of operations, while bringing 430,000 additional visitors to the Bahamas.

That economic impact is a little while off, but Mr Sands said the developer was "ready to go" on issuing the contracts to Bahamian contractors for the \$100 million-plus construction of the new Commercial Village, Straw Market and West Bay Street re-routing once all Bahamian government approvals were in.

"Certainly, with the phasing of construction and the first phase Commercial Village and roadworks, you can be assured there will be significant impact inputted into the national economy from the day we start this project," Mr Sands said.

**Peak**

"At the peak of construction, we will be spending \$50 million a month, which is a huge amount of expenditure. Certainly, the impact that we have always outlined from day one will become a reality. There will be significant inflows of capital during peak construction."

The Scotiabank settlement, on the face of it, is something of a triumph for Baha Mar and its chairman/chief executive, Sarkis Izmirlian, whose tough negotiating stance seems to have prevailed in forcing a conservative lender to take an equity stake rather than send in the receivers/administrators to regain its loan.

In truth, though, Scotiabank probably had little option, given that none of its choices were attractive. Receivership would have saddled it with two loss-making properties, and it would have incurred significant multi-million additional costs to keep the hotels running and lay-off staff, with little prospect of recovering the \$200 million amount from a new buyer.

In his statement yesterday, Mr Izmirlian said Baha Mar had all the necessary financing in place to construct the project, with a start slated for later this year. A Letter of Intent had been signed with Rosewood Hotels & Resorts to manage the 200-room luxury resort, and other resort brands were set to be unveiled shortly.

Mr Izmirlian said: "We and the Scotiabank-led syndicate have worked very hard over

these past several weeks to reach a settlement that serves the best interests of all parties, and should also benefit the Bahamas.

"I want to thank the Scotiabank-led syndicate for their continued support of Baha Mar. In reaching this settlement, both sides accommodated each other, with the ultimate goal of fully repaying the lenders for their outstanding loan. The settlement, which includes the syndicate now becoming an equity participant in the Baha Mar project, demonstrates Scotiabank and its other partners' confidence in the project, and its economic potential for the Bahamas.

"With this agreement in place, we are hopeful that the Government of the Bahamas will move expeditiously to provide the necessary approvals - as they recently said they would - so that we can commence this project, which holds such significant economic and job benefits for the Bahamas, and which will transform the Bahamas into one of the premier global resort destinations."

In the debt-for-equity swap talks, Baha Mar/the Izmirlians had initially offered to pay \$75 million in cash to Scotiabank as an upfront, part-payment of the loan, with the remaining debt - around \$130 million - to be converted into an equity stake that the bank would hold in the Cable Beach redevelopment.

However, Scotiabank was said to be seeking a greater upfront cash payment worth \$110 million, sources told Tribune Business, putting the two sides some \$35 million apart.

Scotiabank wants a greater portion of the debt, estimated to be around \$205 million, paid in cash, due to the fact that as a conservative lender it will have to write down the value of the equity stake (loan) on its balance sheet, and is taking a gamble that Baha Mar and its Chinese partners will be able to deliver the \$2.6 billion project and profitable returns on it. The bank, ultimately, has to protect its own interests through adhering to prudential banking norms, plus those of its depositors and the wider Bahamian banking system, given the sum extended to Baha Mar.

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Notes to Statement of Financial Position  
December 31, 2009

**10. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Credit risk**

The Company's credit risk is limited to the carrying amount of financial assets recognized at the statement of financial position date as summarized below:

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	102,777	68,406
Accounts receivable	13,300	549
Due from related party	2,250	-
	118,327	68,955

The Company controls this risk through monitoring procedures and regular coordination with its clients. The Company's management considers that all the above financial assets are of good credit quality, including those that are past due.

None of the Company's financial assets are secured by collateral or other credit enhancements.

In respect of accounts receivable, the Company is not exposed to any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is considered negligible, since the counterparty is a reputable bank with a high quality external credit rating.

**Liquidity risk**

The Company seeks to manage its liquidity to be able to finance and cover its operating costs and capital expenditures. The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalents to meet its liquidity requirements.

**Interest rate risk**

The Company is exposed to changes in market interest rates through its interest-bearing fixed deposit.

**11. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The Company's objectives in managing capital are to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain stakeholders' confidence by providing adequate return and to ensure the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and sustain future development of the business.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares.

The Company is not exposed to a high level of risk since there are no existing borrowings. It is more flexible in terms of managing its operations, as it is not subject to restrictions that might be imposed if there are loans.

Report of Independent Auditors pages 1 and 2.

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**

# Stocks dip, Treasury yields drop following jobs data

**STEPHEN BERNARD,**  
AP Business Writer  
NEW YORK

Stocks dipped Wednesday after a disappointing report on the jobs market renewed concern about the economy. Treasury yields sank to new lows as investors sought safety and anticipated more stimulus measures from the Federal Reserve.

Payroll company ADP said private employers cut jobs in September for the first time in seven months. Investors are seeing a silver lining in the news, however, hoping that it could help push the Federal Reserve to take more action to get the U.S. economy going next month, including stepping up its purchases of bonds.

"It's just a matter of when and how much," Christian Hviid, chief market strategist at Genworth Financial Asset Management, said of the Fed's likely plans to buy bonds. "The motivation is to keep (interest) rates low."

Gold reached another high and the dollar slumped further against other currencies on anticipation that U.S. interest rates could head even lower if the Fed moves aggressively to buy bonds and take other measures to encourage borrowing.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 21 points in afternoon trading. The yield on the two-year Treasury note touched a record low 0.38 percent, and the yield on the 10-year note fell to 2.37 percent, its lowest level since January 2009 when the country was mired in a recession. More weak economic data in the coming weeks, including any disappointment from Friday's key Labor Department report on employment, could provide further incentive for Fed action.

The Dow fell 21.53, or 0.2 percent, to 10,922.81. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.02, or 0.4 percent, to 1,155.73, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 27.00, or 1 percent, to 2,372.83. About four stocks fell for every three that rose on the New York Stock Exchange



**TRADING PLACE:** In this Sept. 21, 2010, photo trading continues on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York.



**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**

where volume came to 454 million shares. In corporate news, Johnson & Johnson agreed to buy Dutch biotechnology company Crucell NV for about \$2.41 billion. Johnson & Johnson first announced it was planning an offer last month. Johnson & Johnson shares rose 9 cents to \$62.89. Costco Wholesale Corp.'s shares dipped after its quarterly revenue fell short of analysts' expectations. They fell 43 cents to \$64.23.

"Today's numbers suggest (Friday's report) probably won't improve at all," said Mark Luschini, chief market strategist at Janney Montgomery Scott. Luschini said a bad jobs report from the government Friday would "increase odds the Fed is more forthcoming and aggressive" in trying to stimulate the economy.

Japan announced similar

bond-buying measures Tuesday when it also cut a key interest rate to near zero.

The U.S. central bank long ago set interest rates at near zero, leaving it few other options but to buy Treasuries to further drive interest rates lower. If the Fed continues to push interest rates down it could make investing in stocks and other kinds of riskier assets more appealing by comparison. Private hiring has been slow to pick up as the economy remains sluggish. ADP said private employers cut 39,000 jobs last month.

The ADP report usually below comes in below the government's measure of total private payrolls. So far this year, the average difference has been about 75,000. That means Friday's report could show a net increase in private hiring. But the ADP figure does suggest that current forecasts for a gain of about 75,000 private sector jobs could be too high.

Gold prices touched another record high as investors shied away from the dollar, whose value is hurt if the Fed buys more bonds. Gold rose as high as \$1,351.00 an ounce before pulling back to \$1,346.80 an ounce. European indexes initially dipped after Ireland's credit rating was slashed, but bounced back. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.8 percent, Germany's DAX index gained 0.9 percent, and France's CAC-40 rose 0.9 percent.

Japan's Nikkei stock average jumped 1.8 percent.

# NOTICE

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Payments not made by October 8th, 2010, items will be sold on October 11th to cover outstanding Account.



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The Anglican Central Education Authority invites applications from qualified individuals for the position of **Deputy Director of Education for Curriculum and Supervision**.

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.
- Performance Evaluation - sets high and measurable goals for student achievement and evaluates student progress in the instructional program by means that include the maintaining of up-to-date student data. Supervises and appraises the performance of the schools' faculty.
- Organizational Efficiency - maintains inter-school system communication. Maintains good relationships with students, staff, parents, and community members. Respects established lines of authority.
- New Teacher Induction - orients and assists new staff members and provides opportunities for their input in the schools' program.
- Professional Development - leads the education and career development initiatives for the faculty and staff of the schools and works with Principals to assess the needs of faculty. Responsible for benchmarking education and career development best practices.
- Community - encourages the use of community resources, cooperates with the community in the use of school facilities, interprets the school program for the community, and maintains communication with community members.

**Required Skills and Experience:**

- 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
- Ability to build partnerships with community organizations
- Commitment to technological advancement
- Familiarity with various educational models
- Strategic planning experience
- Strong communication skills
- An entrepreneurial spirit and a proven track record

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO AUDIT THE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE BAHAMAS PHARMACY COUNCIL NASSAU, BAHAMAS**

The Bahamas Pharmacy Council is seeking proposals from interested qualified firms or chartered accountants to provide services relative to the auditing of the financial operations of the Council

Interested firms or chartered accountants are invited to tender to provide such service for the auditing of the accounts of the Council at such service.

The Tender Document may be collected on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 through Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 between the hours of 9 am to 5 pm from:

**The Office of the Bahamas Pharmacy Council**  
Johnathan Forbes Building  
Delancy Street  
Nassau, The Bahamas

Tender proposal submission should be in a sealed envelope marked **PROPOSAL: AUDITOR FOR THE BAHAMAS PHARMACY COUNCIL** and delivered to:

**The Office of the Bahamas Pharmacy Council**  
Johnathan Forbes Building  
Delancy Street  
Nassau, The Bahamas

Tender submissions will be accepted no later than 5 pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010.

Tenderers are invited to attend the Tender opening at 4:30 pm Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

Signed:  
Ms. Shelly Collymore  
Registrar  
Bahamas Pharmacy Council

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

# IMF sees higher deflation risk; Fed mulls more aid

JEANNINE AVERSA, AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON

The risk of a destabilizing bout of deflation has grown as the United States and other countries struggle with weak economic recoveries and lingering financial prob-

lems. That assessment, contained in a new International Monetary Fund report released Wednesday, comes as the Federal Reserve gears up to pump more money into the U.S. economy to strengthen the recovery and prevent any deflationary forces from taking hold. Japan flooded its

stagnant economy with money Tuesday in a bid to fight deflation.

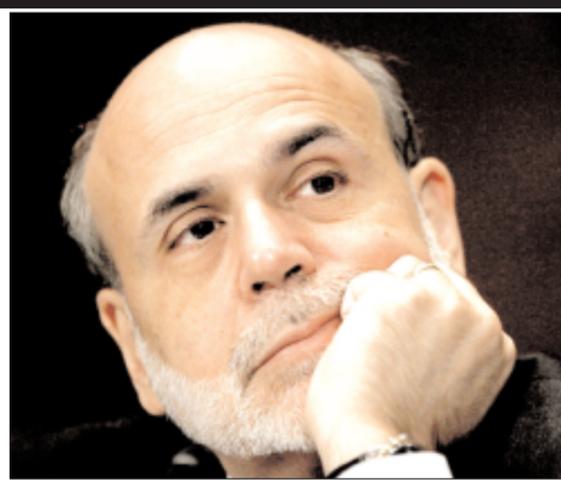
Deflation is a widespread drop in prices of goods and services, in the value of homes and stocks, and in wages. It crimps spending by people and businesses and makes it harder for them to pay down debts. All that hurts the economy.

"Deflation risks have recently risen again to a high level, although they remain below the peaks reached one year ago," the IMF said.

Central banks like the Fed "should be the first line of defense" in combating deflation, the IMF said.

## Bonds

The Fed, the Bank of Japan and central banks in other countries have sliced key interest rates close to zero. Unable to cut rates further, the Fed is weighing buying more government bonds to bolster the economy. Such an effort, called quantitative easing, is aimed at driving down



**PLENTY TO PONDER:** Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke in a Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010 photo. The Fed is weighing buying more government bonds to bolster the economy

rates on mortgages and other loans to spur buying. Japan made a similar move on Tuesday.

The IMF plays a lead role in looking out for potential problems that can endanger the global economy and to help countries when they are battling economic and financial crises. The IMF and the World Bank hold meetings this weekend, where finance officials from the United States and other countries will report on how their

economies are recovering from the worst global recession since the 1930s.

Financial problems remain the "Achilles' heel" of recoveries in the United States and Europe, the fund said. Small and medium-sized banks in the United States, for example, are still coping with problem commercial real-estate loans, the IMF said. That is hurting the flow of loans to small businesses and hobbling employment, another restraint on the recovery.

## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **PIERRE FILS-AIME of Wilson Track** is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the 7<sup>th</sup> day of **October, 2010** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF

FOUR SEASONS HOLDINGS LTD.  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1992

## NOTICE

Take notice that pursuant to the provisions of Section 249(2) of the Companies Act 1992, notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of Four Seasons Holdings Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation) will be held at the offices of the Liquidator which is situated at Gresham House, Charlotte Street South, New Providence, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D., 2010, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

And take further notice that the purpose of the said Meeting is to have laid before the Members of the Company the Final Statements of the Liquidation showing the manner in which the winding up of the company has been conducted, the property of the company disposed of, the debts and obligations of the company discharged and also to hear any explanations that may be given by the Liquidator, and also of determining by Extraordinary Resolution the manner in which the books, accounts, papers and documents of the company and of the Liquidator thereof, shall be disposed of.

A member entitled to attend the above meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D., 2010.

**GEORGE CLIFFORD CULMER**  
Liquidator  
Four Seasons Holdings Ltd.  
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## NOTICE

**TROCADERO TRADING LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

**TROCADERO TRADING LTD.** is in dissolution under the provisions of the International Business Companies Act 2000.

The dissolution of the said Company commenced on the **4<sup>th</sup> October 2010** when its Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.

The Liquidator of the said Company is Mr. Axel Bech whose address is c/o Nobelsgate 10, 0273 Oslo, Norway.

Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

**H & J Corporate Services Ltd.**  
Registered Agent  
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0.58	0.18	Benchmark	B02	0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	BW	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.168	0.090	18.8	2.93%	
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank	F03	2.17	2.17	0.00	0.016	0.040	135.6	1.84%	
12.50	9.62	Cable Bahamas	C01	10.77	10.77	0.00	1.212	0.310	8.9	2.88%	
3.84	2.50	Colina Holdings	C02	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.781	0.040	3.2	1.60%	
7.00	5.40	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	CBS	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.422	0.230	15.6	3.48%	
2.65	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	CWB	1.95	1.95	0.00	0.111	0.052	17.6	2.67%	
2.55	1.60	Doctor's Hospital	D01	1.90	1.90	0.00	0.199	0.110	9.5	5.79%	
6.99	5.94	Fanguard	F04	6.07	6.07	0.00	-0.003	0.240	N/M	3.95%	
10.20	8.50	Finco	F05	8.50	8.50	0.00	0.287	0.520	29.6	6.12%	
11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank	F06	9.74	9.74	0.00	0.645	0.350	15.1	3.59%	
5.51	3.75	Focol (S)	F07	5.46	5.46	0.00	0.366	0.170	14.9	3.11%	
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	F08	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
6.59	5.00	KD Utilities	K01	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.012	0.240	465.8	4.25%	
10.50	9.92	J. S. Johnson	J01	9.92	9.92	0.00	0.883	0.640	11.2	6.45%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	P01	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.355	0.800	28.2	8.00%	
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	0.00	6.95%	20 November 2029			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00	0.00	7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00	0.00	7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
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%		
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%		
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.4904	1.4005	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4904	3.59%	6.42%	1.475244	1.452500	31-Jul-10			
2.9265	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9115	0.85%	0.23%	2.926483	2.906205	31-Aug-10			
1.5546	1.4905	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5555	3.18%	4.30%	1.537403	1.521720	24-Sep-10			
3.2025	2.8522	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.8624	-8.18%	-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			
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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	11.58%				31-Aug-10			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00											
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks											
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks											
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume											
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume											
Change - Change in closing price from day to day											
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today											
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P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings											
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(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/1/2007											
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Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
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N/M - Not Meaningful											
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# It's that Fam Fest time again!

By **ALESHA CADET**  
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**U**NDER the theme "Believe" FAM FEST 2010 will officially kick off on Friday, October 8 at Clifton Park starting at 7pm.

FAM FEST is also part of the Carifringe Festival 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.

According to Matthew Kelly, Festival Coordinator/ BAC Executive: " Carifringe initially approached FAM FEST about participating in the inaugural CariFringe because of their proven track record of providing high quality events. We'd known that FAM's producers have a great appreciation for collaborating and fostering a cross-pollination of ideas and they have really understood the value and vision of the festival."

" In the final line-up they provide a strong music component that anchors the festival's second weekend and brings so many talented artists to the stage all in a free event," he said.

Reuben Heights, president of FAM Entertainment sat down with *Tribune Religion* and said the FAM festival is going on its fifteenth year. "It is basically a family free event for them to come together and enjoy international and local Entertainment," he said.

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**Revival**

**Revival**

**Bishop Gloria Redd**

**October 3rd - October 8th**

One Week Revival - Pastor Burton Fox

Beth Faith Ministries International Blue Hill Road South after you past Marshall Road - Nightly 7:30 pm

**October 10th - October 15th**

One Week Revival - Pastor Janean Hart

Soul Winning Church of God in Christ

Lyon Road - Nightly 7:30 pm

**October 17th - October 22nd**

One Week Revival - Bishop G. Elton Major

Lion of Judah Kingdom Embassy Rock Crusher and Lightbourn Street (Heading west on Farrington Rd. first corner on the right after PLP Headquarters, from JFK, first corner on the left before PLP Headquarters)

**MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU.**

**Fam Fest**

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He explained that the fest is also about reaching the younger people and trying to help change their mentality.

Performers at the FAM FEST Concert features special guests such as Papa San, Marvin Winans Jr And Sherwin Gardner, as well as local artists; Christian Massive, Ricardo Clarke, Mr Lynx and many more.

" On Saturday, we are looking to target the entire family with fun activities such as face paintings, rides and characters roaming around such as Alvin and the Chipmunks," he said.

Tribune understand that the concert is set to close off on Saturday with the FEST' praise concert, featuring Simeon Outten a singer from Grand Bahama and Prophet Lawrence Rolle. He says, " A big list of choirs and liturgical dance groups will be performing as well."

Going further, the FAM FEST Concert was inspired by Mark Cartwright, founder and organiser of FAM Entertainment.

While they are all up for a good time Mr Heights said the main reason for the FAM FEST event is to promote awareness for young people while bringing families out to have a good time together.

Mr Heights added: " We just want people to come out and enjoy themselves, it is a safe environment for all."

There will also be about twenty to twenty five tents on the grounds, serving all Bahamian dishes and treats such as guava duff, conch salad and much more.



**GOOD TIME:** Scenes from last year's Fam Fest.

MEDITATION

# Discovering Community



REV. ANGELA C. BOSFIELD PALACIOS

Another tragedy has struck. We have lost loved ones in a plane crash. It is as if the whole country is truly related as we mourn together with and for the relatives known to us and those who are strangers, but our compatriots.

The prayers began as the news reports came in. I heard it in a store from a gentleman on his cell phone in conversation with his wife who lives near the lake. Word truly spread like wildfire and the prayers did likewise.

What can we learn from the experience of sudden death? How can we prepare for the unexpected? Where do we find strength in time of distress?

Add to this list your own personal reflections:

- 1. **TRY** to leave home with a loving good-bye for everyone
- 2. **PRAY** for healing from past hurts
- 3. **TRY** to forgive yourself and others



**TRAGEDY:** Wreckage of the chartered plane that crashed in Lake Kilarney yesterday. It's important to find strength in God and each other when dealing with a sudden death.

- 4. **LIVE** each day to God's glory as if it were your last (it may very well be)
- 5. **KNOW** your faith position on death
- 6. **KNOW** your faith position on life after death
- 7. **MEMORISE** some Scriptures that are like light in the darkness
- 8. **HAVE** some praying friends to stay at the foot of your cross
- 9. **REMEMBER** alcohol and drugs add to the problem
- 10. **RALLY** together as a family- this is no

- time for civil war
- 11. **MONEY** spent on a funeral is good, but spend more on the education of the deceased person's children.
- 12. **STEP** up to the plate as a big brother or sister when a parent is lost.
- 13. **YOU** may have defined roles but also "cross train"
- 14. **ALL** human beings will die unless the Lord returns first, but God will never leave us.
- 15. **WE** are still safer in a plane than in a car

- 16. **LEARN** to pray today
- 17. **LIFE** insurance and a will are about your survivors not you
- 18. **TRY** to live at peace with all persons
- 19. **WORK** to please the Lord
- 20. **FOR** a Christian, death is but the door way to an even better life

We are one: one people, one nation in mourning. Let us love one another as a tribute to them.

## No Deal!



ALLISON MILLER

**MATTHEW 4:5** Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

We live in a time when all sorts of negative things are happening. All of it is sin, the devil has deceived us into thinking that we can take things that God says are wrong and make them right or accepted. A reckoning day is coming when we have to answer for our actions.

We play pat-a-cake with the devil and

he is tearing apart our homes and marriages. He's reaping havoc on our jobs, in the lives of our children and taking our society by storm. We have moved over and let him have his way to do whatever he wants to do in our lives.

That has to stop. A line must be drawn somewhere when we say, "Enough is enough." Why do we wait so long before we take action against the wiles of the devil? Do you actually think that he cares about any one of us? His job is to kill, steal and destroy, the Bible tells us and that's exactly what he is doing.

He has a lifetime plan on how he is going to cause hell in our lives. The amazing thing is we don't use the tools that

God gave us to fight him with. Then we lose heart in the middle of the fighting. All of us can attest to the fact that he never gives up.

Like we always say: "When it isn't one thing it's the next." As long as you live, you cannot get tired of fighting. That is because we are in a battle for our lives. However, it's a fixed fight and we won when Jesus Christ died on Calvary's Cross. It's the follow up that we are not doing well with. We have to maintain faith by reading our Bibles, praying without ceasing, fasting, forgiving people and ourselves and worshipping God in spirit and in truth. We cannot let this life overcome us.

The word of God says, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." (1st John 2:16) We don't need anything that the devil offers us. God is the way, the truth, and the light. His way is the only one that matters or should take priority in our lives. We have to be come just

like Jesus in the fact that when the devil came to tempt Jesus, He overcame because he wanted nothing of this world. That's not to say that we shouldn't have land, houses, car and or money. It's to say that they should not be the only thing that we want in this life. We should desire God and the things of God, it will pay off in the end.

I think we do a disservice to ourselves when we only seek after things in life. The Bible tells us that above all God wishes that we be in good health and prosper even as our soul prospers. We cannot afford to be lured by the devil with things that he presents before us. I think that it is a blessing that God provides a way of escape from the devil and his temptations. He knows what weaknesses and uses those things against us are. Nevertheless, we have the tools to resist the devil. I think that it is imperative at times that we refuse the devil at all times. Let's do what Jesus did and use the word of against him at all times, it is the greatest weapon that we have. Amen!

# Three American gospel artists nominated for 2010 Marlin Award

Grammy Award winners Be Be & Ce Ce Winans have been nominated for their first Caribbean Gospel Music Marlin Award. The platinum selling Gospel R and B duo who recently reunited after a 15 year hiatus to record and release their latest CD "Still", have been nominated in the category of International Caribbean Recording of the Year for their reggae infused single "He Can Handle It".

The single was written by Be Be Winans and produced by Tony "CD" Kelly who also lends a western Indian flavor to the track with a DJ Chant. The album "Still" reached the number 1 position on the Billboard Christian and Gospel combined charts, no2 on the Rand B/Hip-Hop album charts and number 14 on the Billboard Top 200 album chart.

Praise and Worship recording artist and multiple Grammy, Stellar and Dove Award winner Israel Houghton is also nominated this year in the International Caribbean Recording of the Year category for his single "Surely Goodness." The track which fea-

tures Jamaican female reggae sensation and multiple Marlin Award winner Chevelle Franklin is featured on Israel's Integrity Music release "The Power of One". Houghton serves as worship leader at Lakewood Church where Joel Osteen serves as senior pastor. Israel's latest Integrity Music/Columbia Records album "Love God. Love People" was released on August 31 and has become the number one selling album on the Top Gospel, Top Christian and Praise and Worship charts.

CAJO Records recording artist Canton Jones also received his first Marlin Award nomination this year for his vocal contribution on the track "My Hood to Your Hood", a collaboration with Bahamian reggae artist Monty G. The single is nominated for "Reggae Hip-Hop Recording of the Year". This is not the first single that the duo has worked on together. Last year they wrote and produced the track "Top Model" for the Tyra Banks hit TV Show "America's Top Model". Canton has just released his latest album "Kingdom Business Part 3" and has also been nominated for a Grammy & Stellar Award and has also won three Gospel Choice Awards.

Winners will be announced during the 2010



Israel Houghton



Canton Jones



Be Be and Ce Ce Winans

Marlin Awards scheduled for Saturday October 30 in Nassau, Bahamas. The Marlin Awards will be held at the Diplomat Center and is designed to honour outstanding achievement in Caribbean Gospel Music. There are more than 200 artists participating representing 15 countries including Africa, Bahamas, Canada, Guyana, Hawaii, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Tortola BVI, St Croix USVI, St Kitts, St Lucia, St Maarten, St Thomas USVI, St Vincent and the Grenadines and the United States.

The Marlin Awards will serve as the final event during Marlin Weekend 2010 which will be held from October 28-30. The three day weekend will feature Marlin Summit, Marlin Industry Workshops and Luncheon, Marlin Fest, and the Caribbean Gospel Music Marlin Awards. The Marlin Awards is produced by Harris Media Group, a Bahamas based marketing, media and production firm. For more information contact Harris Media Group at 242-676-6719 or visit the awards website at [www.marlinawards.com](http://www.marlinawards.com).

## FIFTH ANGLICAN DIOCESAN TRACK AND FIELD CLASSIC

THE youth of the Anglican Diocese will have another opportunity to participate in Track and Field with their churches as the fifth Anglican Diocesan Track and Field Classic is to be held at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium on the 15 - 16 of October. On Saturday October 16 there will be the Track and Field games at the stadium beginning from 9 am to 6 pm.



### CHURCH • NOTES

#### Bishop Simeon Hall Honoured

• New Convenat Baptist Church invites you to a Fellowship Service for Bishop Simeon Hall and Minister Linda Hall on his elevation to the post of Vice President of International Region in the Progressive National Baptist Convention, this evening at New Convenant Baptist Church East West Highway at 7 pm.

#### Ebenezer Methodist Church anniversary

• Ebenezer Methodist Church on Shirley Street is celebrating its 208th anniversary this month. A special service for the anniversary will be held Sunday October 10 at 11AM at the church. All are invited to join us at this special time.

# sports

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INTO SEMIS: Christine Amertil waves to the crowd after a 400m heat on Wednesday. (AP Photos)

## Carl Hield's quickest international victory

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NEW DELHI, India — Calling it his time to shine, Carl Hield posted his quickest victory in an international tournament yesterday, setting the pace for what the boxing team anticipates will be a great showing at the XIX Commonwealth Games.

In the fourth bout of the evening session, Hield hardly worked up a sweat as he connected on a barrage of punches that forced referee Ross Stublay to stop his welterweight bout against Hubert Lucien of Dominica one minute and 36 seconds into the first round. It was just short of the 20-second victory that he posted during a tournament in Cuba.

In fact, the bout was over from the first 30 seconds when Hield posted two quick points on the scoreboard. He came right back in the next 30 seconds and added two more. He then caught Lucien in the first flurry as Stublay stepped in to administer a standing eighth count. Hield continued the onslaught and again Stublay had to intervene, this time calling the bout off after he issued the second eight count.

"First of all, I want to give God thanks for the strength and knowledge to go into the ring to do my fight," said a jubilant Hield, who was waving a miniature Bahamian flag that he carried into the ring. "Second of all, I want to thank my coaches for motivating me. This is just the beginning. We're going to take it one fight at a time. We're bringing home the gold medal."

"My coaches told me to box, but if I could take him out, then go for it. I saw the knockout, so I went for it," Hield said.

Hield's boost of confidence for the gold was ignited by the fact that he didn't give Lucien a chance to get into the fight. In fact, Lucien was on the defensive from the bell rang as he was never able to connect a single shot at Hield, who is now slated to go on to face Muhammad Farkhan. He went the full three rounds before he won an 8-1 decision over Kokole Paneng.

"We recorded the fight of the next guy and so we're going to look it over and



QUICK WIN: Carl Hield.

## Referee forced to stop welterweight bout against Dominican

come up with a plan," Hield said. "By Friday, we will know what to do."

Head coach Andre Seymour said he was really impressed with Hield's performance. "We're going to take one bout at a time because as we go on, it's going to get tougher," he pointed out. "I've seen the boxer from Malaysia, so we will study him some more and go from there. But the performance tonight was extremely good. I told him to keep everything off the jab. If the guy was ready to fall, take him out. He didn't need to be in the ring too long because anything could happen and that was what he did."

Seymour said Hield just simply went into the ring and executed what he was told.

Assistant coach Floyd Seymour said Hield's confidence is so high that they can already taste the medal.

"Carl has been in this business for a very long time. He's one of the elite athletes. But nobody in this class could touch him," he said. "We're going to show everybody that Carl deserves this gold medal. He's a Bahamian. We can't be beaten."

Watching in the stands was Valentino Knowles, who has a shorter road to take to get a shot at a medal. "I feel that it

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# Amertil wins 400 heat

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NEW DELHI, India — Christine Amertil ran 52.08 to easily win the first of five heats in the women's 400 at the XIX Commonwealth Games yesterday.

Her nearest rival was Carline Muir of Canada in 52.21. Amertil had the second fastest time behind Amantle Monthsho, who won heat two in 51.56.

Tonight, Amertil is scheduled to run out of lane six in the second of three heats in the semifinal.

The first two finishers and the next two best performers will advance to Friday's final.

Starting today's competition for the Bahamas will be Trevor Barry as the last of 12 competitors in Group A of the men's high jump.

And national champion Donald Thomas will be fourth out of a field of 11

in the B Group. The automatic qualifying height is 2.16 metres.

In addition, three competitors will follow in the preliminaries of the men's 400.

Grand Bahamian Michael Mathieu will be the first out in heat one, lane five. Ramon Miller will follow in heat two, lane eight, and Andretti Bain will be in heat three, lane three.

The first three in each heat and the six best performers will advance to the semifinals on Friday.

# Griffith, Rolle advance to semis

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NEW DELHI, India — Adrian Griffith, turning in a personal best time in the 100m, led the three Bahamian qualifiers on the first day of competition in athletics at the XIX Commonwealth Games.

The first to compete for the Bahamas, Griffith clocked 10.19 seconds (lowering his previous PR of 10.23 he did at the BAAA National Open Championships in July) for second place in the first of eight heats behind England's Mark Anthony Lewis-Francis, who stopped the clock in a season's best of 10.15, the fastest time recorded.

Griffith, the second fastest qualifier, was joined by Jamial Rolle (second in heat six in 10.46 followed by Jamaica's Lerone Clarke in 10.28) and Rodney Green, third in heat eight in 10.45. The heat was won by Trinidad & Tobago's Aaron Armstrong in 10.35, as they all advanced to the second round.

Later in the evening, only Griffith and Rolle advanced to today's semifinal. This time, Griffith had to settle for third in



ADVANCE: Griffith (left) and Rolle.

heat one in 10.30 with Lewis-Francis winning in 10.20 and Ghana's Aziz Zakara second in 10.27, while Rolle was fourth in heat four in a season's best of 10.39. His heat was won by Clarke in 10.19.

The fastest time in the second round went to Egwero Oghoghene of Nigeria in 10.13. In that heat, Green ran 10.50 for sixth, but he failed to advance to the semifinal.

Looking back at his performance, Griffith said he had a pretty good race and was quite thrilled with the time.

"It was actually my most comfortable race. It was smooth and I just went out

there and executed," he said. "I shut it off, so I know I still have more in the tank. I was in lane two all by myself, so I didn't have any pressure. I just went out there and executed and did what I had to do. I thank God for everybody who was supporting me."

In the second round, after leading the race, Griffith said he got a little too overconfident and wasn't able to maintain his composure. But as he prepares for the semifinals, he said he will definitely make the necessary adjustments. He is slated to run out of lane eight in the first of two heats with Armstrong on the side of him in seven. Clarke is in six and Zakara is in five.

Rolle is set to run out of lane one in the second heat. Jamaica's Oshane Bailey is in lane six and Lewis-Francis is in seven. The first three in each heat and the next two best performers will advance to the final in the last event of the night.

"10.19, I'm very much in it. It's anybody's race. All of the guys are close," said Griffith, as he prepares for today's action.

"The best man will come out on top. I feel I have the ability to be right there with the field."



JET LAG: Marvin Rolle.

# Jet lag hits Marvin Rolle in loss to Englishman

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NEW DELHI, India — Marvin Rolle knew sooner or later the jet lag was going to take its effect.

In his fourth match in three days after arriving at the XIX Commonwealth Games on a 13-plus hour flight on Sunday, Rolle gave it all he had until he had nothing left yesterday as he suffered an exhausting 6-4, 6-3 defeat at the hands of England's Josh Goodall, the No.8 seed in the men's singles draw.

"The jet lag was kicking in a bit. I couldn't open my eyes," said Rolle after he struggled to complete the

- Larikah Russell ousted in singles
- Rolle and Russell fall in mixed doubles
- Fountain, Russell lose in women's doubles

match. "I couldn't react to his serve, I was real slow on the ball. I just didn't have it today."

On a day when the Bahamas saw all of its remaining players eliminated from the tennis competition, Rolle stuck in there with Goodall and he made the Englishman work for every point he got. Rather than just giving up, point after point, Rolle found the intestinal fortitude to make it an exciting match.

In the first set, he fell behind a break 3-1, but he mustered up enough energy to hold on with an ace for a 3-2 deficit. Goodall returned the favour in the next game and they both held serve the rest of the set. And in the final game, Goodall ended it with an ace.

To start the second set, Rolle returned the favour when he opened with an ace to hold at 1-0. They were tied at 1-1 and 2-2 before Goodall got

a break at 3-2 and again at 6-3 to secure the match.

Rolle admitted that if he had to do it all over again, he would have definitely tried to come in at least five days before the games got started so that he could properly adjust to the climate and the time difference.

Both he and Devin Mullings arrived on Sunday, while Rodney Carey Jr came on Tuesday, just in time to walk right on the court to play.

"I think if we had come more prepared, we could have done better as a team," said Rolle of the first round exit by both Mullings and Carey and the doubles combo of himself and

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## Commonwealth Games

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LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

# Daniel Gibson captures Optimist National Championship title

A TOTAL of 36 boats competed in the championship fleet of the 2010 Bahamas Optimist National Championship in Montagu Bay last weekend.

There were sailors from Nassau, Long Island, Abaco, Freeport, Governor's Harbour and Harbour Island. Three races were sailed Saturday in light wind conditions and four races were completed on Sunday in eight to 11 knot winds.

Fourteen-year-old Daniel Gibson of Nassau was crowned this year's champion. "Daniel sailed consistently, finishing among the top six sailors in all races except for a seventh place in race number two. This is the first time he is awarded the Geoffrey Holowesko Trophy. Congratulations Daniel," according to a press statement.

Finishing second in the



**OPTIMIST CHAMPION:** Daniel Gibson of Nassau after his victory.  
Photo by Robert Dunkley

regatta was Spencer Cartwright from Nassau and third place went to Long Islander Tyler Cartwright.

Forty five boats competed in the less experienced green fleet and six races were completed. With a second place in the first race and five first place finishes in the subsequent races, 11-year-old Paul de Souza of Nassau won the regatta followed by Harbour Islanders Laquille Cleare in second position and Wesley Cleare in third. "There was a total of 81 boats competing in the 2010 junior National Championship in Montagu Bay and 52 of these boats came from the family islands.

"This is the largest out island representation that we have ever had in the junior national championship and it is the first time the family

boats," said the release.

John Lawrence, president of the Bahamas Sailing Association, said this is definitely a positive sign for the future of sailing in the Bahamas.

"There were four boats from Abaco, 16 from Grand Bahama, 10 from Long Island, 29 from New Providence, six from Governor's Harbour and 16 from Harbour Island," he said.

Said regatta chairman Francisco de Cardenas: "Great to see so many boats out on the water." He thanked all the sponsors for their continuous support - Bahamas Waste, Cable Bahamas, Coca-Cola, Sun-Tee, Kerzner International, KFC, KPMG, Ministry of Tourism, Odyssey Aviation Bahamas, Panama Jack, RBC and Rotary Club of East Nassau.

# Comm. Games track starts on time amid transit strike

By JOHN PYE  
AP Sports Writer

NEW DELHI (AP) — After averting the embarrassment of having to delay the start of competition Wednesday because of a damaged track, organisers of the Commonwealth Games were dealing with a transit driver boycott.

Competition started on time for the track and field events Wednesday, to the surprise of some commentators. Olympic triple jump champion Jonathan Edwards, who saw the condition of the track and the infield on the eve of the events, had described it as "beyond anything that I imagined."

A last-minute rush to fix and clean sections of the track and repair turf in the infield — caused by vehicle and human traffic during Sunday's spectacular opening ceremony — got the stadium in good enough shape for the international track federation to approve it for competition hours before athletes were set to race.

England's Mark Lewis-Francis won the first heat in a men's 100-meter field. World champion Usain Bolt did not compete, joining several high-profile athletes who withdrew before the event.

Uganda's Moses Ndiema Kipsiro won the first gold medal of the track programme, holding off Kenya's Olympic silver medalist Eliud Kipchoge to finish in 13 minutes, 31.25 seconds.

Indian shooters collected two of the other three gold medals at the range Wednesday and the host country finished day three of competition with 11 gold medals and 24 medals overall.

Australia leads the way with 21 gold medals and 46 overall after 53 events. Its cyclists collected the first three golds at the velodrome on Wednesday.

James Goddard won the 200 backstroke, helping England boost its tally to six golds and 26 medals overall.

Press Trust of India reported that 800 bus drivers had stopped turning up for Commonwealth Games duties because of long working hours and heavy security, but organisers were bringing in more than 900 local drivers to replace them. Most are local school bus drivers who are not busy because school and college students are on vacation.

The driver boycott wasn't among the problems Commonwealth Games Federation president Mike Fennell and local organising committee chairman Suresh Kalmadi addressed at a news conference Wednesday, where Fennell assured that "all systems are go" for the track and field competition.

Kalmadi, asked why most stadiums were almost empty on the third day of competition, said an additional 50,000 tickets had been sold Tuesday.

He'd earlier said organisers might have to give away tickets for free to children and low-income people to fill the venues.

Another technical glitch



**SAFETY PRECAUTION:** A worker fumigates the Dr S.P. Mukherjee Aquatics Stadium, one of the venues for the Commonwealth Games, to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes that have caused an outbreak of dengue fever in New Delhi, India. Thousands of municipal workers were spraying the worst affected areas with anti-mosquito spray, and larvae-eating fish have been released in waterways.

(AP Photo)

which upset some boxers at the weigh-in was fixed, with Kalmadi saying faulty scales had been checked, and "all 10 were found to be OK."

World record holder Gagan Narang has been on target at the shooting range to help shift some of the spotlight to sports. After helping India claim its first gold of the games on Tuesday, he shot a perfect 600 in qualifying for the 10-meter Air Rifle and set a games record 103.6 points in the final round to win his second New Delhi gold — at the expense of compatriot and Beijing Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra.

Jason Dunford, a US-based swimmer, won Kenya's first gold of the games in the 50-meter butterfly, holding off returning veteran Geoff Huegill of Australia and former world record holder Roland Schoeman of South Africa.

The Commonwealth Games — an Olympic-style

competition held every four years — bring together more than 6,000 athletes and officials from 71 countries and territories. India wanted the games, which ended up costing between \$3 billion and \$10 billion, to showcase its emergence as a growing economic power and possibly attract a future Olympics.

But construction delays, corruption allegations, concerns about security and heavy monsoons put preparations for the games behind schedule, with complaints about unfinished and filthy accommodations in the athletes' village embarrassing the hosts.

Fennell admitted that all the negative attention hurt.

"I think that a lot of the adverse publicity leading up to the games has turned off some people, there is no question about that," Fennell said. "You can't hide that. We need to rebuild it so the games can be successful."

## Group trying to buy Liverpool

LONDON (AP) — Whatever you do, Liverpool fans, don't call your prospective new American owners the Yankees.

The owners of the Boston Red Sox are trying to buy the financially ailing Liverpool football club for 300 million pounds (\$477 million) — about half the asking price of the current American owners.

If approved, it would unite two of the most storied franchises in sports — the soccer Reds, one of the most decorated teams in old England, and the baseball Red Sox, the oldest pro team in New England.

They have a lot in common. Both have red uniforms — in fact, Liverpool players also wear red socks — and both have a proud heritage that includes championships and long periods of agonizing failure.

Each has its iconic symbols: from Fenway Park to Anfield; from the Green Monster to the Shankly Gates; from "Sweet Caroline" to "You Never Walk Alone"; from the Citgo sign to the "This Is Anfield" sign.

The Red Sox also had the Curse of the Bambino — the sale of slugger Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees — that was finally snapped when they won the World Series in 2004 after a wait of 86 years. They won the title again in 2007.

Liverpool fans hope John Henry's New England Sports Ventures can spark a similar revival of their debt-riddled club, which has fallen on hard times since winning its 18th and last English league crown in 1990. Liverpool is off to its worst start since 1953 and is in the relegation zone after losing last week to Blackpool.

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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

# LeBron's Heat odyssey begins with win over the Pistons

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — There was a moment, in a nearly empty gym a couple of hours before tip-off of a Miami Heat pre-season opener like no other, when Dwyane Wade looked around and couldn't believe his eyes.

Nearby, LeBron James. Over there, Chris Bosh. What they talked about for years was truly real. "I was just like, 'Wow — these are my teammates,'" Wade said. "It feels good to have guys that have the capability that these guys have."

And that capability has already been proven. When Wade went down with a bad hamstring not even halfway through the first quarter, James and Bosh gave the Heat all they needed and more — combining for 38 points as the Heat easily beat the Detroit Pistons 105-89 in the pre-season opener for both teams Tuesday night.

Wade played just 3 minutes, 17 seconds. His right hamstring had been sore for a few days, and something went wrong while he was trying to guard Detroit's Richard Hamilton. The Heat called it a strain, coach Erik Spoelstra called it a tweak, Wade described it as a pull.

No matter: Wade will likely miss 1-2 weeks, but expects to be back in plenty of time for the October 26 regular season opener in Boston.

"I think Miami's seen me play for a long time," Wade said. "And they'll get a lot of time to see the 'Big 3,' as they say."

Bosh had 20 points on 8-for-13 shooting. James, the NBA's two-time reigning MVP who took his championship pursuit from Cleve-

land to Miami this summer, added 18, and the Heat weren't challenged after running out to a 20-point lead by halftime.

Udonis Haslem added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Heat. Ben Gordon led Detroit with 17 points.

"I don't really think they played that great," Gordon said. "Obviously, we didn't play that well, either."

The Heat gave themselves considerably higher marks than Gordon offered.

"It was something I've waited for all summer," James said. "To be able to be back on the court, it was great. The reception from the fans was awesome and it was great we were able to give them the same energy that they gave us."

By the final buzzer, most of the crowd was long gone. Most came to see the opening moments of this trio's time together, and the fanfare was the sort simply not seen at most pre-season games.

James walked from the bench moments before tip-off with the traditional stoic look. He filled his hands with rosin powder, threw it into the air to create a white cloud, then clapped his hands three times.

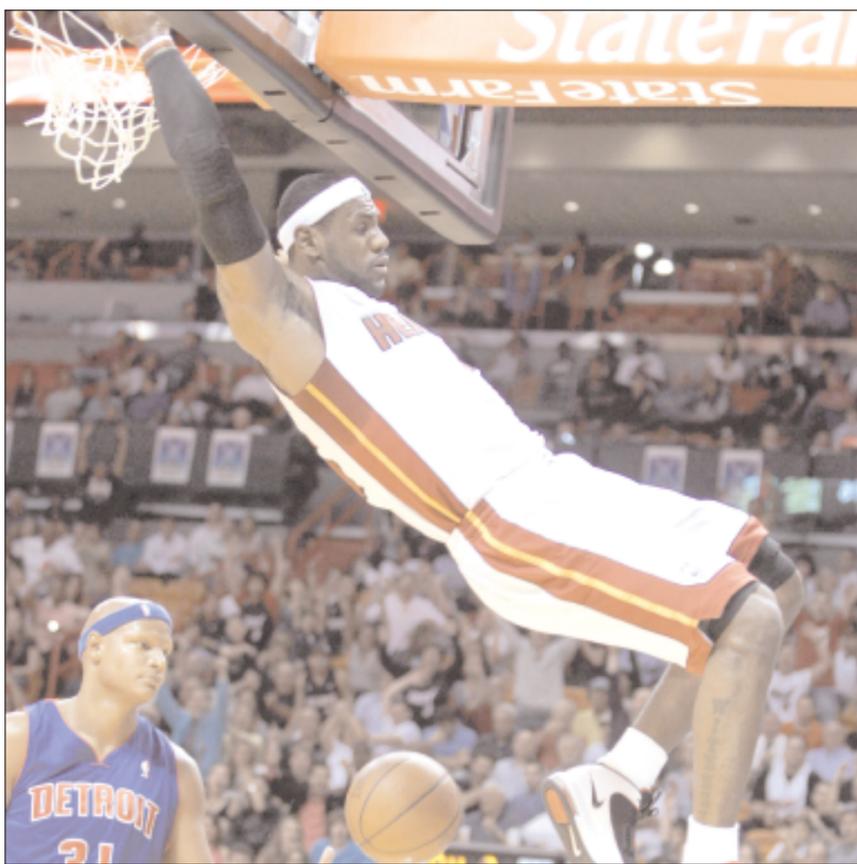
Same as always. Just totally different.

"The season," James said, "is back."

And when Wade left, James just took over.

He put much of his repertoire on display in the early going: no-look passes, drives to the rim, 3-pointers, even playing some point guard in the first quarter. It wasn't always perfect — he airballed one try from beyond the arc and failed to see a wide-open Bosh under the basket on another possession.

At times, it was downright



**HANGING:** Heat forward LeBron James dunks as Pistons forward Charlie Villanueva looks on during the first quarter during a pre-season NBA game in Miami on Tuesday.

(AP Photo)

scintillating.

One play after missing Bosh, he set up his new teammate for a dunk that left the former Toronto forward screaming with delight. And with 4.7 seconds left in the first quarter, James ran off a Haslem pick, then spun before going down the lane for a two-handed dunk — waving his arms with a flourish after giving Miami a 24-

15 lead.

"I think everyone's been waiting to see us, to see what we've been doing in practice and bringing it into a game setting," James said.

James had 12 points in the first 12 minutes, either scoring or assisting on eight of Miami's first 11 field goals. He returned to the game with 5:03 left in the half to a rau-

cous ovation, set up a 3-point-er by Mario Chalmers with a wraparound behind-the-back pass, and went into intermission with 14 points on 7-of-15 shooting.

Miami led 58-38 at the break, holding Detroit to 39 percent shooting. James and Bosh both played late into the third quarter, before Spoelstra declared their nights com-

## Wade: Leg still sore, and he will travel anyway

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade's right hamstring remains sore, and the Miami Heat star guard says he's undergoing a lengthy round of treatments to try and get back on the court as soon as possible.

Wade pulled the hamstring 3:17 into the Heat pre-season opener against Detroit on Tuesday night and did not return. He expects to miss up to two weeks, although no timetable for a return has been formally announced.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said he anticipates that Wade will need an MRI to determine the severity of the strain. Wade says no further tests are scheduled, just treatment.

Wade will travel with the Heat for pre-season games at Kansas City (against Oklahoma City) and San Antonio this weekend, but will not play.

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"There's some encouraging things to come from this game," Spoelstra said. "The No. 1 thing was our guys wanted to play in front of the home fans. You could tell with their energy. It's been a long week of hitting each other and not seeing any other competition."

Bosh knew Tuesday was a big deal when his father insisted on coming to the game.

"He was that excited about it," Bosh said. "He was ready to see us take the court for the first time. Just this fact that he was super-excited about it, that let me know kind of how everybody else is going to be. And if that's how everybody is, it makes it a lot more fun to play."

## Wall leads Wizards past Mavs in pre-season debut

DALLAS (AP) — The Washington Wizards are now John Wall's team. So says Gilbert Arenas.

"He's going to be great," Arenas said. "He has a knack for finding people and getting to the basket. ... He's Batman, I'm Robin."

Wall had 21 points and nine assists, Lester Hudson hit the go-ahead 3-point-er with 2.5 seconds remaining, and the Wizards held on to beat the Dallas Mavericks 97-94 on Tuesday night in the pre-season opener for both teams.

Wall, the former Kentucky point guard who was the No. 1 pick in the draft, displayed speed and passing skills, offering hope he can help the Wizards improve on last season's 26-56 record.

"Overall, John kind of led us," Washington coach Flip Saunders said. "He's got unbelievable speed, makes good decisions, ends up with nine assists and only two turnovers."

At the morning shootaround, Saunders predicted Wall would be involved in "three or four" spectacular plays, and Wall didn't disappoint.

"I had a couple," said Wall, whose ability to penetrate earned him 11 trips to the foul



**DRIVER:** Wizards point guard John Wall drives against the Mavericks in the first half of a NBA pre-season game Tuesday in Dallas.

(AP Photo)

line, converting nine. "But the most important thing was to

get the jitters out of the way. I had a lot of assists and was able to get to the free throw line."

Arenas started alongside Wall in the backcourt and scored 12 points in 26 minutes after being limited in training camp by a sprained right ankle. The Wizards' most effective lineup was a three-guard set with Wall, Arenas and Kirk Hinrich.

Andray Blatche led the Wizards with 22 points. Jason Terry scored 15 points and Dirk Nowitzki 11 for the Mavericks.

Washington led 94-80 with 5:01 left, but Dallas' reserves went on a 14-0 run, capped by Dominique Jones' 19-footer with 16 seconds left to tie it at 94.

The Wizards held the ball for a late shot and Hudson swished his 3-point-er from the top of the key to put Washington ahead. Adam Haluska's desperation 3-point-er fell short at the buzzer for Dallas.

Josh Howard, traded by the Mavericks to the Wizards in February in a deal that brought Caron Butler, Brendan Haywood and DeShawn Stevenson to Dallas, is recovering from knee surgery and did not play.

## Hield's quickest international victory

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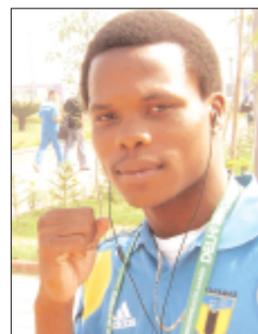
was a tremendous display of talent," Knowles said.

"We're here on a mission and that mission is to end this year with two gold medals in boxing. With this performance here tonight and watching the other performances, I feel like he has what it takes to come out of his division as the gold medalist."

Coming into the games having won a medal in his last three international events,

Knowles will be boxing in his first match in the light welterweight division tonight against Chimwemwe Chiotcha of Malawi. A win and Knowles would advance to the quarterfinal on Sunday for a shot at another medal.

"Just sitting here and watching the fight, I've gotten a sting. I'm just waiting, but I want to get over my first fight too," he said. "It has given me the momentum to go out there and compete. I just can't wait to get started," said Knowles.



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## INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

## Djokovic and Wozniacki advance at China Open

BEIJING (AP) — Top-seeded Novak Djokovic advanced to the quarterfinals of the China Open after American Mardy Fish withdrew with a left ankle injury.

Top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki defeated Sara Errani 6-4, 6-2, while Francesca Schiavone rallied for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory over Vera Dushevina.

Nikolay Davydenko edged Marin Cilic 7-5, 7-5. He'll face American John Isner, who beat Philipp Kohlschreiber 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-3 in a match that featured a combined 33 aces.

Qualifier Michael Berrer fell to Gilles Simon 6-7 (6), 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Second-seeded Vera Zvonareva moved into the quarterfinals after defeating Maria Kirilenko 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Shahar Peer cruised past Bojana Jovanovski 6-1, 6-2, while Angelique Kerber defeated Alexandra Dulgheru 6-2, 6-1.

## Garcia-Lopez advances to quarters at Japan Open

TOKYO (AP) — Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez advanced to the quarterfinals of the Japan Open with a 7-6 (5), 6-4 win Wednesday over compatriot Feliciano Lopez.

Garcia-Lopez saved four break points to defeat the sixth-seeded Lopez.

Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic advanced with a 5-7, 7-6 (7) 4-1 win over Marco Chiudinelli, who retired with a lower back injury.

Jarkko Nieminen of Finland defeated Daniel Gimeno-Traver 6-3, 7-6 (8).

Dmitry Tursunov, ranked 432nd after three left ankle surgeries, outlasted Richard Gasquet 7-6 (2), 1-6, 6-4 to make his first quarterfinal since July 2009.

Top-seeded Nadal and second-seeded Andy Roddick play their second-round matches on Thursday.

# Venus Williams' 2010 season over

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

VENUS Williams is done for the season because of a left knee injury that has sidelined her for most of the second half of 2010.

In a statement released to The Associated Press on Wednesday, the seven-time Grand Slam champion said she is "very disappointed to announce that I will be unable to play" in the WTA Tour Championships at the end of October, and the Fed Cup final between the United States and Italy at San Diego in November.

"I have been getting treatment and therapy on my knee and have been making progress, but unfortunately must continue to keep weight off my knee for the short term and won't be ready to return to competition in 2010," Williams said. "I am looking forward to returning to full health in time for the start of 2011 season and hopefully having the opportunity to play in both the Fed Cup and WTA Championships next year."

She is No. 3 in this week's WTA rankings and went 38-7 with two titles in singles, and 18-1 with three titles in doubles this season, earning more than \$2.5 million in prize money.

But Williams hasn't played anywhere since losing in three sets to eventual champion Kim Clijsters in the US Open semifinals on September 10. That will turn out to have been the 30-year-old American's only tournament appearance over the final six months of the year.

After being upset in the Wimbledon quarterfinals on June 29 by a woman ranked 82nd, Williams was out of action until playing in the first round of the US Open on August 30. That's because Williams sprained her left kneecap shortly before she was supposed to enter a hard-court tournament at Cincinnati in early August. The injury kept her out of another US Open tuneup at Montreal that month, too.

It was an up-and-down season for Williams, who has been using crutches to keep weight off her left leg. She was one of two women who reached at least the fourth round at all four Grand Slam tournaments in 2010 — but she made it past the quarterfinals only at the US Open.

Her singles titles both came in February — at Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on hard courts and at Acapulco, Mexico, on clay. Her doubles titles, all while paired with younger sister Serena, came at the Australian Open, French Open and Madrid.



SEASON OVER: Venus Williams wipes her face during a semifinal round match at the US Open tournament in New York.

(AP Photo)

In August, Venus and Serena — who has been sidelined since having surgery on her right foot in July — both told the US Tennis Association they planned to play against Italy in the November 6-7 Fed Cup final on an indoor hard court at the San Diego Sports Arena.

"I spoke to Carlos (Fleming, Venus' agent) today and learned that Venus is done for the rest of the season with a left knee injury. It's unfortunate that Venus is hurt again and won't be able to play in the Fed Cup final," US Fed Cup captain Mary

Joe Fernandez said Wednesday. "We wish her a speedy recovery so that she is ready for next year."

Neither Williams has competed for the U.S. Fed Cup team since 2007. Venus Williams owns a 17-4 career record in Fed Cup action, including 14-2 in singles. She last participated in the 2007 semifinals.

The USTA still expects Serena Williams to be on the team for the matches against Italy.

The rest of the US roster includes 2009 US Open quarterfinalist Melanie Oudin, Bethanie Mattek-Sands and leading doubles player Liezel Huber.

The United States hasn't won a Fed Cup title since 2000 and lost to Italy in last year's final.

## Olympic 100m champ Fraser gets 6-month doping ban

MONACO (AP) — World and Olympic 100-meter champion Shelly-Ann Fraser of Jamaica was suspended for six months Wednesday after failing a doping test.

Fraser will be ineligible to compete until January 7, the IAAF announced. She was provisionally suspended by the track and field governing body in June after she tested positive for the drug oxycodone at the Diamond League meet May 23 in Shanghai.

Fraser had a dental procedure shortly before flying to China for the meet. She said she took a painkiller because of a toothache.

Fraser won gold in the 100 at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, leading a Jamaican sweep. She won the 2009 world title in Berlin.

## TO shows he's still got a lot left at age 36

By JOE KAY  
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — With one big game, Terrell Owens made his point. He's nowhere near finished.

The 36-year-old receiver had trouble finding a team that would take him this off-season, something he took as a snub. The Cincinnati Bengals finally signed him, and he's their leading receiver after four games.

One of the league's best, too.

Owens had 10 catches for 222 yards Sunday in a 23-20 loss at Cleveland. He moved into second place on the career list for yards receiving, trailing only former 49ers teammate Jerry Rice. He became the oldest receiver in NFL history to have a 200-yard game, and the only one this season.

"I think it was an eye-opener for a lot of people out there that have said a lot of negative things about me, as far as I've lost a step, I can't play," Owens said on Wednesday.

Owens still chafes at the way teams ignored him after Buffalo let him go following his one season there. The Bengals gave him a tryout, then signed Antonio Bryant instead. Bryant's knee prevented him from being ready for training camp, so Cincinnati signed Owens to take his spot opposite Chad Ochocinco.

Owens wanted to prove something to the teams that passed on him.

"They think I'm over the hill and I can't play and I've lost a step and things of that nature," he said. "It's disappointing to be in that situation. All along I've told you guys: I knew I could play this game. But if you listen to certain guys — GMS, scouts our what-have-you that assess film



TOUCHDOWN: Bengals wide receiver Terrell Owens catches a 78-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter of Sunday's game in Cleveland.

(AP Photo)

— and for whatever reason they say that I can't play, I think that's ignorance.

"Who says just because you're in your 30s you can't play? Like, who dictates that? No man can dictate that. And I think I showed that in the game this past Sunday."

The Browns double-teamed Ochocinco, blitzed quarterback Carson Palmer and left Owens with single coverage much of the time. He tore it up. Owens caught passes on short and intermediate routes, and had a 78-yard touchdown on a sideline route, pulling away from a stumbling defender.

He did it all.

"If you want to single-cover me, then fine," Owens said. "If you want to blitz, then do what you've got to do. But if you think that I can't play this game at a high level and put up the numbers that I did, you're in for a rude awakening."

## Jet lag hits Marvin Rolle

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Mullings. "But that's how it went, so we have to live with it. I would have liked to get some better results here."

Also yesterday, Larikah Russell, who teamed up with Rolle in mixed doubles on Monday (losing in the first round as well), played the top seed Anastasia Rodionova of Australia in the second round of the women's singles. Rodionova, a native of Russia, pulled off a 6-1, 6-3 decision to oust Russell.

"I think the match went pretty well. I was nervous at the beginning because she was the No. 1 seed," Russell said. "But I said I could play tennis too and so I settled down, I started to stroke the ball and I felt much more comfortable in my game. I was really impressed with how I played."

Russell seemed to have been intimidated and ended up getting broken at 2-1, 4-1 and 6-1 as the Aussie turned up the heat.

In the second set, it was a completely different story. Russell was much more focused. She took Rodionova to a few advantage points and was able to hold her serve until the eighth game. That was when the Australian sealed the deal with a break at 5-3. She went on to hold serve for the match.

"In the first set, I was still overwhelmed, but I was happy that I was able to settle down, play my game and had fun," she said. "I just needed to keep a few more balls in

play because she looked like she was getting tired. This is just going to motivate me to go back and train hard because I know I can hang with them."

Russell said her only regret is that she can't get into the US on a visa to play on the satellite circuit. She said she's going to have to pursue another avenue to play professionally because she's confident that she has the ability to be a top-ranked player.

Coach Leo Rolle said despite the fact that they lost, the players all played well. "Larikah played well today. Had she kept a few more balls on court, it would have made a big difference," Rolle said. "Even after the match, she realized that she was in the match, had she kept a few more balls in play. She's right there. She just needs to get some more exposure at this level."

As for his son Marvin, Rolle said he came out too "flat-footed."

"He didn't have that get up and go. I didn't have a chance to really sit down with him and find out what happened, but it was quite clear that he could have made the match a little more interesting."

Before the day was done, Russell and Nikita Fountain came back to play their second round women's doubles match. They faced the top ranked team of Rodionova and Sally Peers from Australia, losing 6-2, 6-4 to complete the Bahamas' appearance in tennis at the games.

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