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IRENE ON THE WAY

BAHAMAS BRACED FOR DANGEROUS CAT 3 STORM DENGUE FEVER FIGHT MAY BE HAMPERED

By SANCHESKA BROWN

THE NATIONAL Emergency Management Agency has fully activated its operation centres in New Providence and the Family Islands as the Bahamas braces for the first hurricane of the 2011 hurricane season - which could be a powerful category 3 storm by the time it hits the capital.

The projected path last night suggested Hurricane Irene could pass over New Providence Thursday morning.

Forecasters are also predicting five to 10 inches of rain as the eye passes slightly west of the capital.

And, according to some projections, Grand Bahama and Abaco could face category four conditions if the storm continues on its current path.

Dave Samuhel, Meteorologist at Accuweather, told The Tribune that if Irene continues on its projected track, Inagua should begin to feel hurricane force winds today.

"The Turks and Caicos Islands, as well as Inagua and Mayaguana should be experiencing hurricane weather by Tuesday morning.

"Irene is expected to strengthen into a category two storm as it passes by Crooked Island and Acklins. It is more than likely to strengthen into a category three hurricane by the time it hits New Providence with winds up to 100 miles per hour."

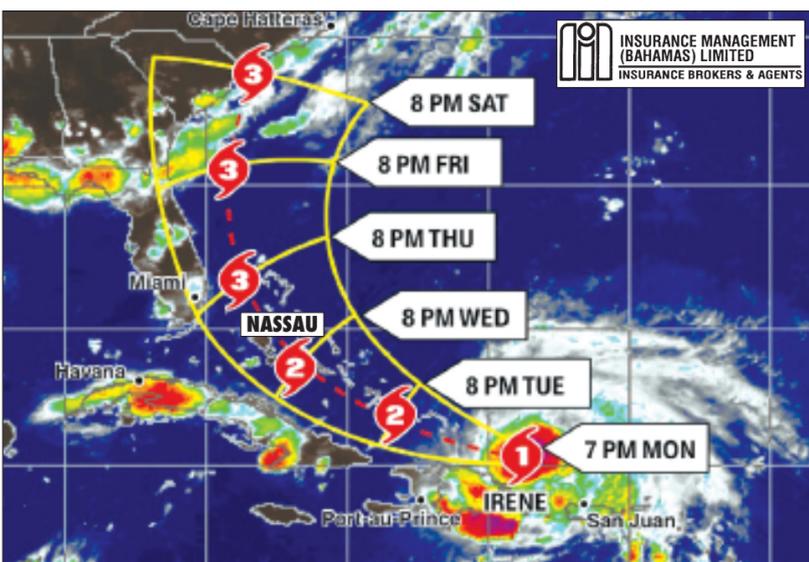
Captain Stephen Russell, Director of NEMA, said they have already activated shelters in the Family Islands and shelters in New Providence can be activated by as early as tonight.

"We have already spoken with the island administrators in the southeast and central Bahamas - which include Acklins, Crooked Island, Mayaguana and Inagua - they have assured us that their shelters are open and ready and the people in those islands are prepared for the possible impact of Irene. Representatives from all of the government agencies will come together to work a 24-hour shift system," said Captain Russell.

"During these periods we will track and monitor the storm and as it approaches get reports from the Family Islands to find out just what's going on. We will do this until the storm leaves and then we will start our damage assessment."

The central Bahamas - which includes Long Island, San Salvador, Rum Cay, Cat Island, and Exuma and its cays - is on hurricane warning.

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ABOVE: An image provided by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from the GOES East satellite shows Hurricane Irene, right, passing over Puerto Rico yesterday. (AP)

LEFT: The projected path of Hurricane Irene

HURRICANE MAY DESTROY FIGHT AGAINST DENGUE FEVER

HURRICANE Irene may destroy the government's efforts to contain the dengue fever outbreak, fear officials at the Ministry of Environment.

With Irene moving towards the Bahamas, the ministry is preparing for a variety of possibilities.

Phenton Neymour, Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, said: "The ministry is concerned about the hurricane, not just because it is a hurricane, but in regards to the dengue outbreak.

"There are positives and negatives. If there are high winds, the hurricane may blow the mosquitoes away and not allow them to reproduce, so a hurricane could assist. But at the same time, it offers challenges in regards to fogging exercises as a result of high winds.

"Overall, we are prepared for it. We are continuing with our heavy fogging exercises. With regards to puddles, the mosquitoes do not reproduce in muddy water. The standing water in containers around one's home is what we are more concerned about."

Officials maintain the most important element in the fight against the disease-carrying mosquito is to remove standing water, which serve as breeding

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Montague Motors Ltd. advertisement for a 1999 Toyota Camry and a 2002 Honda Accord, including contact information and a 'Just Arrived' banner.

FORMER GANG LEADERS 'NOT POLITICAL PAWNS'

By NOELLE NICOLLS Tribune Staff Reporter nnicolls@tribunemedia.net

FORMER gang leaders, anxious to bring peace and opportunity to their communities, say they are no longer going to be political pawns.

Valentino "Scrooge" Rolle said every five years when election time rolls around political parties rally them to mobilise the community and keep the peace. "We are not into that no more," he said.

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TWO CHARGED WITH THE YEAR'S 87TH HOMICIDE

By LAMECH JOHNSON

TWO men were arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday, charged with committing the country's 87th homicide for the year which occurred in Nassau Village.

Carlos Colebrooke, 23, of Williams Street, and Geovanny Lefleur, 20, of Hope Gardens, appeared before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane, in connection with the shooting death of Alexander Hepburn on Friday, August 5.

Hepburn, also known as "Boy Blue",

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MINISTER OF YOUTH, SPORTS, CULTURE 'TO BE REPLACED BY DESMOND BANNISTER'

By PAUL G TURNQUEST Chief Reporter pturnquest@tribunemedia.net

ALTHOUGH the Boundaries Commission has yet to formally meet, changes have already reportedly been made with Minister of Youth Sports and Culture Charles Maynard set to be replaced by Education Minister Desmond Bannister.

It was said earlier that Mr Maynard, with the Minister of National Security

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BACK TO SCHOOL LOANS advertisement by Fidelity, featuring promotional offers and contact numbers for Nassau, Freeport, and Marsh Harbour.

LOCAL NEWS

RETAILER CONFIDENCE RESTORED

# GOVT COMMISSION TO ADDRESS PETROLEUM INDUSTRY DEFICIENCIES



STATE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
Phenton Neymour

PETROLEUM retailer confidence was restored after assurances from the government to establish a commission to address deficiencies in the industry.

State Minister for the Environment Phenton Neymour said the body would be used to analyse the relationship between retailers and wholesalers.

No timeline was given for when the commission would be established, however both parties confirmed there was a mutual understanding moving forward.

Philip Kemp, BPR interim president, said: "We are very encouraged. At this point, based on the conversations we've had, we're very confident that the commission will be established in due course."

Petroleum retailers voted unanimously for strike action last week after negotiations with the government had proved fruitless.

Last Friday, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham turned down the request from fuel retailers for an increase in their margin on gas sales, but said the government would revisit the issue when fuel prices go down and even consider deregulating the sector entirely.

## Regulated

The Bahamas is one of the few remaining countries in the region that is still regulated, according to Mr Neymour, who advised the commission would take into account the structure of the industry.

Mr Neymour said: "A marginal relief will bring them food for a day, but what we need to address is the industry and the way forward. A marginal increase will serve their purpose for a specific period and we may again end back in the same position depending on the market going forward."

Some 85 per cent of retailers on New Providence are franchise operators.

Among the issues to be reviewed by the commission will be fee inconsistencies experienced by franchised retailers.

Mr Neymour added: "It's not just about a margin increase, because there are avenues that [retailers] expressed where the wholesalers can eat into their profitability."

"So to address those gaps in the system is also important."

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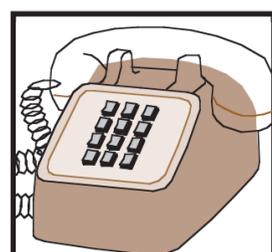
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LOCAL NEWS

THEO NEELY 'SET TO REPLACE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE' IN NORTH ELEUTHERA

# SPECULATION THAT LOCAL GOVT OFFICIAL TO REPLACE ALVIN SMITH AS CANDIDATE

By SANCHESKA BROWN

PARTY insiders are whispering that local government chief councillor Theo Neely is set to replace Speaker of the House Alvin Smith as the Free National Movement's candidate in North Eleuthera.

Sources say Mr Neely has received the party's nod as Mr Smith has decided not to seek re-nomination.

Mr Neely denied officially campaigning in the area but said he would be more than willing to serve if called

upon to do so.

He said: "The reality is we have to see what Mr Smith's plans are. I am not aware what his decision is at this time.

"However, if the people call me to serve I would be happy to step in in this capacity.

"Mr Smith is the Speaker of the House and I respect him. I am not trying to usurp him in any way. I have not been campaigning officially but I already serve the people on a daily basis in my capacity as chief councillor.

"This is my third time as a member of local government so I know what it is to serve and lead.

"I would be very humbled and willing to serve as the member of parliament for this great constituency."

Mr Smith declined to comment on the matter but did say that when he makes his final decision, the public will be the first to know.

With Mr Smith not confirming that he intends to step down, some political observers have pointed out that

the nomination could be hotly contested among FNMs.

Those who are said to have put out feelers in the community include: Theo Neely, Richard Lightbourn and Colin Ingraham.

According to well-placed sources, Mr Lightbourn is popular in Harbour Island while a senior FNM general is promoting Mr Neely throughout the constituency.

Mr Ingraham has already released his campaign booklet, entitled "North Eleuthera Rebirth".

CRIME NEWS

## MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED AFTER CUTLASS ATTACK

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – A man is recovering in hospital after being seriously injured in a cutlass attack at his Clarke Avenue home.

According to police, the incident occurred around noon on Friday.

The victim was attacked by three men and cut on the back near the right shoulder.

He was taken to Rand Memorial Hospital, and was last night in serious but stable condition.

Police are continuing their investigation into the matter.

### ARMED ROBBERY

Police are investigating a home invasion and armed robbery that occurred on Saturday.

According to reports, a male resident of Sanderling Circle reported to police that at around 5am, he was awakened when a masked gunman kicked open his bedroom door.

The man said the suspect was armed with a shotgun and robbed him of \$4,000 and other personal items, together valued at \$6,555.

Central Detective Unit officers are investigating matter.

### PAIN OF MURDER VICTIM'S FAMILY



THE FAMILY of Alinstant Oltime comfort each other outside of PMH morgue yesterday.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

# POLICE COMPOSING COMPOSITE SKETCH IN MURDER INVESTIGATION

POLICE say they are developing a composite sketch of a man they want to question in connection with the murder of a 53-year-old shopkeeper.

Superintendent Stephen Dean, director of the National Crime Prevention Office, said investigators are speaking to witnesses and working to release the likeness as soon as possible following the shooting of Alinstant Oltime, owner of Oltime Convenience Store.

"We are pacing the ground checking a number of things, speaking to people who might have seen the suspect. We are trying to draw up a composite based

on the information we are getting," said Mr Dean yesterday.

The killer entered Oltime Convenience Store at 6pm on Saturday armed with a handgun, and demanded cash from the owner and shop patrons.

As Mr Oltime gathered cash from the register, the gunman shot him in the neck before fleeing the scene heading in an unknown direction.

Police are looking for the suspect, who is between 5'9" and 5'11" tall, of slim build and dark complexion.

Police also appealed to the public for help in solving the murder of Bareshalee

Lewis, 30, of Flamingo Gardens.

Mrs Lewis, a pregnant mother of three, was shot dead at a construction site while her security guard husband and young son looked on in horror.

She was killed last Wednesday shortly after 10.30pm at Prince Lane while visiting the site where her husband worked.

Police reports indicate the she was approached by two men in a silver vehicle who shot her in the upper body. She died at the scene in her 10-year-old son's arms.

Mr Dean yesterday said police had some leads but no suspects in custody.

"We are following some lines, we are getting a lot of information, we are following various lines of inquiry," he said.

Anyone with information on either of these murders should call police immediately on 911/919, or Crime Stoppers at 328-TIPS if they wish to remain anonymous.

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### POLICE FIND THIRTY MARIJUANA PLANTS

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FREEPORT - Thirty marijuana plants together worth an estimated \$30,000 were discovered on Grand Bahama Highway, police reported.

Asst Supt Hector Delva said that at around 5pm on Thursday, August 18, officers from the Drug Enforcement Unit went to an area near the Chicken Farm, where they discovered a number of suspected marijuana plants.

the area for suspects, but found no one.

ASP Delva said the plants, which ranged from three to eight feet in height, were uprooted.

• FREEPORT - Police in Grand Bahama are investigating an armed robbery that occurred in South Bahama.

According to ASP Delva, a resident of Confederate Walk contacted the Police Control Room around 11pm on Thursday to report that three masked men, armed with guns and a knife, robbed him of his 2002 Cadillac Deville and \$40 cash.

### TWO IN COURT IN CONNECTION WITH CHASE

TWO men were arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday in connection with a high speed chase that resulted in police officers seizing more than 500 pounds of marijuana.

Trevor Cartwright, 32, of White Subdivision, Kemp Road; and Travolt Bartlett, 29, of St James Road appeared before Magistrate Carolita Bethell in Court Eight, Bank Lane charged with conspiracy to possess and possession of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply.

On Thursday, August 18, Drug Enforcement Unit officers were led on a high speed chase through western New Providence which led to the discovery of 588 pounds of Indian Hemp.

The matter was adjourned to Monday, August 29. Both men were remanded to prison.

### MAN ARRESTED AFTER FIREARM DISCOVERY

A 24-YEAR-OLD Ridge-land Park man is being questioned by police in connection with the discovery of an unlicensed firearm.

According to reports, shortly after 11pm on Sunday, officers from the Arawak Cay Police Station were on patrol

at Arawak Cay when they saw a man behaving in a suspicious manner.

After conducting a search, the officers found a handgun and a quantity of ammunition.

The man was detained and is helping police with their ongoing investigation.

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## Crime brings state of emergency in Trinidad

TRINIDAD'S prime minister has imposed a limited form of emergency rule in her island nation after Sunday night's killing of 11 persons. The violent crime that has now engulfed the oil-rich islands of Trinidad and Tobago is drug related.

"The nation," said Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, "will not be held to ransom by marauding groups of thugs bent on creating havoc on our society."

She linked the crime spree to reprisals for the police's crackdown and seizure of drugs in an attempt to cut Trinidad off as a transshipment point for South American cocaine headed for Europe and the United States.

Not only is Trinidad a hot spot for drug smuggling, but also for the smuggling of arms throughout the Caribbean.

The police have now been given military emergency powers. There will be a dusk-to-dawn curfew and broader powers for authorities to conduct search, seizure and arrest operations. The emergency measures will include the suspension of some constitutional guarantees.

"We are going after gang members who have been using firearms to murder our citizens at will. We are going after the drug traffickers, we are looking to get these weapons off the streets," said National Security Minister John Sandy.

In a nationally televised broadcast the prime minister said she did not believe that any Trinidadian "can continue to wake up

every morning to see the blood of our children on the soil of our land, and so there comes a time I believe in the history of a nation where we have to take very strong action."

We agree with her. We are certain that Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade would also agree with her. It is a shame to have to hear him say that the police are doing their part in getting the criminals to the courts... but. He always stops at that point, but tone of voice and body language suggests that the police have not been getting the full cooperation of the courts. No sooner are the accused before the bar of justice than even the worst of them are back out into the community on bail. Some of them don't last very long in freedom. No sooner out than another criminal's bullet sends them to the graveyard. One less case for the court calendar to deal with while the police hunt down the second killer — usually someone with an equally vicious criminal record— also out on bail.

In response to some critics who think that Trinidad might be going too far in its crack down on crime, the Attorney General countered:

"These are desperate times. This is not about the deprivation of human rights. It is, in fact, about the restoration of human rights for all our citizens in the country."

These are the words that many of our citizens are longing to hear. We are certain that they would be most welcome to the leaders of our police force.

# Govts need to stop pandering to straw vendors

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I READ with interest a letter to the editor in a prominent daily that was written by the Rev Esther Dawkins-Thompson, a prominent straw vendor.

The Rev Thompson took the FNM government to task for demanding that straw vendors become current with their National Insurance contributions before they are allowed to move into the new Straw Market on Bay Street. The Rev Thompson believes that this policy of the government and the National Insurance Board is unfair and is an act of discrimination against Straw vendors.

It appears as if the Rev Thompson is trying to make this a political issue. She appears to be trying to rile up her fellow PLP supporters. However, this is not a PLP or FNM matter. This is a matter of civil obedience to God's delegated authority.

The Rev Thompson's entire argument in her letter is illogical and flawed.

What she said in her letter makes absolutely no sense at all. The Rev Thompson seems to believe that straw vendors are entitled to free entry into the new Straw Market, without paying taxes like the rest of us Bahamians.

I don't understand why successive governments continue to pander to these unreasonable straw vendors. Bahamian governments act as if straw vendors are the only voters in this country.

What makes straw vendors so different from other Bahamians? Bahamian governments have spoiled these straw vendors.

Perhaps this is the main reason why so many of them are delinquent in their NIB payments.

When the Straw Market was burned down in 2001, the then Free National Movement government gave to the straw vendors \$2000 to repurchase some of the items they had lost in the fire.

To the best of my knowledge, no government has ever done this for anyone else. When my brother lost his job in early 2009, the government did absolutely nothing for him.

Yet he paid his NIB contributions every time he got paid.

On the other hand, straw vendors got \$2000 from the state even though many of them don't even pay their

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NIB contributions. This is unfair. Some of the straw vendors haven't even paid their NIB fees in years.

Just recently, nine straw vendors were arrested in New York for buying knock-off items.

The straw vendors argued that while they knew that what they were doing was illegal, the Bahamian government closed a blind eye to this illegal practice by charging duty on the counterfeit products they brought into the country.

Therefore, no one can really hold them accountable for buying counterfeit products to sell in their stalls, according to some of the straw vendors.

However, using the same absurd logic, one can also argue that it is okay to have an intimate relationship with another man's wife because the government does not penalise adulterers.

It is true that the civil government doesn't punish adulterers, but God will one day deal with them.

God has a higher moral law than the government. The vendors knew that what they were doing was both illegal and immoral.

They could argue their point until they are blue in the face, but no reasonable Bahamian will ever buy their argument. Just because the government chooses to close a blind eye to an illegal practice doesn't give any Bahamian the moral right to engage in it.

The government even went as far as hiring a US attorney to represent the nine straw vendors who were arrested in the United States. I believe that cost the government tens of thousands of dollars, if not more.

The government hardly does this for anyone else, so why do it for the straw vendors?

When any other Bahamian gets into trouble in the US, their family members have to come up with money to hire an attorney. The government does nothing for them.

The attorney's fee for the nine vendors came out of The Bahamas Treasury.

If every working Bahamian was delinquent in their NIB contributions as many of the straw vendors are, the government wouldn't be in a position to pay retirees their pension every month.

Neither would the government be able to assist the elderly or poor with their medical bills. The government

has to get that money from somewhere. It doesn't grow on trees. The NIB contribution is in reality a form of tax. As was mentioned already when the Straw Market burned down in 2001, the government went into the Treasury in order to give to straw vendors \$2000.

That money was available in 2001 because many Bahamians paid their taxes. Many straw vendors don't contribute anything to National Insurance, but they benefit more from the government than most Bahamians. The government has even spent nearly \$10 million in building straw vendors a new market, even though many of them don't pay their rent. The PLP, on the other hand, was planning to spend a whopping \$23 million on a new market before being booted out of office in 2007. Successive governments have bent over backwards to placate straw vendors.

Now the Rev Esther Dawkins-Thompson has the gumption to talk about straw vendors being discriminated against by the FNM government. As a minister of the gospel, the Rev Thompson should know that the Bible commands us all, sinner and saint alike, to pay government taxes. Jesus Christ Himself commanded the Jews to render to Caesar the things that belonged to Caesar and to God the things that belonged to God. Those who refuse to pay their taxes are being rebellious towards the government and God Himself who established it, whether they are FNM or PLP. To refuse to obey the civil government is both reckless and very dangerous. I beseech the straw vendors to ignore the Rev Thompson and obey the command of Jesus Christ by paying their NIB contributions.

When these same straw vendors reach their retirement age, their children are going to carry them down to the National Insurance office in order to collect their pension. They don't want to contribute to National Insurance but when they retire they will want to collect a pension.

I am just fed at the way successive governments treat these straw vendors. They are always given preferential treatment.

This is unfair. All Bahamians, whether they are FNM, PLP or DNA, should demand that straw vendors pay their NIB contributions.

KEVIN EVANS  
Freeport,  
Grand Bahama,  
August 17, 2011.

## Paw-paw leaves and dengue

East Nassau Rotary is mobilising Rotarians to assist government in its efforts to get the dengue fever under control. Rotary wants volunteers to go into communities to hand out information packets and raise residents' awareness of the dangers of stagnant pools of water on their premises. The aedes aegypti mosquito breeds in these pools. It takes only one bite to transmit the fever.

Dengue is now an epidemic and the hospitals and clinics are overwhelmed with persons coming in with flu-like symptoms — some dengue, some not.

The last count that we had was last Wednesday when it was reported that there were 1,500 confirmed cases. There have also been three deaths.

On Saturday afternoon we were in The Organic store on Marlborough Street in Palmdale. The conversation with those in the store, was, of course, about dengue. An elderly lady, a long time resident of the Bahamas, was enthusiastically telling what bordered on a miracle story.

She said that there was a young patient in the intensive care unit of one of the hospitals — she did not identify the hospital so we

could not check the story. The child was seriously ill with dengue and her parents were told that the doctors could do no more for her. She had only 24 hours to live.

However, her old Bahamian grandma was not prepared to throw in the sponge — she had the cure. Grandma got fresh paw-paw (papaya) leaves and boiled them into a tea. The drink was given to the child, the next day the child left the intensive care unit in good health and very much alive.

The other persons in the store said that they had also heard that paw-paw was a cure for dengue. People were buying the paw-paw juice. Mr Paul Bethel, admitted that there had been a run on his store's paw-paw juice. However, according to the ladies in the store, the commercially produced juice is not as effective as the juice from the raw leaf.

We cannot say whether any of this is true or false. We just pass it on for what it is worth. We must warn though that it is a bitter drink to swallow.

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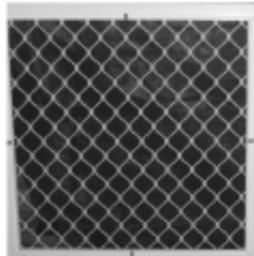
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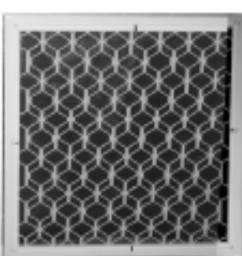
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STORM FEARS AFFECT VISITORS

# TOURISTS MAY CUT VACATIONS SHORT DUE TO HURRICANE THREAT

TOURISTS fear they may have to cut short their vacations as Hurricane Irene threatens to strengthen to a category three storm as she rips through the Bahamas this week.

Marcia Perry, 36, said she will cut short her vacation at the Atlantis resort if the storm appears to be a major threat.

"We have never been through a hurricane before, but we feel confident that Atlantis is prepared for stuff like this and we will be safe there," said the marketing executive, who arrived in Nassau on Sunday for a week-long vacation with her daughter and friends.

"But it would ruin a lot of our outdoor fun, and we paid a lot of money to be here.

"We don't need to pay a lot of money to be worried and scared, so we will wait until tomorrow to make a decision,

and if it looks like it's going to be a big storm tomorrow, we are going to go home."

Father of two DJ Kim, 41, of Fairfax, Virginia said he is grateful he had planned to depart Nassau with his family on Wednesday morning, just hours before the storm is due to hit.

He is staying at the Sheraton hotel on Cable Beach with his wife and two children.

"I knew there could be a storm as we are in the season, so it's a little bit of a gamble to visit at this time of year," said the independent IT consultant.

"I was paying attention to the weather before we got here, but since we arrived I haven't even turned on the television, so I don't know anything about the coming storm.

"If it were to touch down while we were here we probably would cut the vacation a

day or two short to leave before it hit, rather than deal with the storm and the mess afterwards," he said.

Henry Vera, 29, of Long Island, New York, said the storm will not drive him and his girlfriend out of the Breezes hotel in Cable Beach, where they booked their vacation from Friday to Sunday.

"I've never been in a hurricane before so I have no idea what to expect," the assistant fire engineer said.

"But I'm not going to leave early, I still have a week off work and I'm still on vacation."

The Bahamas National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) went on storm alert at 6pm Monday, issuing warnings and assisting with shelter preparations as the storm encroaches on the islands.

NEMA ACTIVATES EMERGENCY SUPPORT COMMITTEE



THE National Emergency Management Agency activated its Emergency Support Function Committee on Monday in response to the threat from Hurricane Irene. NEMA director Captain Stephen Russell chaired a special meeting of the committee at the Churchill Building. A cross-section of government and non-government organisations make up the ESFC committee.

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# Inagua residents brace for Hurricane Irene

INAGUA residents were bracing for Hurricane Irene yesterday, anticipating heavy rainfall and high winds.

One of the island's two shelters was activated and many residents boarded up their homes as they waited for the storm to arrive.

The island is expected to feel hurricane conditions this morning.

"As I speak some persons are battenning up. Some persons in the community who had battened from the last tropical storm, Emily, the preparations remain on their homes," said officer-in-charge of the Inagua Police Station, Inspector Dennis Brown.

"In Inagua we have taken this alert very serious." Inspector Brown said the community can

expect heavy rain and flooding.

"The island is low-lying and most people live on the coastal shore; if the storm produces a lot of rain we will see a lot of flooding," he said. Local heads of government agencies met yesterday to make plans ahead of Irene.

Although it was business as usual, shops are expected to close today as residents prepare to ride out the storm. On its current projected path, Hurricane Irene could pass over New Providence by Thursday morning.

Forecasters are predicting five to 10 inches of rain as the eye passes slightly east of the capital. In addition to Inagua, the Turks and Caicos Islands and Mayaguana should be experiencing hurricane weather by this morning.



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## LOCAL NEWS

# No time for Bahamian time

By INIGO 'NAUGHTY' ZENICAZELAYA

HOPEFULLY you are reading this column with all the comforts you are used to. If you are reading this without interruptions in power (not the usual BEC load shedding madness this time), phone, water, et cetera, it means Hurricane Irene has not graced us with her "Big Eye" and "Large Backside" (sounds like she is from Bain Town).

That being the case, you still have time to prepare for the rapidly approaching major hurricane with enough time to be in safe and secure, before the storm hits land.

My mother often says, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." In times like this, that is the perfect advice.

## COMIC'S VIEW



INIGO 'NAUGHTY' ZENICAZELAYA

Get your supplies ready early. Water, food, flashlights, portable radios, candles and batteries are just a few of the items you should have on your check-list.

Do not run your generators indoors or it will be your last hurricane. If Irene doesn't get you, carbon monoxide fumes will.

Stay indoors at all times. Running around in the many

"mini lakes" that will spring up all over New Providence is suicidal.

Lightning is usually a traveling companion of hurricanes. They are a gruesome twosome and should be avoided at all times.

If you don't have proper Met Office or press credentials, you need not be outside. In other words, take your behind back indoors... if not for your own

safety, for the safety of those who have to rescue you from your idiocy — in the eye of the storm.

Finally, putting your storm shutters up or duct taping your windows half an hour before the storm hits is comical. You may as well have a laugh now, because your lack of preparation coupled with the Wrath of Irene will make you cry later.

I think we Bahamians have been accustomed to doing things on "Bahamian Time" for far too long. Running late for an appointment at eight? That's okay; most will show up at nine and laugh it off as "Bahamian Time."

Bahamian Time is a crutch that falsely convinces us we have "too much" time to prepare; which leads to socialisation (hurricane planning par-

ties), which leads to procrastination, which leads to major repairs after the storm. Repairs which — with the proper preparation — could have been avoided.

Just imagine if the time frame for hurricanes was similar to that of tornadoes!

Let me explain. I was performing at a show in Alabama when the phone rang around 7pm. It was the front desk calling to warn me about a tornado watch. I enquired as to how long I had to prepare, to which the front desk clerk replied, "None sir, the tornado is here!"

All I had time to do was to grab my travel documents, my wallet and my rosary and barricade myself in the bathroom.

I stayed in there for two days straight duct taped to the toilet.

I thought the tornado was still passing, lingering and sauntering its way out of town... a whole lot slower to exit than it was to arrive.

Surprisingly, that was not the case, and my life preserving time in the tub became a "road story" for the other three comedians I was touring with.

I guess Mother Nature got the best of me on that one. Don't let her get the best of you. Get out there and protect your property and yourself.

Now, I must run. I have to get back to my hurricane preparation. Specifically, I have to figure out how to explain to my wife why there are more cans of libations than canned food.

I better come up with a good one; I don't know who's going to "howl" and "blow" worse — her or Irene!

## HURRICANE MAY DESTROY FIGHT AGAINST DENGUE FEVER FROM page one

Mr Neymour said residents should walk around their yards daily and remove all standing water pooling in buckets, plants and other containers or loose garbage. After the heavy rains, he said it was very important for people to survey their yards to remove all standing water.

If mosquito breeding grounds are destroyed it will ultimately disrupt the reproduction cycle and help eliminate the threat, said ministry officials.

The aedes aegypti mosquito which carries the disease does not travel far from its breeding ground. It breeds in clean or relatively clean water, said the minister, who ruled out fears about water puddles on the road side and on road construction sites.

"Generally that is muddy water, it is filled with lime, it is more alkaline, that is not where they generally reproduce," he said.

The government is to continue its fogging regime in New Providence and the family islands for as long as the forecasted storm allows.

Ministry officials are reminding the public that the chemical being used for fogging is odourless, unlike several years ago, when the fogging compound had a noticeable look and smell.



GEOVANNY LEFLEUR



CARLOS COLEBROOKE

PHOTOS/TIM CLARKE

## TWO CHARGED WITH THE YEAR'S 87TH HOMICIDE FROM page one

died on Alexandria Boulevard after being shot multiple times about the body.

The accused were not allowed to enter a plea to the murder charge, due to the nature of the offence. The prosecution will present a Voluntary Bill of Indictment on September 27, having the case directly forwarded to the Supreme Court.

Prior to the arraignment's conclusion, Geoffrey Farquharson, representing Colebrooke, requested the defendants be remanded to a remand

block within the prison as opposed to maximum security.

His reasoning for the request came as a result of discovering that the deceased victim had relatives in that part of the facility and feared the two would be targeted. Their ages were also a factor in the request.

Chief Magistrate Gomez noted the request and made a recommendation to the prison.

Lefleur did not have legal representation during yesterday's proceedings.

Both men were remanded to Her Majesty's Prison until completion of the hearings.

## FROM page one

While the northwest Bahamas is only on hurricane watch, Captain Russell said the islands are nevertheless on full alert and preparing for the storm.

He said NEMA is in the process of carrying out its regular monthly checks on satellite phones installed at the Family Island administrators' offices, giving special focus to those

## IRENE ON THE WAY

islands expected to be impacted first.

The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) team includes representatives from the Department of Meteorology, the Department of Social Services, Ministry of Public Works and Transport,

the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of National Security.

Chief Meteorologist Basil Dean told *The Tribune* the next 24 hours are crucial in determining whether Irene will weaken or strengthen.

"Should Irene interact with Hispanola it could weaken as it travels over the land. Similarly if the eye remains over open waters it could intensify. So over the next few hours we will be closely monitoring the storm.

"If it stays on its projected path it should hit the Bahamas

by Wednesday. The eye of the storm is projected to be slightly to the west of New Providence. This means we will be hit by the strongest side of the storm and will get strong winds. Even if the storm moves to the east we will still get a lot of heavy rain at least five to 10 inches. So as it stands now, New Providence will not be spared from Irene."

The final update issued last night indicated that the storm's projected path had moved slightly to the east, meaning New Providence may be spared the heaviest wind and rains.

However, this slightly altered projection put the storm on a direct course for Abaco and Grand Bahama.

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### Funeral Service for

#### MRS. ROSALIE MARIA ARNETT, 60

a resident of Bel-Air Estates and Formally of Mangrove Cay, Andros who passed away on Saturday, 13th August, 2011. Services will be held at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Boyd Road, Nassau, Bahamas on Thursday, 25th August, 2011 at 11:00 am. Officiating will be Father Martin Gomes, assisted by other members of the Clergy. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Gardens, Soldier Road Nassau, Bahamas.

LEFT TO BASK IN THE SWEET AROMA OF THE 'ROSE' WE ALL KNEW ARE HER: **Husband:** Philip Alexander Arnett; **Three Daughters:** Philippa Willie, Dr. Natalie Austin, Nicole Arnett; **Three Sons:** Philip Roosevelt, Nathan, and Jonathan Arnett; **Step-Daughter:** Raquel Brown; **Mother:** Curlene Forbes; **Two Sons-in-law:** Sgt. 1363 Jeffrey Willie and Ronald Austin; **Mother-in-Law:** Sylvia Arnett; **Two Grandchildren:** Juwan Willie and Nasya Austin; **Nine Sisters:** Elder Midamae Watson, Beulah Forbes, Donna Forbes, Beatrice Brown, Bernadette Gibson, Prison Officer Claudette Munroe, Theresita Burrows, Tanya Rahming, Betty Storr; **Three Brothers:** Anthony and Michael Forbes, Prince Rahming; **Two Uncles:** Ezra and Michael Thompson; **One Aunt:** Patsy Thompson; **Seven Sisters-in-law:** Kaye Forbes, Frances Arnett, Agnes Davis, Barbara Thompson, Ingrid Dean, Michelle Basden, Stephanie Rolle; **Fourteen Brothers-in-law:** Basil Watson, Jeffery Brown, Uriah Gibson, Brentwood Munroe, Derek, Gregory, Kirk, Anthony, and Paul Thompson, Remy Minnis, Rudy Basden, Selwyn Dean, Sgt. 229 Nathan Rolle, Leroy Storr; **Thirty-four Nieces:** Charissa and Kayleisha Watson, Ramona and Reanne Julien, Janae and Jada Brown, Glendina, Michaela, and Kayshanna Forbes, Brittany and Brea Munroe, Divine Gibson, Lakura Storr, Shanir and Brinique Rahming, Alexandria Burrows, Tanae Adderley, Aleria, Lashonna, Deandra, and Crystal Dean, Rudeana, Mcquel, Brittany and Tia Basden, Tamara, Latoya, Krisana, Selvina, Kayanne, Treca, Antonique, and Felicia Thompson; **Thirty-one Nephews:** Basil Watson, Stefan, Shamaal, Sharrad, Michael, Kieron, Kieran, and Glenroy Forbes, Brandon Brown, Brentwood Munroe, Samuel and Jordan Gibson, Bernard Storr, Alexander Burrows, Jonathan Rahming, Paul, Perez, Reuben, Omar, Gregory Jr., Kirk Jr., Jamal, Quintin, and Andre Thompson, Val Butler, Dino and Montoya Davis, Selwyn Jr. and Shaquille Dean, Nathan Rolle Jr., Tyreek Minnis; **Numerous Relatives and Friends Including:** Pastor Victoria Russell and congregation, Sister Constance Johnson of Boston, Portia Poirier, Yvette Cargill, Colamae Smith, Sonia Williamson, Mary Morris of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Ruth Sumner, Sylvester Woodside, The McPhee Family, Steve Dudley of Mississippi State University, Anthony Acklin of Iowa Central, Neville Lodge of Morgan State University, Mr. & Mrs. David & Laura Charlton, Latoya Johnson and Jared Forbes, Nancy Blue, Ronald Austin Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Kevan Dean, Mr. & Mrs. Ian Atkins, Lily Sampedro, Mr. Jeffrey BENEBY, and Andra Major. **The staff and members of:** Blessed Hands, Platinum Pineapple, St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph's Senior Choir, St. Joseph's Lady Guild, Bahamas Transport Limited, Renaissance, Sandals Royal Bahamian, Star

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### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR

#### MIZPAH DUNCOMBE, 76

of Demetrius House, Fox Hill Road, will be held on Wednesday, 24th August, 2011 at 11:00am at Restview Chapel, Robinson and Soldier Road.



Officiating will be Pastor W. Smith, assisted by Other Ministers of the Gospel. Cremation will follow.

She is predeceased by her son: Frederick Duncombe.

Left to cherish her memories is her **sons:** Anthony and George Duncombe; **daughters:** Carolyn Emile of Lauderdale, Florida, Angela Brown of Hollywood, Fl.; **grand children:** Joshua Brown, Cornell, Romell, Paul, Paulette, Anishkill and Kennel Emile, Gary Barrinique, Latonia Duncombe, Toya, Hadassah, and Cortney Lockhart, Micheal, Labron and Alex Neely, Fredricka, Philip, Kirk and Kiera Duncombe, Hilliary, Vioresce, Dacia, and Asha; **great grand children:** Jodeisha Forbes, Franchescio, Manquia, and Emmanuel Duncombe, Delaya, Kayla and Sarah Emile; **sons-in-law:** Arnold Emile, Jack Brown of Hollywood, Fl.; and **daughter-in-law:** Stacy Duncombe.

Viewing will be held in the Serenity Suite at Restview Memorial Mortuary and Crematorium Ltd., Robinson and Soldier Roads on Tuesday from 10:00am to 6:00pm and it will continue in Restview Chapel on Wednesday at 9:30am until service time.

## FORMER GANG LEADERS 'NOT POLITICAL PAWNS'

FROM page one

The community leaders say they are standing together as Bahamians, not along political lines, and they are ready to help shape a better Bahamas. They have formed an alliance under the umbrella United Against Crime (UAC) to mobilise resources and support for community based initiatives.

The UAC participated in a town meeting with Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest and senior members of the police force. They presented their ideas about bringing change to the community.

A top priority for the organisation is creating economic opportunities. Members of the alliance feel poverty is at the heart of the crime situation.

"Whenever there is poverty there is crime. When people can't pay the bills they find other ways. The police can't do anything, with all do respect, until after the fact," said Valentino "Squaw" Josey. He said community leaders are key to successful preventative measures.

Mr Josey recounted a story of a 20-year-old boy in the community who asked him about the best way to raise \$8,000. Mr Josey said he would "play numbers or try to get a contract."

The young boy, on the other hand, said he would take three days — Thursday, Friday, Saturday — and "run up in a few shops and rob them." Mr Josey said the young boy did not even care if his own mother worked in that shop. This, he said, is the reality on the streets.

"Please take this very serious. I want y'all to bear in mind that now, coming towards school opening, this is the talks on the street from young men who cannot afford for their kids to go back to school, 'We robbing and whatever outcome it is, it is.' And also bear in mind that we are going into the Christmas season, which is the real high crime time. So we have to really take this serious and step to the plate," he said.

The UAC proposed a model of employing community leaders to do full time community work: mediating conflicts, building side walks, cleaning the community, landscaping and performing other tasks. They proposed a partnership with the government and corporate society.

"How do you fight fire with fire? You can't. You need to fight fire with water. That is community leaders. Employ the leaders to do full time community work," said Mr Rolle.

"We want to live in peace and harmony, but it is hard to send a man to work with no tools. We want change so bad. Y'all don't know," he said.

Instead of sending contracts for community work to the large contractors, UAC members suggested the government keep the contracts inside the community.

Mr Role said a \$10,000 contract to paint a school like T G Glover could be given to a community leader, who could then employ other people in the community. And by working more closely with community leaders, the UAC said "we stand a chance to eliminate crime."

One of the ideas suggested by the group to stimulate economic activity was the creation of training centres in the community to provide training in wood work, arts and crafts, plumbing, small boat handling, engine repair, and other skills.

The Ministry of National Security has participated in talks with the group. Mr Turnquest said the support is there; however, the government is not going to provide financial backing without "accountability and transparency." He said there is a correlation between unemployment and crime, but that is not the only answer.

## MINISTER OF YOUTH, SPORTS, CULTURE 'TO BE REPLACED BY DESMOND BANNISTER'

FROM page one

Tommy Turnquest, would represent the government on the Commission, as Philip Davis, the deputy leader of the PLP would represent the official opposition. The Speaker of the House of Assembly, Alvin Smith, with a Judge, would round out the number.

However, with Mr Davis being a trained lawyer of many years, sources within the FNM felt it would be incumbent upon the party to likewise have an attorney who could "battle Mr Davis blow for blow" in the event a "legal argument" is put forward during their discussions.

Mr Maynard, while off the official list, would still remain on the government's "unofficial" Boundary Commission committee.

The Boundaries Commission is mandated to meet at least once every five years to evaluate constituency boundaries and make recommendations to the Governor General

as to how many seats should be represented in the House of Assembly. These determinations are often made based on the movement of persons and the growth of the population since the previous general election.

Even though the Commission is yet to meet, it has been suggested from government sources that work is already under way to eliminate a seat in the eastern district of New Providence and create another one in the south west.

The south western district of New Providence, it was suggested, is the fastest growing portion of the island where a significant increase in voters has been seen over the past few years.

In heavily-populated areas, commission members consider the number of persons in each constituency and try to create a population balance.

In sparsely-populated areas, the geographical make-up and expansion of the area is also taken into consideration.

# ANOTHER NAIL IN THE COFFIN OF THE WINDSOR FAIRYTALE

FOR five years during the Second World War, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were the twin pinnacles of Nassau society, reluctant but world-renowned official representatives of Britain in one of the least significant outposts of its sprawling empire. They were also the central figures in a love affair so intense that it had led to the former King Edward VIII giving up his throne. Here, JOHN MARQUIS discusses a new book which throws new light on the couple, and the true nature of their relationship.



## MARQUIS AT LARGE

It was the stuff of fiction.

What no-one suspected at the time was that many of the assumptions about the Windsors WERE fiction. Hardly anything about them was as it seemed. And a new book strongly suggests that the great romance was even more make-believe than we thought.

The Windsor myth of the time portrayed the Duke as an English patriot deprived of his throne by English stuffiness. The couple were seen as embattled lovers under siege from an unfeeling establishment. In spite of everything, their boundless devotion appeared intact. That was the received wisdom of the day.

Anna Sebba's new book, *That Woman: The Life of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor*, drives another six-inch nail into the coffin of the Windsor fairytale.

What emerges from her claims, supported by a bundle of letters written by Wallis to her former husband Ernest Simpson around the time of their divorce, is that the Duchess was not hell-bent on marrying the Duke at all, and that her entanglement with him was the result of a fling that spun out of control.

Instead of craving access to the British throne, as many suspected, she was eager to be free of her royal lover and allowed to live a normal life again.

The Simpsons, it seems, were dedicated social climbers who saw the royal connection as a significant plus among their socially conscious American friends. Ernest Simpson was not averse to his wife canoodling with "the little man" – the then king in waiting – and made full use of the kudos that accrued from such a liaison.

Problems began when the king fell hopelessly in love with the feisty American, citing his burgeoning devotion as a reason – possibly an excuse – to end his eight-month reign as the uncrowned King Edward VIII with the declaration that he could not carry on without his beloved Wallis by his side.

So deep was his obsession that he even threatened suicide if she left him. Here was a man born to a life of privilege, groomed for the most prestigious job on earth, willing to give up everything for a woman viewed by Britain's political leaders at the time as a shameless predator.

What the letters indicate, however, is that Wallis had quickly tired of starchy British high society and yearned for the simpler pleasures of life with Ernest. Having directed her charms at the empire's most eligible bachelor, and succeeded in ensnaring him, she now began to appreciate what she had lost.

If these letters are to be believed, her dearest wish was to escape from England forever and put her dalliance with the Duke firmly behind her. "Wasn't life lovely, sweet and simple?" she wrote to her husband, "I can't believe that such a thing could have happened to two people who got along so well."

Though shallow and materialistic, with a social climber's lust for the glittering trinkets of life, she reveals at one point that she wished she could have had the same dazzling life the Duke gave her

while with her dear Ernest, the spurned husband.

However, with her lover surrendering the British throne for her, declaring his unbridled devotion to someone his family and courtiers regarded with heartfelt contempt, Wallis Simpson found herself in a trap from which she could not escape.

Having jettisoned a husband she liked and respected, she found herself shackled to a man who was almost craven in his dependency on her, a trait that was to cause her deep irritation as the years wore on. Worse still, she and the Duke became pariahs in the eyes of British high society, a pair of extravagant popinjays who had defied Establishment expectations with reckless irresponsibility.

Events following the 1936 abdication helped to smash other illusions about the Windsors, especially in regard to their relationship with the Nazis during the two or three years immediately before the start of the Second World War.

So indiscreet were the Windsors in their support of the Nazis, so outrageous were their pro-German comments to European society friends, that the British government began to see them as a major threat to the pending war effort.

During those sensitive pre-war years, they were unabashed in dismissing the entire British establishment as ineffectual weaklings alongside the towering henchmen of the Hitler regime. In their eyes, the Fuhrer had turned a failing nation into a major success story. Britain needed a dose of the same invigorating medicine, they believed.

Wallis, in fact, was so besotted by the Nazis that she actually fell into bed with one of them, the handsome German ambassador to London Joaquim von Ribbentrop, later to become Hitler's foreign minister. She was also suspected of frolicking with a right-wing motor mogul called Guy Trimble at the time her royal lover was grappling with the abdication crisis.

The Queen Mother's use of the term "That woman" – thus the title of Ms Sebba's book – was based on more than simple personal dislike of Wallis Simpson. She more than anyone would have known the whole truth about her. And none of what she knew augured well for the future of her hapless brother-in-law.

The Duke's refusal to toe the line prompted Winston Churchill to seek a form of exile for him and his wretched wife. That's when all eyes turned on the Bahamas, a colony situated an entire ocean away from the European theatre of war, and of no account alongside the huge events about to engulf half the world. It was seen as a place where he could do no harm.

The Duke felt strongly that the posting was no more than an insult. His wife saw Nassau as her St Helena, the island exile of Napoleon Bonaparte after his defeat in the early 19th century.

Having spent much time in the glamorous salons of Europe, they viewed the Bahamas as a backward, sun-baked hell-hole with none of the social polish they craved.

Worse still, it was far from the centre of events, a subtropical backwater where they could have no impact on the shifting tides of a momentous era. To break the monotony, they made frequent forays to Palm Beach in Florida, where wealthy right-wing friends lauded the anti-communist Hitler over their pink gins and canapés.

Despite that, they did a reasonable job in their respective roles. The Duke made a dutiful if not spectacular Governor, the Duchess a willing helper with local charities, and specifically in running the canteen for British and colonial airmen at the nearby Windsor Field training base.

The Duke was felt by some to be racist and elitist, but he provided a calming presence during the 1942 riots and actually helped to fight a Bay



THE DUKE AND DUCHESS of Windsor were the twin pinnacles of Nassau society.

Street fire by manning the pumps. What was shaping up to be a creditable governorship finally fell apart during the Sir Harry Oakes murder fiasco in the summer of 1943. He was widely thought to have bungled the investigation. A more sinister interpretation was that he tried to engineer a cover-up.

During his Bahamas exile, the Duke had hoped to do well enough to secure a more meaningful ambassadorial assignment when the war was over. Regrettably for him – and to the intense displeasure of the Duchess – he was offered nothing once his wartime term in Nassau came to an end. They spent the rest of their lives flitting from one inconsequential soiree to another, assembling a coterie of deposed continental royals, resentful fascists and the usual smattering of titled nonentities.

Among their friends was the British fascist Sir Oswald Mosley and his wife Diana, both Hitler admirers who hoped against hope that the

British people would eventually see sense and summon Mosley to lead the nation. Fortunately, it never happened.

From time to time, the Duke returned to Nassau to see old friends. By then, his interests had turned to golf and real estate.

However, his wartime sojourn was not a pleasurable episode for him, and memories of the Oakes affair in particular must have left a sour taste.

In their final years, the Windsors were based at their Paris chateau. The Duke insisted that guests should call the Duchess "Your Royal Highness" – a title the Royal Family had been determined to deny her. They did, however, manage to continue living in the grand style until the Duke's death in 1972. For the next 14 years, the Duchess seemed to become increasingly reclusive as old age took its toll. She died in 1986, bringing to an end one of the most extraordinary stories of the 20th century.

It's doubtful, even now, that we know the whole truth about this odd couple, their political sympathies and their strange relationship.

Some historians believe there are Windsor secrets to be unearthed that are so disturbing that they will remain under lock and key until the mid-21st century.

As things stand, the couple are seen as Nazi sympathisers with extravagant tastes and grandiose notions about themselves whose great love story was not all it seemed.

In the Bahamas they are remembered, if at all, as reluctant exiles who did their best in trying circumstances, only to be scuppered by a high-profile murder case that left a cloud over the Duke's governorship.

It was his last chance of doing something really useful with his life. After they left, it was downhill all the way, with no prospect of anything better.

There was no fairytale ending for the doe-eyed Duke and the woman he adored.

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# Key market fundamentals not accompanying IPOs

By RICHARD COULSON

TRIBUNE Business of August 17 carried an upbeat story telling us how initial public offering (IPO) activity will soon "regain its mid-late 1990s peak". Quoting Michael Anderson, president of Royal-Fidelity, it mentions the recent Commonwealth Brewery share issue (handled by his firm), the forthcoming Arawak Cay offering (to be managed by Providence Advisors jointly with CFAL) and the subsequent public distribution of BTC shares (management up for grabs with competing bids). Three public offerings in one year - almost like Wall Street!

All this activity, in addition to earning handsome fees for the managing financial firms, is designed to provide "additional opportunities for investment that have been in short supply over the years. Yes, it certainly gives opportunities to BUY an investment, but does it ever give an opportunity to SELL the investment? Truly efficient capital markets have two essential features: first, a mechanism for raising capital by investing in securities, and second, a mechanism for providing liquidity when the investor needs or wants to sell. The first feature is useless and even misleading without the second.

Here in the Bahamas, the second feature is nearly absent. Our OTC (over-the-counter) securities market was replaced more than 10 years ago by a formal stock exchange (BISX) in hopes that it would create the two features of a true capital market. While it has had some success on the first, since over a dozen companies have 'gone public' and are listed, on the second feature - providing



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liquidity for sellers - it has been an abysmal failure.

Let's look at the record. Several of the smaller companies do not trade at all, and their quoted price is mere fiction. The largest companies, with strong earnings histories, do occasionally trade, but BISX's own statistics tell a sorry tale. On a recent date, Commonwealth Bank had unfilled sell orders for 200,687 shares against buy orders for 5,000 shares; Cable Bahamas, sell orders for 33,652 versus buy orders for 50 shares; and FOCOL, sell orders for 65,600 shares versus zero (that's right) buy orders. On the evidence of these buy/sell ratios, one would think these excellent companies were on the verge of collapse, which is hardly the case.

For Commonwealth Bank and Cable Bahamas, the difference between the requested 'buy' and 'sell' prices only differed by less than 10 per cent, yet no market-maker stepped in with a mid-price to close a sale. In a true capital market, this would be inconceivable. In a few days a mid-price would be established and sell orders would be cleared, either by market-makers or by

## Small investors should avoid the Arawak Cay Port and BTC share offerings unless their managers or the Government commit to providing 'a firm back-stop for market liquidity'

investors seeking a bargain. Even in a recession, with more sellers than buyers, mature markets consistently provide an exit route, although of course at declining prices.

The recent Commonwealth Brewery offering, the largest in our history at some \$65 million for a first-rate company, excited hopes that it would become a "catalyst to rejuvenate the market", in Mr. Anderson's words, but he admitted this had not happened, due to "structural factors in the market", whatever that means. The BISX figures for symbol 'CBL' disclose a minuscule 800 'buy shares' and 200 'sell shares', at a price difference of only 10 cents. But for even this tiny differential, nobody steps in to make a trade.

It is little wonder that most market participants, and principals of listed companies, are pretty cynical about BISX's ability to create active trading or reflect true company valuations. Let me hasten to state that I do not blame BISX itself, nor its hard-working chief executive Keith Davies, for this state of affairs. BISX is simply a trading platform, efficiently run, and cannot be responsible for how much it is used by major investors or by our three active securities firms. Much

more in the way of public relations and investor education could be done by BISX if its income were increased by letting it trade Government bonds and notes, a policy the Government has resisted despite Mr Davies' long campaign.

For wealthy individuals and institutional investors, such as pension funds and insurance companies, the lack of liquidity is not a major problem. They can afford a policy of simply buy and hold, often unto death, although we point out that their heirs may eventually want to sell as the world changes. But we now face two share offerings where, for the first time, the Government will be directly involved, with its own political imperatives. The first, scheduled for October, will see it and the private founders of the Arawak Cay Port each sell 20 per cent of their stake for a total of about \$8 million, and the second, presumably before the elections, will involve the Government selling a block of BTC shares worth some \$37 million.

In each case, the Government has made clear that it wants the bulk of the shares sold not to the traditional 'fat-cat' investors but to the working populace, the proverbial 'little man' living on a salary or hourly wage rather than inher-

ited or accumulated wealth. That's certainly valid public policy. Spreading equity ownership more widely among our citizens can only be beneficial to our economy and our social structure. But there's a major caveat. Offering shares to unsophisticated investors, who may periodically face a specific need to liquidate their investment, should only be done if, for the first time, a real safety net is in place to enable selling out. Pushing shares to the wider public, and simply relying on a meaningless BISX listing for liquidity, will simply not do the business unless other means of ensuring liquidity are put in place.

This might be done in several ways. The Government could demand that the securities firms managing the offerings commit their own financial resources to taking positions and arranging trades - the classic role of a market-maker. If they do not have sufficient resources to do this, perhaps they should not be in the securities business at all.

Another potential support method would be a commitment from the Government itself to support the market. A longer-term solution would be a consortium company, organised by all our pension funds and insurance companies, for the specific purpose of trading in shares of solid companies to support a rational price.

Any of these solutions may take time to implement. But we point out that there is no economic urgency to consummate the next two offerings. They are not the traditional transactions where an original issuance of shares is subscribed for to provide immediate funds for a crucial new investment project. In the case of Arawak

Cay and BTC, the projects have already been completed and paid for. What will happen next is a "secondary offering" where existing shares are offered so that the original investors can cash out, shifting the investment risk to the public buyer.

Since both the Arawak Cay Port and BTC appear to be stable and profitable ventures, the risk should be small and the shares, if priced correctly, should be good investments.

Nevertheless, a firm back-stop for market liquidity should be provided, in one of the forms mentioned above. Both the Government and the managers should have enough confidence in these issues to "put their money where their mouth is", and stand ready to buy shares when a retail investor occasionally needs to sell.

The Arawak Cay Port and BTC offerings should not be rushed to market until a mechanism has been put in place for price support in the after-market.

I would advise any potential buyer without megabucks to search the prospectus for a provision giving a firm commitment for this support. If he cannot find such a provision, I would advise him to boycott the offering and invest any spare cash in Government bonds. The interest rate is pretty low, and there's no capital appreciation, but at least he can cash in whenever he chooses.

**NB: The author's company invested in the Commonwealth Brewery offering and bought shares later through BISX, in a small effort to stimulate trading. He would welcome any comments on the above article at [nascap.coulson@gmail.com](mailto:nascap.coulson@gmail.com)**

## MORTON SALT SHUTS DOWN ITS OPERATIONS FOR HURRICANE

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MINISTRY of Tourism officials yesterday met with industry partners yesterday to determine how to protect visitors from Hurricane Irene, as Morton Salt shut down its Inagua operations to ride out the storm.

Geneva Cooper, senior director of visitor experience in the Ministry of Tourism, told Tribune Business: "We're meeting with our industry partners so that we can make a decision with regards to our visitors on New Providence."

"We have determined we have about 450 visitors on San Salvador. We have been in touch with operations personnel for San Salvador. A decision has not been finalised with regards to visitors on that island. The other islands in the south, Acklins Crooked Island and Mayaguana, all of the hotels on those islands are closed."

Ms Cooper said tourism officials were also meeting to determine what steps would be taken in New Providence with regards to visitors.

"We will be making some decisions later on tonight and tomorrow [today]," Ms Cooper said.

Frank Comito executive vice-president of the Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA), told Tribune Business yesterday: "We're in gear. We are working with the hotels and tourism stakeholders. We are working on what we can do to ensure readiness. The industry is preparing itself for any eventuality."

Glen Bannister, the managing director of Morton

Salt Bahamas, told Tribune Business that as of 3.30pm yesterday the company had shut down its operations on Inagua.

"We are hoping and praying we don't get any more precipitation from this hurricane. We are hoping the worst part of this hurricane stays to the north-west of us. That's all we can do," Mr Bannister

said.

"All the necessary precautions have been done. We shut down our operations from 3.30pm today. We pulled all our boats out of the water and tied down all of our conveyer belts. We secured the plant and now we are taking care of the village area, battening up homes. Everyone here is well prepared."

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Common Law and Equity Division JUL 05 2011

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RANK OF THE BAHAMAS LIMITED Plaintiff

AND NELSON TIMMY WOOD Defendant

SUMMONS FOR LEAVE TO ENTER JUDGMENT IN DEFAULT OF APPEARANCE

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TAKE NOTICE that a party intending to oppose this application or to apply for a stay of execution should send to the opposite party or its Attorney to reach them not less than two (2) days before the date above-mentioned, a copy of an Affidavit intending to be used.

Issued this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D., 2011

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# Request For PROPOSAL

**COFFEE SHOP AND INDOOR/OUTDOOR RESTAURANT**

NEW INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS TERMINAL LPIA

Nassau Airport Development Company Limited (NAD) is seeking separate Proponents (individual, consortium or joint venture) to operate an Indoor/Outdoor Restaurant and a Coffee Shop in the pre-security area of the New International Arrivals Terminal currently under construction at the Lynden Pindling International Airport.

- Proposals will be evaluated only for those who meet the minimum qualifications as set forth in the complete RFP document.
- Proponents should demonstrate awareness of operating services in an airport environment
- A keen understanding of such concepts should be demonstrated in the proposal

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- i. Proponents must be a licenced Bahamian Company
- ii. Proponents must have operated a retail facility within the last two (2) years.

**NAD'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE TO:**

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- (c) offer food and beverage choices to passengers at reasonable prices;
- (d) optimize revenue to NAD.

Qualified and interested parties may pick up a Request for Proposal package at NAD's corporate office on the second floor Domestic/International Terminal at LPIA between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p. m. from August 15th to August 26th, 2011. A mandatory pre-proposal briefing for those who have picked up packages will be held at the New Providence Community Centre, Blake Rd. on Friday September 2nd, 2011 at 10:00 am.

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# BEC EYEING \$50M CLIFTON EXPANSION

BEC had acquired extra ones to ensure generation targets were met.

"We have completed overhauls to three of the Clifton Pier units," Mr Moss added. "We should have been further along, but we lost a 20MW gas turbine a month or so ago. That completely eroded the spare capacity, so we were not able to complete the overhaul of the units."

"For Clifton Pier, there are a further five units to be done. I guess we can say that we have three units done, one 50 per cent complete, and the others have to follow. We're looking to resume the maintenance outages and overhauls on Wednesday and Thursday."

The gas turbine's loss required acquisition of rental generation capacity. Still, Mr Moss explained that while BEC had been forced to temporarily discontinue its maintenance programme, it had used periods on weekends when New Providence's electricity demand was below peak to do "piecemeal overhauls".

These were designed "so that when we take the units out they will not be down for as long as we ordinarily take them out".

Apart from dealing with its immediate woes, BEC is also focusing on the future, given expanded electrical generation needs on both New Providence and the Family Islands.

"We are currently putting together the Budget for the next financial year," Mr Moss told Tribune Business. "We are going to have to expand the generation capacity at Clifton Pier. Probably over the next two years, we're looking at expanding the generation capacity by about 30MW, and that will cost us in the order of \$50 million."

"We have a number of Family Islands that will require some expansion of their generation capacity, too. It will be a busy period over the next 18-36 months for us."

Mr Moss said BEC's Family Island capital expenditure requirements were still being calculated, but the proposed Clifton Pier expansion would take its New Providence generation capacity to between 350-370MW.

He admitted, though, that BEC's financial position was

"still tight", especially when it came to cash flow and revenues. Both are key to financing regular maintenance of BEC's generation capacity, and an accumulation of net losses - \$21.225 million in 2008, and \$16.015 million in 2007 - have largely been responsible for the blackouts being experienced today.

"We still have challenges with trying to get customers to pay their bills on time, but it's certainly far, far better than it was 12 months ago from both perspectives of revenue generation and cash flow," Mr Moss told Tribune Business.

"Both of those are going to be very important. If we're

not profitable we're going to be in difficulties, and if we show a profit but receivables get further out of hand we will be in difficulties.

"They [receivables] are not where we would like them to be. We need to bring receivables under control and show consistent profitability."

Mr Moss did not have current figures on BEC's accounts receivables. The last audited financial statements for the Corporation, published for the year ended September 30, 2008, showed that it was owed some \$52.22 million by the private sector and \$26.893 million by other government corporations and departments - a grand total

of \$79 million.

Still, the BEC chairman expressed confidence that the Corporation would generate around \$7 million in net income for the financial year that is due to end on September 30.

Having been "marginally" profitable in its 2010 financial year, Mr Moss told Tribune Business of BEC: "We should still be on track to realise \$7 million. Those rental units will be a bit of a hit for us, but we're likely to come in around \$7 million profit. The hit is going to be close to \$3 million."

Asked how far BEC was being financially self-sufficient, Mr Moss replied: "I

think we're probably another two years away from being able to say that with conviction."

"The main thing is going to be to get generation stability. Once we've stabilised generation and improved production from the Clifton Pier plant, in particular, that is going to be the first step in sustainable operations at the Corporation."

He expressed hope, though, that BEC's improving financial condition would be recognised by the commercial banks and other lending institutions, encouraging them to be "more lenient" and allow the Corporation to stand on its own feet rather

than require government guarantees for its borrowing.

Ms Moss added that the extra \$24 million in revenue - generated from a combination of \$12 million via its basic tariff increase, and the same amount from the Government paying for street lighting - had "unquestionably" helped to stabilise BEC.

Asked whether the cut in the basic tariff rate, enacted under the former PLP administration, had played a major part in BEC's financial predicament, Mr Moss replied: "I think all you need to do is look at the Corporation's financial reports each year after that took place."

"The impact is very, very clear."

"It set the Corporation on a very slippery slope, no doubt about it."

# FIRMS PREPARE AS LAST STORM SIMILAR TO IRENE COST \$352M

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gross domestic product (GDP).

Given that Hurricane Frances, a Category 4 storm with maximum wind speeds of 145 miles per hour, is of similar strength to Irene, and followed a similar path up the archipelago of islands, the data produced by the IDB report gives a pretty good idea of the damage impact should worst fears be realised.

"A team from the United Nations' Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean estimated the total damage and loss at \$351.5 million, representing approximately 7 per cent of GDP," the IDB report said. "The greatest damage/loss was sustained by the tourism, infrastructure, housing and education sectors."

The IDB report noted that the housing sector suffered damages worth \$31.2 million, with 6,682 houses throughout the Bahamas damaged and 671 destroyed. School buildings and furniture, and the health sector, sustained damage estimated at \$20 million and \$2.9 million respectively.

Tourism facilities suffered an estimated \$21 million worth of damage from the 2004 hurricanes, with the transportation industry sustaining damage worth \$44.5 million. Apart from docks and coastal roads, some 62 per cent of Bahamian airports were impacted.

And, according to the IDB report, some \$10.7 million worth of livestock, crops and equipment was lost by the Bahamian agriculture and fisheries industries. The clean-up operation, and storm waste disposal, cost a further \$21.6 million.

There is no guarantee that Irene will inflict the same level of damage, but that IDB report gives a pretty good indicator of such a storm's likely economic impact.

Some of that 2004 damage will, of course, also have come from Jeanne, but Frances also largely spared New Providence, scoring only a glancing blow against the Bahamas' main island. If Irene comes closer to New Providence, or scores a direct hit, the damage and economic loss levels are likely to be much greater.

Much depends on whether Irene hits the likes of Nassau, Freeport and New Providence directly, plus other factors such as angle, storm surge levels and the speed at which the storm moves through. Bahamian companies, though, were yesterday leaving nothing to chance, with the hotel and tourism industry starting to experience their first booking cancellations.

Frank Comito, the Bahamas Hotel Association's (BHA) executive vice-president, told Tribune Business: "We've advised businesses to review and activate their hurricane readiness plans, and the Ministry of Tourism is actively working on the ESF 12, which is the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) group that deals with tourism."

"The Ministry is putting matters together, and activating stakeholder communication. We're starting to see some cancellations for the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday period. Nothing en masse. The cancellations at this point do not extend over the weekend, so we can only hope for the best."

"We're in a period where we have people staying for longer," Mr Comito added. "Many of the Family Island hotels have closed down from mid-August, so we're hoping the impact there will be minimal. Grand Bahama



ROBERT SANDS, Baha Mar's senior vice-president of external and governmental affairs

hotels are also getting into readiness mode."

Robert Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president of external and governmental affairs, told Tribune Business that the resort developer/owner's Hurricane Response Team was meeting late yesterday to draw up detailed plans for Irene and go over their strategy.

"We have a very detailed hurricane response preparedness programme, not only for our operations but also the construction," Mr Sands said. "We have initiated that plan in terms of securing sites, battening down equipment. We continue to monitor Irene very closely."

Mr Sands said Baha Mar's Hurricane Response Team featured representatives from both its hotel properties, the Sheraton and the Wyndham, and the likes of the laundry department and golf course, plus the construction site.

"Notwithstanding the track, it appears New Providence island will be impacted in some way, so we are taking all necessary precautions to secure property and mare sure associates and guests are safe," Mr Sands said. "We've gotten one or two small cancellations today from groups coming from the Family Islands to New Providence, and one or two small groups due to come from Florida on Thursday. Nothing significant."

Both Cable Bahamas and the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC), which have infrastructure and personnel throughout the Bahamas, both confirmed they had activated their disaster response plans.

Marlon Johnson, BTC's vice-president for sales and marketing, said: "We're getting ready to have a meeting this afternoon [Monday] with the Busi-

ness Recovery Task Force to go over the Business Continuity Plan, and make sure we get a sense of which islands will be impacted, in what sequence, and take all required steps to secure the life and welfare of staff."

BTC would then focus on securing its property and infrastructure, "and do as much as we can to keep the system up and running during the storm".

Acknowledging that BTC was "very concerned" about Hurricane Irene and its potential impact, Mr Johnson added: "Our key aim is to keep communications up and running, but we have to do so with safety first...."

"We have staff throughout the length and breadth of the islands, and in all communities we operate in, so hopefully the storm will move over open sea and we can avoid the worst."

Winston Rolle, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation's (BCCEC) chairman, said yesterday of Irene: "Anything of this nature coming our way is going to disrupt the flow of business for at least a couple of days, and depending on the nature of it, it will result in some clean up and repairs that not only impact businesses from an operational perspective, but financially as well."

"It's not something we want to be contending with at this time. No time is a good time for a hurricane, but this is the season that we are in. It will have an impact on Back-to-School shopping, which tends to be a peak time for retailers, and let's hope it does not delay the opening of schools."

Mr Rolle expressed concern that Hurricane Irene, if it travels on its current projected path, would delay or damage ongoing construction repairs to Bahamian schools, delaying the start of the new school year.

"It looks like it's going to be impacting a number of islands," the Chamber chairman said.

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Building Size: 1,096 sq. ft.

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Property Size: 6,000 sq. ft.  
Building Size: 1,400 sq. ft.

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Property Size: 5,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,015 sq. ft

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# COMMISSION TO DECIDE PETROLEUM DEREGULATION

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A GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED Commission will determine whether the Bahamian petroleum industry should be deregulated, and price controls removed, the minister of state for the environment confirmed yesterday.

Phenton Neymour, who met with the Bahamas Retailers Petroleum Association (BPPA) yesterday in the wake of Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's response to their request for a margin increase, did not say when the Commission would be appointed, who would be sitting on it, or whether the Government was leaning towards deregulation.

When asked whether the Govern-

ment had taken a position on deregulation, Mr Neymour said: "The Government has not taken an official position. One of the reasons why we are putting together this Commission is to consider whether we would move toward deregulation."

He added: "Currently, the Government has an established regulatory structure where there is a specific margin for the retailers and a specific margin for the wholesalers, and in the Family Islands there is a third element, which is the distributor."

When asked when the Commission would be appointed, Mr Neymour responded: "The Government has not appointed members of the Commission at this time."

"What is important is who constitutes

this Commission. We would obviously need individuals who have past experience in the industry, not just in regards to running service stations but also in regards to pricing the product and understanding how the product is delivered and how it's distributed throughout the Bahamas. We also need persons with legal experience and experience in the retail business."

"The Commission's role is to look at the existing relationship between the retailers and the wholesalers, and to also look at the petroleum industry in the Bahamas with a view to ensuring that we have a product that is priced for the economic environment at this time."

Mr Neymour said deregulation would take the Government out of

price/margin setting, and allow petroleum retailers to compete without it interfering in the pricing aspect.

"What deregulation would provide an avenue for is for that individual who simply wants to sell gasoline, to sell that gasoline at a cheaper margin, rather than having to help compensate for the franchise fees that these individuals currently having to pay," the minister added.

"They also have to pay a high rent for these convenience stores. If we can remove that from the equation there is an opportunity to reduce prices and introduce competition."

Mr Neymour said a margin increase would have only provided temporary relief to petroleum retailers. "A margin increase relief would give them food

for a day, but what we need to do is address the industry and the way forward," he explained.

"A margin increase would serve their purpose for a period, and we may again end back in the same position depending on the market going forward. What we would need to do is address some of the deficiencies in the market, and reconsider the structure of the petroleum industry in the Bahamas today."

Last Friday, the Cabinet Office advised that Prime Minister Ingraham had met with the chairman of the Margin Relief Committee of the Bahamas Petroleum Retailers Association Oswald Moore, to review the state of the petroleum sector.

He denied their push for a margin increase.

## BACK TO SCHOOL SALES ARE MIXED

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was this exodus to the US."

Mr Watchorn added that Hurricane Irene's approach was "not going to do Back to School any favours, because people will be diverted away from school supplies to hurricane necessities. It's going to impact sales this week as well".

Meanwhile, Bernadette Armbrister, a buyer for Kelly's Home Centre, told Tribune Business: "Sales have been going very well. Basically it's the same as last year. Every year you have a new set of people entering the school system. Overall, sales were great and we have seen a lot of traffic from it. I can say people are doing their Back to School shopping at home, and that's good."

Charmaine Daley, store manager at John's Department Store, also added that sales had increased.

"Things are really picking up now," she said. "Sales are going pretty fine. We are getting busy at this time. We still have stock coming in. We have another shipment this week and two more to come after that."

# 100 BAHAMIAN FIRMS HIRED FOR BAHAMAR

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affairs, told Tribune Business that some 1,060 Bahamians had been employed on the Baha Mar project to date as Phase One construction moved to a close.

The "first coat of paint" was being placed on the bank and government buildings comprising Baha Mar's Commercial Village, Mr Sands said, with the re-routed West Bay Street likely to be open to the motoring public by early December 2011.

Confirming that Baha Mar was on target with its project timelines, Mr Sands said construction of the 'core site' - the casino and casino hotel, plus the other resorts and convention centre - was set to start "in earnest" in either December or at the beginning of January 2012.

"We've created to date in excess of 1,060 job opportunities for Bahamians, and the value of contracts awarded to date in the local environment has been close to \$100 million," Mr Sands told Tribune Business.

"I can say that if you take the aggregate of Bahamian companies, we may have used close to 100 different companies - engineering firms, plumbing firms, electrical firms, earthmoving firms, construction firms - doing a multitude of work."

"We have done all this, as we committed to do, and are on target to achieve these



impacts. There's certainly no question in my mind that the economic impacts envisaged are being materialised."

Mr Sands expressed hope that all properties in the Commercial Village would be ready for occupancy by December 2011, and added: "We're coming close to the end almost of the first phase, and those pictures (see page B1 and above) illustrate the amount of work done."

"The commercial buildings

- Scotiabank, the police and fire station, Commonwealth Bank, and Fidelity Bank - are already having the first coat of paint put on. We're black topping some of the roads, and are beginning to landscape."

"It's really taking shape. We envisage those roads being open for driving traffic sometime around early December this year. It falls certainly within the timeline set, or maybe slightly ahead

of the timeline set, and occupancy of the Commercial Village facilities will take place in a similar timeframe."

Mr Sands added that piling work for the core project stage, for which China State Construction is the main contractor, was "at an advanced stage".

"As soon as the piling works is completed, which will take us to the end of this year, with the demolition of the bank buildings and so

forth, that will be a milestone for the start of the core project in earnest at the end of 2011/beginning of January," he said.

Asked about job opportunities for Bahamians when it came to Baha Mar's 'core development', Mr Sands said the developer had only awarded 25 per cent of the total value of contracts - some \$400 million - it had pledged to grant to local firms.

And, given that it had promised to create 4,000 jobs for Bahamians during construction, some 3,000 such opportunities remained as Baha Mar was also just 25 per cent of the way to completing this goal.

"We've always said we will create in excess of 4,000 job opportunities," Mr Sands confirmed.

"We're 25 per cent of the way, and coming to the end of the first phase, so there are still opportunities to be created in areas surrounding the core project."

With the bulk of Chinese construction workers set to arrive in 2012, Mr Sands said Baha Mar was "quite satisfied" with progress on its \$2.6 billion project to date.

"We're extremely encouraged by what is happening, and look forward to continuing to advance this project," he added.

"We're very satisfied, and the vision of the Izmirlian family coming to reality is a real sense of satisfaction for them."



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RBC FINCO invites tenders for the purchase of the following:

"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lot# 4 Carmichael Pines Subdivision situate in the Western district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a multi family residence comprising of a triplex apartment with each unit consisting of (2) and (1) Bathroom.

Property Size: 7,662 sq. ft  
Building Size: 2,654 sq. ft

This property is being sold under Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage to FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED.

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"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lot# 2925/4 Sir Lynden Pindling Estates situate in the Southern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single family residence consisting (3) Bedrooms and (2) Bathroom.

Property Size: 5,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,064 sq. ft.

This property is being sold under Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage to FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED.

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"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lot# 33 Blk# 1 South Beach Estates Subdivision situate in the Southern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single family residence comprising (3) Bedrooms and (2) Bathroom.

Property Size: 6,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,900 sq. ft

This property is being sold under Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage to FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED.

All offers should be forwarded in writing in sealed envelope, addressed to the Manager, Royal Bank Collections Centre, P.O. Box N-7549, Nassau, Bahamas and marked "Tender 3317". All offers must be received by the close of business 4:00 p.m., Friday 26th August, 2011.



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"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lot# 35 Blk# 6 Faith Gardens Subdivision situate in the Western district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single family residence consisting (2) Bedrooms and (1) Bathrooms.

Property Size: 6,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,508 sq. ft.

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"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lot# 32 Gold Creek situate in the Southern district of the Island of Grand Bahamas one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a undeveloped property.

Property Size: 10,000 sq. ft.

This property is being sold under Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage to FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED.

All offers should be forwarded in writing in sealed envelope, addressed to the Manager, Royal Bank Collections Centre, P.O. Box N-7549, Nassau, Bahamas and marked "Tender 4500". All offers must be received by the close of business 4:00 p.m., Friday 26th August, 2011.



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"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lot# 48 Ritchville Subdivision situate in the Southern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a duplex apartment with each unit consisting (2) Bedrooms and (1) Bathroom.

Property Size: 5,110 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,462 sq. ft.

This property is being sold under Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage to FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED.

All offers should be forwarded in writing in sealed envelope, addressed to the Manager, Royal Bank Collections Centre, P.O. Box N-7549, Nassau, Bahamas and marked "Tender 9431". All offers must be received by the close of business 4:00 p.m., Friday 26th August, 2011.

IN THE MATTER of the Quiting of Titles Act, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land containing 23,537 square feet more or less originally granted to Jeremiah Bush Grant situate in the Settlement of Orange Creek, Cat Island, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and bounded on the NORTH by the other portion of property of Jeremiah Bush Grant and running thence One hundred and Seventy-sevens and fifty-five hundredths (173.45) feet on the EAST by the main public road and running thence One hundred and Fifty-two and Seventy-one hundredths (152.71) feet on the SOUTH by the other portion of property of Jeremiah Bush Grant and running thence One hundred and Eighty-two and Fifty-one hundredths (182.51) feet on the WEST by Rocky Foreshore and running thence One hundred and Fifty-six and Thirty-nine hundredths (156.99) feet situate in the Settlement of Orange Creek, Cat Island aforesaid and thence coloured Pink (hereinafter referred to as the First Crown Grant A).

AND

AND ALSO ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land containing 1.06 Acres more or less originally granted to Jeremiah Bush Grant situate in the Settlement of Orange Creek, Cat Island one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and bounded on the NORTH by the other portion of property of Jeremiah Bush Grant said to be the property of One Blossom and running thence for a total distance of Two hundred and Seventy-five and Forty-nine hundredths (275.49) feet on the EAST by the other portion of property of Jeremiah Bush Grant said to be the property of Becka Hepburn and running thence One hundred and Seventy-six and Forty-three hundredths (176.43) feet on the SOUTH by the other portion of property of Jeremiah Bush Grant said to be the property of One Griffin and running thence Two hundred and Eighty-one and Seventy-four hundredths (281.34) feet on the WEST by the main public road and running thence One hundred and Fifty-three and Thirty-four hundredths (153.34) feet situate in the Settlement of Orange Creek, Cat Island aforesaid and thence coloured Pink (hereinafter referred to as the First Crown Grant B).

AND ALSO ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land containing 25 Acres more or less situate on Grape Point, North Cat Island one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and bounded on the NORTH by Rocky Foreshore and by the sea and running thence for a total distance of One thousand, Seventy-four and Twenty-seven hundredths (1,074.27) feet on the EAST by Crown Grant E-270 the property of James Stubbs and running thence Seven hundred and Ninety-four and Sixty-seven hundredths (794.67) feet by the SOUTH by vacant Crown Land and running thence for a total distance of One Thousand One hundred and Thirty-two and Eighty hundredths (1,132.80) feet on the WEST by land said to be the property of James Free by the sea and by Rocky Foreshore and running thence for a total distance of One Thousand One hundred and Forty-five and Forty-nine hundredths (1,145.49) feet situate on Grape Point, North Cat Island aforesaid and thence coloured Pink (hereinafter referred to as the Second Crown Grant).

AND ALSO ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land containing 200 Acres more or less originally granted to James Stubbs containing Twenty (20) Acres more or less situate on the NORTH by the sea and running thence for a total distance of One Thousand Three hundred and Thirty-one and Seventy-seven hundredths (1,331.77) feet on the EAST by Crown Grant E-143 the property of Benjamin Dean and running thence Six hundred and Three and Eighty-eight hundredths (603.88) feet on the SOUTH by vacant Crown Land and running thence for a total distance One Thousand Two hundred and Eight and Thirty hundredths (1,280.38) feet on the WEST by Crown Grant E-271 the property of Sampson Stubbs and running thence Seven hundred and Ninety-four and Sixty-seven hundredths (794.67) feet situate on Grape Point, North Cat Island aforesaid and thence coloured Pink (hereinafter referred to as the Third Crown Grant).

AND ALSO ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land containing Three (3) Acres more or less in the vicinity of Port Royal and Orange Creek, Cat Island one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and bounded on the NORTH by vacant Crown Land and running thence Two hundred and Ninety-seven (297.00) feet on the EAST by vacant Crown Land and running thence Four hundred and Thirty nine and Fifty six hundredths (439.56) feet on the SOUTH by vacant Crown Land and running thence Two hundred and Ninety-seven (297.00) feet on the WEST by the sea and running thence Four hundred and Thirty nine and Fifty six hundredths (439.56) feet situate in the vicinity of Port Royal, Orange Creek, Cat Island aforesaid and thence coloured Pink (hereinafter referred to as the Fourth Crown Grant).

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of REYNALD NEWBOLD.

NOTICE

The Petition of REYNALD NEWBOLD of the City of Freeport Grand Bahama one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in respect of:-

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land containing 27,537 square feet more or less originally granted to Jeremiah Bush Grant situate in the Settlement of Orange Creek, Cat Island, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and bounded on the NORTH by the other portion of property of Jeremiah Bush Grant and running thence One hundred and Seventy-sevens and fifty-five hundredths (177.45) feet on the EAST by the main public road and running thence One hundred and Fifty-two and Seventy-one hundredths (152.71) feet on the SOUTH by the other portion of property of Jeremiah Bush Grant and running thence One hundred and Eighty-two and Fifty-one hundredths (182.51) feet on the WEST by Rocky Foreshore and running thence One hundred and Fifty-six and Thirty-nine hundredths (156.99) feet situate in the Settlement of Orange Creek, Cat Island aforesaid and thence coloured Pink (hereinafter referred to as the First Crown Grant A).

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REYNALD NEWBOLD claims to be the beneficial owner in fee simple in possession of the parcels of land hereinbefore described and such ownership arises by virtue of possession of the said land.

- Copies of the filed plan may be inspected during normal office hours at:-
(1) The Registry of the Supreme Court, Anabachor House, East Street, Nassau, Bahamas;
(2) The Office of The Commissioner, New Light, Cat Island;
(3) The Chambers of Dorsett Major & Co. Suite #7 JEM Plaza, Nassau Street, Nassau, Bahamas

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having notice or right to notice or any adverse claim not recognized in the Petition shall before the 12 day of September, 2011 file in the said Registry of the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the above Dorsett Major & Co. a statement of such claim. Failure of any such to file and serve a statement of such claim by the above time will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated this 14th day of July A.D., 2011.

DORSETT MAJOR & CO.
Chambers
Suite 7 JEM PLAZA
Nassau Street
Nassau, Bahamas
Attorneys for the Petitioner

BUSINESS



GREECE'S FINANCE MINISTER Evangelos Venizelos addresses reporters during a news conference in Athens, Monday. (AP)

# GREECE EXPECTS ITS RECESSION TO DEEPEN

ATHENS, Greece Associated Press

GREECE'S finance minister said Monday that the crisis-afflicted economy will shrink more than expected this year, putting further pressure on the country's ambitious deficit-cutting effort.

Evangelos Venizelos said the ministry forecasts annu-

al output to shrink in 2011 between 4.5 percent and 5.3 percent of Gross Domestic Product.

Venizelos had previously admitted that the recession might be over last year's 4.5 percent, a whole percentage point worse than initially estimated. The government has forecast a timid return to growth in 2012, but that now seems

very unrealistic.

"All the measures we are taking ... are aimed to stem the recession," Venizelos said.

After living above its means for years until punishing interest rates forced it out of bond markets, Greece is now only kept solvent by a double rescue loan deal worth 220 billion (\$317 billion) from its European partners and the International Monetary Fund.

In return, the Socialist government has promised to reduce a bloated budget deficit, sell 250 billion worth of state assets by 2015 and strictly abide by a highly unpopular austerity program that already has eaten deep into wages and pensions.

EU and IMF officials will be in Athens later this week to monitor progress — on which continued disbursement of the rescue loans depends.

"We (are approaching) the last quarter, the budget must be executed, we must achieve our fiscal targets — and this has become very difficult due to the deeper recession," Venizelos told a news conference.

"There is undoubtedly a vicious cycle. We have been obliged over the past two years and in the coming three to implement a gigantic fiscal adjustment ... which has a negative impact on the real economy. But these are the terms under which we receive our loans and rescue packages."

Venizelos said he will discuss the matter with the visiting European Union, European Central Bank and IMF representatives, also known as the "troika." He stressed, however, that the previous recession estimates had been worked out in cooperation with troika officials.

The government has committed to cutting budget overspending from 10.5 percent of GDP in 2010 to 7.5 percent this year.

"We will see how the deeper recession affects the fiscal result," Venizelos said. "If all the measures already voted through parliament are implemented, we will be within our targets — or at least extremely close to our targets. And this is the basic issue we will discuss with the troika."

Venizelos said Greece's borrowing needs for September — when the next batch of international loans must be released — have been secured.

The year-and-a-half old austerity program, accompanied by unemployment approaching 17 percent and repeated tax hikes, has angered ordinary Greeks and unions, which have staged a series of general strikes.

Asked Monday whether Greek society could take new austerity measures, Venizelos said: "No, obviously."

He also conceded by assuming the finance portfolio at the height of the crisis "I have most likely sacrificed whatever political prospects I had."

## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that PAULLETE DOLCE TOUSSAINT of SPANISH WELLS, ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the 23rd day of August, 2011 to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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### INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL

The Public is hereby advised that I, **LESLIE JONES** of TWYNAM DRIVE, NASSAU EAST, NASSAU, BAHAMAS intend to change my name to **LESLIE WILLIE JOHN**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box N-792, Nassau, Bahamas, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

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## Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute 2011 Fall LATE Registration

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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the loss of Bahamas Government Registered Stock Certificates as follows:

Stock	Interest Rate	Certificate No.	Maturity Date	Amount
2015-2017	1.25 APR	52200	10/15/2017	\$1,000.00
2018-2021	0.5625 APR	63252	12/12/2021	\$2,000.00

I intend to request the Registrar to issue a replacement certificate. If this certificate is found, please write to P.O. Box N-9076, Nassau, Bahamas.

BUSINESS

# OIL FALLS ON THE PROSPECT THAT LIBYA CRUDE WILL RETURN

NEW YORK Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL oil prices fell Monday on the prospect that exports from Libya will return to the market at a time of economic weakness.

It will be at least several months before Libya is producing enough oil to start exporting it again. But any extra shipments could lower the price of gasoline, which has already come down more than 40 cents a gallon from its peak in May.

Brent crude, which is used to price many international oil varieties, dropped 92 cents to \$107.70 per barrel in London. U.S. benchmark crude fell briefly, then rose \$1.01 to \$83.42 per barrel in New York as traders used a financial strategy to take profits.

Gasoline already has dropped 41 cents from a peak of \$3.98 a gallon on May 5 to \$3.57 Monday. That's because a slowdown in the global economy has cut demand for crude and fuel. Pump prices could fall as low as \$3.25 per gallon by the middle of September.

Now, traders are also considering the possibility that Libya's six-month rebellion could return more oil to markets. Over the weekend, rebels overran forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi and claimed control of much of the nation's capital. Gadhafi's whereabouts were unknown and two of his sons were captured by rebels.

The ouster of Gadhafi, who ruled the North African nation for four decades, would clear the way for a new government and a return to oil production, which stopped during the conflict.

Libya sits on the largest oil reserves in Africa. Before the uprising, it was the world's 12th largest exporter, delivering more than 1.5 million barrels per day to mostly European markets.

How quickly its production can be restarted depends on a number of factors, including how fast the rebels form a government and how soon international oil companies move workers back to Libya. It will also take time for the nation's oil fields and pipelines to come up to full speed.

Technicians from Italian oil

**TRADERS WORK** in the oil options pit of the New York Mercantile Exchange Monday. Prices for international crude oil fell Monday, on the prospect that exports from Libya will return to the market at a time of economic weakness. (AP)

company Eni were already working to restart oil and natural gas production in Libya, according to Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini. Eni is the largest foreign producer in the country.

Eni declined to elaborate on the comments, but noted that restarting production could take some time — a couple months for natural gas and even a year for oil.

Repsol, another big producer in Libya, was not reachable for comment.



In other Nymex trading for September contracts, heating oil lost less than a penny to \$2.8954 per gallon and gasoline futures dropped 3.67 cents to \$2.8045 per gallon. Natural gas fell 4.9 cents to \$3.891 per 1,000 cubic feet.

## MORE AMERICANS AT RISK OF FORECLOSURE IN Q2

WASHINGTON Associated Press

THE NUMBER of Americans at risk of foreclosure is rising, reflecting the U.S. economy's continued struggles.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said Monday that 8.44 percent of homeowners missed at least one mortgage payment in the April-June quarter. That figure, which is adjusted for seasonal factors, rose 0.12 percentage point from the January-March period.

In a normal market, the percentage of delinquent borrowers is about 1.1 percent, according to the trade group.

Delinquent mortgages have plummeted from a record high of more than 10 percent of residential mortgages a year ago. But the decline is due partly to delays in foreclosure filings that are backlogged in several state courts, including Florida, New Jersey, Illinois and New York.

The end of a state and federal investigation into faulty foreclosure paperwork will likely lead to increased foreclosures later this year.

Analysts say the increase is especially worrisome because it's due mainly to high unemployment, which tends to raise the number of missed payments and foreclosures over time. And once delayed foreclosures are re-started, the economy could suffer a hit.

"The current processing delays mean this will not happen quickly, underlining our view that both the housing market and the economy will remain weak for a few years," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

The quarterly survey covers nearly 88 percent of primary residential mortgages totaling nearly 44 million loans.

## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **ROBENSON LAGUERRE of CARMICHAEL RD., NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2011  
IN THE SUPREME COURT CLE/qui/00060  
Common Law & Equity Division

IN THE MATTER OF THE QUIETING TITLES ACT, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT piece parcel and lot of land and premises containing 3,594 sq. ft. being lot 182% situate in the Northwest junction of East and Milton Streets in the Island of New Providence

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of Leomi Nordelus

### NOTICE

TO: (1) All adjoining owners and/or occupiers  
(2) All Adverse Claimants

The Petition of LEOMI NORDELUS of Woodstock Road Blue Hill Estates of the South Western District of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas in respect of:

ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land and premises together comprising 3,594 sq. ft. being lot 182% situate in the Northwest junction of East and Milton Streets and east off Market Street in the Island of New Providence bounded on the north by lot number 169% on the east by East Street on the South by a public road and on the West by lot 182

Notice is hereby given that LEOMI NORDELUS (hereinafter called "the Petitioner") is applying to the Supreme Court to have her title to the land hereinbefore described investigated under Section 3 of the said Act, and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the said Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

The Petitioner claims to own and hold the said land by long adverse possession.

COPY of the said plan may be inspected during normal office hours at the Registry of the Supreme Court, East Street and Bank Lane, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE is hereby given that any person having a dower or a right to dower or an adverse claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition must within 21 days after the final publication of these presents file at the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of his claim in the prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith and file and serve upon the Petitioner's Attorney. Failure of any such person to file a statement of his claim within the 21 days as aforesaid will operate as a bar to such claim in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D., 2011.

**PARAMOUNT LAW CHAMBERS**  
Soldier Road East  
Nassau, Bahamas

Attorney for the Petitioner

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF:											
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BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,398.08   CHG -0.01   %CHG 0.00   YTD -101.43   YTD % -6.76											
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52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited	1.17	1.17	0.00		0.155	0.080	7.5	6.84%	
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00		-0.640	0.080	-16.6	0.75%	
7.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.93	6.93	0.00		0.230	0.100	30.1	1.44%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.048	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.55	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00	250	0.030	0.090	90.0	3.53%	
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank, Series 1	1.77	1.77	0.00		0.037	0.040	18.2	2.26%	
11.10	8.29	Cable Bahamas	8.48	8.48	0.00		0.245	0.310	34.6	3.66%	
2.80	2.35	Colina Holdings	2.55	2.55	0.00		0.438	0.040	5.8	1.57%	
6.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery	8.50	8.50	0.00		0.740	0.000	11.5	0.00%	
7.00	6.21	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.88	6.88	0.00		0.496	0.260	13.9	3.78%	
2.00	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.57	1.56	-0.01		0.111	0.045	14.1	2.88%	
1.90	1.31	Doctor's Hospital	1.37	1.37	0.00		0.074	0.110	18.5	8.03%	
5.50	4.75	Famguard	5.43	5.43	0.00	390	0.498	0.240	10.9	4.42%	
8.50	5.35	Finco	5.39	5.39	0.00	1,625	0.757	0.000	7.1	0.00%	
9.74	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.29	8.29	0.00		0.494	0.350	16.8	4.22%	
13.7347	13.2291	Foccol (R)	5.75	5.75	0.00		0.435	0.220	13.2	3.83%	
1.00	1.00	Foccol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.30	5.50	ICD Utilities	7.30	7.30	0.00		-0.122	0.240	-59.8	3.29%	
10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00	140	0.880	0.640	11.2	6.52%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
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99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	30.13	N/A	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	0.65	0.75	0.40		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.65	0.75	0.40		0.029	0.000	24.13	0.00%	
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52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.5779	1.4674	CFAL Bond Fund	1.57926	3.39%	5.87%	1.548717	1.535365	31-Jul-11			
100.00	2.9020	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0248	2.63%	3.94%	2.981392	2.952663	31-Jul-11			
1.6128	1.5289	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.6151	2.61%	4.53%	1.591803	1.580804	5-Aug-11			
2.8688	2.5730	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			30-Jun-11			
13.7347	13.2291	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.7347	2.82%	1.94%			31-Jul-11			
114.1289	99.4177	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.0922	2.35%	13.88%	114.128861	111.469744	30-Jun-11			
118.4255	101.6693	CFAL Global Equity Fund	118.4255	2.30%	8.26%	116.580785	115.762221	30-Jun-11			
1.1749	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1749	2.48%	5.16%			30-Jun-11			
1.1343	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1343	1.41%	5.17%			30-Jun-11			
1.1764	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1764	2.38%	5.39%			30-Jun-11			
9.9952	9.5078	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.9433	0.98%	4.58%			31-May-11			
11.4985	10.0324	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.9652	0.78%	5.70%			31-Jul-11			
10.6813	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.6013	5.75%	13.20%			31-Jul-11			
8.8564	7.5827	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.0507	3.01%	18.38%			31-Jul-11			
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											
Daily Vol. - 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											
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months											
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings											
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
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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**STAKEHOLDERS:** DR Michelle Major (third from left) with a delegation of stakeholders and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed of Bangladesh (centre) at the "Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities in Bangladesh and South East Asia" conference.



**CONNECTING:** DR Michelle Major working with special needs children in Bangladesh.

By **ALESHA CADET**  
Tribune Features Reporter

**G**OVERNMENT support is essential in helping children with disabilities – this is the lesson learned by a Bahamian doctor who was given the opportunity to speak at an international forum on autism as part of the launch of a new global initiative to improve services, raise awareness and fund research.

Dr Michelle Major was one of the experts invited by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed of Bangladesh and Autism Speaks – the world's largest autism science and advocacy organisation – to give a presentation at the international conference "Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities in Bangladesh and South East Asia."

The conference was held in Bangladesh from July 25-29, 2011.

### Experiences

Autism Speaks, in partnership with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Government of Bangladesh, launched the Global Autism Public Health (GAPH) initiative in Bangladesh.

Dr Major, who began her career in the field of autism as an inclusion teacher and a verbal behaviour therapist (ABA) for children with autism, told *Tribune Health* about her experience in Bangladesh.

"It was an honour to be invited to participate in a monumental event where the first time ever in history, a group of countries got together to sign a declaration to make a difference in the lives of children," she said.

Dr Major said the experience showed her just how important it is to have government support in making

a difference in the lives of children with disabilities.

"Also, it inspired me to continue to advocate for children with disabilities," she said.

Dr Major currently serves as the clinical director of the Caribbean Centre for Child Development in the Bahamas, having over 12 years of experience working with children with disabilities in both the private and public sectors.

She also has extensive experience in the administration of developmental and neuropsychological assessments.

Dr Major specialises in the assessment and diagnosis of autism and low-incidence disabilities in children.

Apart from her most recent presentation in Bangladesh, she has given talks at local, regional, and national conferences on topics such: the effectiveness of interventions for children with autism; applied behavioural analysis; parental stress related to having a child with a disability, and attribution theory.

The historic two-day conference in Bangladesh brought together regional politicians, international organisations and academics to discuss the current state of autism research and advocacy within the South Asian region as well as opportunities for future collaboration.

The conference served to launch the South Asia Autism Network, a multi-national network of governments, organisations, and private citizens committed to combating autism throughout South Asia.

Suzanne and Bob Wright, co-founders of Autism Speaks, addressed the conference participants through a video message, stating: "We are committed to supporting the global autism community and know that rapid and sustainable progress is possible when key stakeholders work collaboratively to reach common goals."

# AUTISM SPEAKS: LISTEN!

### WHAT IS AUTISM?

**AUTISM** is a disorder of neural development characterised by impaired social interaction and communication, and by restricted and repetitive behaviour. According to the Mayo Clinic, autism appears in early childhood – usually before age three. "Though symptoms and severity vary, all autism disorders affect a child's ability to communicate and interact with others. "The number of children diagnosed with autism appears to be rising. It's not clear whether this is due to better detection and reporting of autism, a real increase in the number of cases, or both. While there is no cure for autism, intensive, early treatment can make a big difference in the lives of many children with the disorder."



**PRESENTATION:** DR Michelle Major makes a presentation at an international autism conference in Bangladesh.

## WANT AN A-PLUS STUDENT? HEALTHY LIFESTYLE TIPS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

**(ARA)** - Excitement for the new school year is growing, and whether it's pre-school or high school, all parents want their children to do well both academically and socially. Parents can do some simple things at home to help set their children on the right path to reach their full potential.

Dr Keri Marshall is a mother, licenced naturopathic doctor and school lunch nutritional advocate. Here are her top tips for parents who want to give their kids a great start in the classroom.

### 1. EAT A BALANCED BREAKFAST

Children's bodies and developing brains need healthy nutrition to grow. That's why breakfast is so important after a good night's rest - it helps your child feel energised and productive and supports him in a way that enables him to have a positive day. Skipping breakfast can leave your child feeling sluggish and

irritable, and may even promote nausea and headaches. Some studies have shown that routinely skipping meals can lead to obesity because children will seek more calories later in the day.

Start the day off right and give your kids a healthy breakfast that includes protein, fruit and whole grains. A balanced breakfast will leave them feeling satisfied until lunch so they can focus on academic and social skills while at school. Include foods such as whole grain toast or oatmeal, fruits like berries, bananas and apples, and protein-rich options like eggs, yogurt and milk.

### 2. START EVERY DAY WITH HEALTHY ESSENTIAL FATS: OMEGA-3S

You may have heard of EPA and DHA as omega-3 elements in fish oil supplements, but just how critical these are for your child may surprise

you. Omega-3s are essential nutrients found in fish oil and have been shown to improve children's cognitive development and support overall good health. Lower levels of omega-3 are associated with behavioural disorders including attention deficit disorder (ADD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). This fatty acid is essential for brain and eye development before birth, and continues to be essential for cognitive development throughout childhood.

Providing adequate levels of omega-3s through a child's diet can be difficult, and studies show that most children (and adults) are deprived of this essential good fat. A fish oil supplement specifically designed for children, such as Nordic Naturals Children's DHA, is a great way to support brain health so children can do well at school.

### 3. DAILY RHYTHMS ARE ESSENTIAL

Children benefit from having a regular routine each day. These daily rhythms help balance the day so kids can physically and mentally know what to expect. Of course every busy family needs to be flexible, but establishing a routine should be a priority.

Start at night when it's time for bed. Try to put children to sleep at the same time every evening. If you allow for before bedtime activities like reading or baths, start those well ahead of time. A regular nighttime routine will help lead to a regular morning routine where the body wakes up more naturally at the same time each morning, ready for a productive day at school.

### 4. MAKE TIME FOR EXERCISE

It's likely that your child gets some exercise at school during gym class and recess, but it's important to include exercise and play after school as well. Exercise

not only helps kids maintain a healthy weight and encourages muscle and bone strength, it also helps children burn excess energy so they sleep better. Remember, children should exercise for 30 to 60 minutes every day after school.

Exercise for kids can be a lot of fun. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention suggests three different types of physical activity for children: aerobic activity which can include running, biking and dancing; muscle-strengthening activity such as gymnastics or push-ups; and bone-strengthening activity such as jumping rope or soccer.

These tips will help put your child on the path to success for the upcoming school year. Healthy lifestyle choices and good nutrition make all the difference, supporting a healthy body and mind, and may even help your child reach the top of the class.

WOMAN



**GET** Well Bahamas challengers listen to Jan-Martin Isaacs of Jemi Health & Wellness as she gives a presentation on "Doing Fats Right". A table of good and bad fats - a reference point for the presentation - is laid out before them.

# Doing your fats right

Special to The Tribune  
Get Well Bahamas

**L**ET'S face it, figuring out fats can be frustrating, what with the plethora of choices we have for cooking – extra virgin olive oil, canola, corn, vegetable, peanut, almond. It doesn't matter what fats we choose, right?

Then there are food labels which tell of saturated, mono-unsaturated, trans, poly-unsaturated. All of this doesn't matter, right? Wrong.

"When we choose the right fats it prevents us from developing cardiovascular disease which develops from eating fried foods and sweet foods like the donuts and the ice cream, all of which are fats as well. But when we do fats right, we protect our heart, improve our brain power - that is, us being able to stay awake and be alert, prevent certain cancers, decrease our risk for developing Type 2 diabetes, bring our lipid profile into balance, and have a

more efficient metabolism," Jan Martin-Isaacs of Jemi Health and Wellness told the challengers of the Get Well Bahamas programme.

There are four categories of fats; two bad – saturated fats and trans fats, and two good – mono-unsaturated and poly-unsaturated fats.

Simply put, too much saturated fat and/or trans fat in the diet predisposes one to weight gain and the development of illnesses like high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, osteoarthritis, and high cholesterol.

"We call saturated fats the four-legged fats. That's the cow, the pig, everything with four legs. This is why we're ill. We need fat in our bodies to help with metabolism, so there's nothing wrong with having the saturated fats like the red meats, but we encourage you to have the lean portions of the four-legged animals, not the fatty portions. And eat these lean portions only one to two times per week as opposed to every evening," Mrs Isaacs said.

One should be careful of dairy foods. Any whole milk product like ice-cream or whole milk is chock full of saturated fat. Mrs Isaacs noted

that pediatricians say that after the age of two, human beings need not consume whole milk for its calcium nutritional value.

"Trans fats are poisonous and toxic to the body. So when you're buying cookies and you read down the label and it says 'trans fat' or 'partially hydrogenated fats', put it back on the shelf because this is factory-generated fat that is infused into vegetable oils in order to extend the food's shelf life," Mrs Isaacs said.

## Labels

The easiest way to eliminate bad fats from the diet is to know labels.

While most processed foods contain saturated fat, Get Well Bahamas challengers, in future sessions, will learn how to look for a ratio of higher mono and polyunsaturated fats and lower ratio of saturated fats. However, no allowance should be made for trans fats.

Debunking one cooking myth, Mrs Isaacs said that butter is better than margarine: "Go back to butter. Margarine is bad for you. But you want to use butter in small por-

tions. Also, cut out that hard shortening which you melt and digest because it hardens in the body and sticks to your arteries."

Therein lies the difference between good and bad fats.

"Mono-unsaturated and poly-unsaturated fats are your good fats, which are plant-based. Because they are plant-based, they remain liquid, not hardening like other fats," Mrs Isaacs said.

However, even a good thing like extra virgin olive oil or corn oil can turn bad if overheated.

"When extra virgin oil and corn oil reach a certain temperature, they start to release free radicals which are responsible for causing cancers in the body. So when people say 'I don't use bad fats. I fry my food in extra virgin olive oil, it's still bad because you're taking the temperature of the oil too high and then the oil has lost its nutritional value," said Mrs Isaacs.

Unrefined corn oil should only go up to 320 degrees (after this free radicals are released), which makes this ideal for stir fries and sautéing. Use refined corn oil for frying. Extra

virgin olive oil should only go up to 320 degrees before it becomes dangerous.

Foods like nuts, flax seed, and avocados are rich in these good fats, and are actually proactive. Avocados, for example, reduce bad cholesterol and increase the good cholesterol, reducing triglycerides and protecting the body against developing insulin resistance which leads to Type 2 diabetes.

"The best fats of all are your polyunsaturated fats. These are your omega-3 fats. So while decreasing your red meat, you should increase fish intake. Increase intake of oily fish like salmon, tuna, mackerel, sardines and herring. You can also have these fish in the can, but get the ones that are settled in water, (not in oil). Increasing your Omega 3 foods like flax seeds and oysters reduce blood clotting in the body, and blood pressure," Mrs Isaacs said.

The Get Well Bahamas challengers also received a 'Stop and Go Guide', a booklet which sets out all the acceptable fats.

Armed with these tools, the challengers are well on their way to doing their fats right.

## VISUAL IMPAIRMENT AND MOUTH HEALTH

VISUAL impairment includes blindness, colour blindness and low vision. It does not include problems with sight that can be corrected by conventional means (e.g. refractive correction, medication or surgery).

The term visual impairment relates to a degree of loss of vision, rather than any eye disorder.

In fact, there are many eye disorders that can lead to visual impairments and include retinal degeneration and albinism; cataracts and glaucoma; muscular problems that result in eyesight disturbance; diabetic retinopathy; disorders at birth and infections affecting the eyes.

Brain and nerve disorders can also contribute to visual impairment. In the United States, the terms "partially sighted", "low vision", "legally blind" and "totally blind" are commonly used. They can be described as follows:

- Partially sighted is when someone is unable to see properly and even with corrective aids, normal activities are prevented or seriously hindered.
- Low vision applies to all individuals with sight who are unable to read the newspaper at a normal viewing distance, even with the aid of eyeglasses or contact lenses. They use a combination of vision and other senses to learn, although they may require adaptations in lighting or the size of print. Braille may also become necessary.
- Legally blind indicates that a person has less than 20/200 vision in the better eye with the best correction (contact lenses or glasses) possible or a field of vision of less than 20 degrees in the better eye.
- Totally blind persons must learn via Braille or other non-visual media.

Persons with visual impairment are disadvantaged when it comes to mouth health.

They are not in a position to detect and realise early mouth disease. This fact means that the visually impaired, would not be able to act swiftly to eradicate mouth disease unless they are informed of the situation.

Even though the aforementioned is true, there is no scientific data suggesting that children with visual impairment have more dental accidents with associated fractures.



KEEPING YOUR MOUTH ALIVE

By ANDRE CLARKE

Of note, adapted mouth health education programmes would benefit persons with visual impairment tremendously.

When persons with visual impairments visit their dental healthcare professional it is crucial that the dental professional keeps unexpected office noises and sensations to a minimum.

It is also prudent to have medical/dental history and consent forms in large font or Braille.

Instructions given to patients after procedures may also be taped. Individuals with visual impairments should always be encouraged to feel and touch the surroundings in the operatory (e.g. dental chair and equipment), to familiarise themselves with those surroundings.

Of particular importance, the dental office personnel should use a verbally oriented approach.

It is absolutely necessary for the dental team to thoroughly explain all procedures before performing them and to comment on odours, textures, vibrations and tastes.

All persons in the operatory should be the eyes for the visually impaired. Anecdotally, patients with visual impairment show low pain tolerance, which could be due to their increased touch sensitivity.

It is also appropriate in the dental setting, that the person with visual impairment is told before he is touched, especially on the face; informed when staff enters and leaves the room; and given an arm to assist when entering and/or leaving a room (never pushed).

In addition to all of these good practice habits, a good dental healthcare professional will also paint doors, pillars, steps and edges in bright colours and allow guide dogs in operatories. There is, therefore, no good reason why visual impairment would and should hinder anyone from seeking dental help. Mouth health is crucial and should be encouraged and maintained.

I implore you to pursue the path to keeping your mouth alive.

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## TIPS FOR MAINTAINING A YOUTHFUL LOOK NATURALLY

(ARA) - Age means different things to different people. What some might think of as "old", others may view as "young." To present a youthful image to the world, making adjustments to your appearance is key.

To project the right kind of youthful image, it's important to know how to avoid going too far. A common mistake is dressing too young in an effort to avoid looking too old. Striking a balance between embracing current, youthful trends and adding your own style will create a more balanced look.

To give your look an age-appropriate revision, get started with these steps.

• **Hair** - One of the first signs of age is grey hair. Hair dye is a solution that seems to help minimise the aging process, but for many people, dyeing is a costly solution. Consider trying an all natural supplement like Rise-n-Shine's all natural 'Go Away Gray' pills, which uses the enzyme catalase to bring back hair's natural colour. Catalase, produced naturally by the body during youth, slowly begins to deplete as the years wear on. Catalase breaks down hydrogen peroxide, which is naturally produced in the body and which bleaches hair grey.

• **Clothes** - Both men and women can benefit from bringing a bit of modernity into their wardrobes. It isn't necessary to pore over fashion magazines and cultivate an eye for haute couture. Seek fresh takes on items that never go out of style, such as a button down in the latest color trend. Don't go for too much embellishment, as it can look overdone. Fits and cuts change as years pass, and items as simple as white T-shirts can look outdated just by having an older style collar. When shopping, don't be afraid to ask questions; many stores offer complimentary personal shopping services that can help in the quest to look younger.

• **Accessories** - Clothes provide a palette, but accessories add interest. It's extremely easy to fall into the trap of buying items that are too juvenile, but it's just as easy to pick up items that age your look. Accessories that are all about function, with no thought given to style, are a quick way to look older, but frivolous details like bows, ruffles, whimsical prints and tons of pockets take things in the other direction. Look for middle ground in sleek, understated items made with quality materials. For a fun yet classy look, rely on accessories to add a pop of color, rather than using them to make a big statement.

• **Skin** - Your face is the first thing people notice about you, but it is also the body part most prone to the aging process. A good skin care regimen is important, of course, but having an extra helper to maintain the look of skin is ideal. By taking a skin-supporting supplement like Wrinkle Remedy, the facial area can begin to look youthful again.

Another way to refresh skin's appearance is to adopt a new beauty routine. Less really is more when it comes to achieving a natural, youthful look. Stop by a makeup counter and ask for suggestions - or even a makeover - that will be the perfect finishing touch.

It has been said that age is all about attitude. While that remains true, appearance also conveys attitude, so show everyone that looks are not only skin deep.

# You GO Girl!

A spotlight on the talented women in our community



## FROM EAST STREET TO THE SKIES, TO HIGH FASHION

**M**ARION Agatha Dean has proven that you can come from a modest inner-city home and still fly high in life.

An "East Street girl", Marion knew early on that she had ambitions that would take her far beyond her childhood circumstances.

Her success story has been 13 years in the making, and the little inner-city girl with grand ideas has since grown up to soar across the skies as an airline flight attendant and fulfill her dream of owning her own little fashion empire.

Marion believes that hard work coupled with determination can truly

As she got older, she said she often saw a correlation between a woman's confidence and the clothes she wore.

"When a woman has a favourite outfit or that perfect suit, most likely it's in her closet hanging on a velvet hanger. Each time she wears that outfit, she exudes confidence and is proud of her style. It's not something that was given to her by a loved one; it's not something that someone else bought for her. It's an outfit that she can remember each and every occasion that she wore it on," Marion said.

This is the philosophy that gave birth to the 'Velvet Hanger', Marion's boutique which is the newest clothing store on Carmichael Road.

Through her store, Marion hopes to encourage women "to step out of

According to Marion, the 'Velvet Hanger' offers clothing that will attract women with a great understanding of fashion and what's trending right now.

There are outfits to suit all body types and a variety of occasions.

"Everyone knows Bahamian women love to dress up, we like to look good," she said. "We like to stand out, but at the same time we are on a budget, so we want to look like we stepped out of the pages of Vogue, but we don't want to pay an arm and a leg for it. That's what Velvet Hanger is here to provide. We want to give that style conscious woman the look she wants without her having to leave her entire mortgage payment in the store."

Marion is quick to add that her



**“**You must possess a passion and desire for a good cause in life in order to succeed, rather than looking at unfortunate circumstances in life and dwelling on the negative feelings they can create. — MARION AGATHA DEAN **”**

bring about success.

"You must possess a passion and desire for a good cause in life in order to succeed, rather than looking at unfortunate circumstances in life and dwelling on the negative feelings they can create," she said.

While she has always enjoyed travelling and working as a flight attendant, Marion said it is not her only passion.

From a young age, Marion said she was very fashion conscious, noticing different styles and patterns, and finding ways to make her outfits unique so that people would always stop her to ask her where she got them.

their home feeling confident and comfortable — two vital components for having a great day and being successful."

As a flight attendant, Marion said she has been exposed to lots of fashions from around the world. But she has also seen many women who take no real interest in what they are wearing before they step on the plane.

The worst she has seen, she said, is women travelling in night caps and pajamas.

"I want to offer clothes that are affordable, but at the same time stylish," she said, adding that she wants to appeal to a wide spectrum of personalities and tastes.

clothing will also appeal to those who people may consider "local girls" by offering lots of casual yet high fashion pieces and clothing to appeal to those with simpler tastes.

"When ladies walk into my store I want them to know that we are catering to them. We are putting a style together for you. When you walk into Velvet

Hanger I want you to feel welcome and I want you to walk out feeling that this is a store you definitely want to come back to because 'they hooked me up and made me look right,'" Marion said.

## THE WEATHER REPORT

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**5-DAY FORECAST**

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny High: 92° Low: 81°	Warm with periods of rain High: 82° Low: 74°	Increasing wind and rain from Irene High: 88° Low: 84°	Heavy rain and wind from Irene High: 85° Low: 82°	Windy with a t-storm possible High: 92° Low: 81°	Partly sunny with a shower possible High: 92° Low: 79°

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Stats: 50% chance of rain through 2 p.m. on Friday

Temperature	High	Low	Normal High	Normal Low	Last year's high	Last year's low
Today	92°	81°	83°	75°	91°	83°
10-day average	83°	75°	83°	75°	91°	83°

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**INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP**

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

**MARINE FORECAST**

ABACO	ANDROS	CAT ISLAND	CROOKED ISLAND	FREEPORT	GREAT EXUMA	GREAT INAGUA	LONG ISLAND	MAYAGUANA	NASSAU	SAN SALVADOR	RAGGED ISLAND
Today: E at 3-12 Knots Waves: 2-6 Foot Visibility: 8 Miles Water Temp: 85°	Today: E at 12-25 Knots Waves: 2-6 Foot Visibility: 7 Miles Water Temp: 85°	Today: ESE at 23-30 Knots Waves: 4-6 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 88°	Today: ESE at 25-35 Knots Waves: 4-7 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 85°	Today: ESE at 25-35 Knots Waves: 10-14 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 83°	Today: ESE at 25-35 Knots Waves: 4-7 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 85°	Today: ESE at 25-35 Knots Waves: 4-7 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 85°	Today: ESE at 25-35 Knots Waves: 4-7 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 85°	Today: ESE at 25-35 Knots Waves: 4-7 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 85°	Today: ESE at 25-35 Knots Waves: 4-7 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 85°	Today: ESE at 25-35 Knots Waves: 4-7 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 85°	Today: ESE at 25-35 Knots Waves: 4-7 Foot Visibility: 2 Miles Water Temp: 85°

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# WOMAN

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011

## PRETTY PRETTY PRETTY GIRL ROCK

### Yamease Swain crowned Theodore Elyett's Miss Teen Bahamas 2011/2012

By JEFFARAH GIBSON  
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**R**OARING applause rung out at the Wyndham Nassau Resort & Crystal Palace Casino's Rainforest Theatre on Sunday night as 18-year-old Yamease Swain was crowned Theodore Elyett's Miss Teen Bahamas 2011/2012.

Yamease, Miss Teen Grand Bahama, won the judges over with her elegance, intellect and poise.

This highly competitive grand finale featured 17 dynamic teens who were all competing for the coveted title. But it was Yamease who sat on the throne at the end of the night.

The finale was the culmination of weeks of intense training and educational workshops to ensure that the young lady chosen as queen would be well-equipped to represent the country.

Each contestant, with exception of Miss Teen Grand Bahama, represented a specific historical landmark or tourist attraction.

Scores of family members, friends and pageant enthusiasts filled the Rainforest Theatre to capacity to witness the teen beauties fight for the crown.

Staying true to the pageant's theme, "Pretty Girl Rock: Beauty.Intelligence.Grace", organisers took the personal development aspect of the summer programme to another level.

The young women participated in educational seminars, stage deportment training, question and answer technique lessons, personal grooming, etiquette and speech seminars.

The physical training classes the young ladies attended in their months of preparation also proved successful, as the fitness segment of the evening showcased toned and athletic physiques. This segment was also won by the new queen.

The night was filled with suspense as the 17 finalists were cut down to ten. Following this part of the night, the girls reappeared nervously on stage and the top five finalists were called.

They included Miss Teen Grand Bahama Yamease Swain; first runner-up Miss Teen

Queen's Staircase Shaquille Sands; second runner-up Miss Teen Pompey Museum Niaya Saunders-Moss; third runner-up Miss Teen Botanical Gardens Robbyn Thompson, and fourth runner-up Miss Teen Graycliff Shonte Cargill.

Next on the agenda were the on-stage interviews, in which the girls chose random questions to answer. This segment gave them a chance to show off their intelligence.

Each contestant was asked the following question: "With unemployment being a prominent problem in the Bahamas, what advice would you give to teenagers graduating out of high school seeking to join an already suffering workforce?"

Miss Teen Grand Bahama said she would advise each and every young person to remain humble and good things will come as long as they wait patiently. She also said that the current state of the workforce is only for a season and they should be encouraged and stay true to themselves.

The lucky teen queen walked away as Theodore Elyett's Miss Teen Bahamas 2011/2012 with a myriad of prizes including a cash award of \$2,000. She will also participate in the 2011 edition of Miss Teenager Universe to be held in Guatemala later this year.

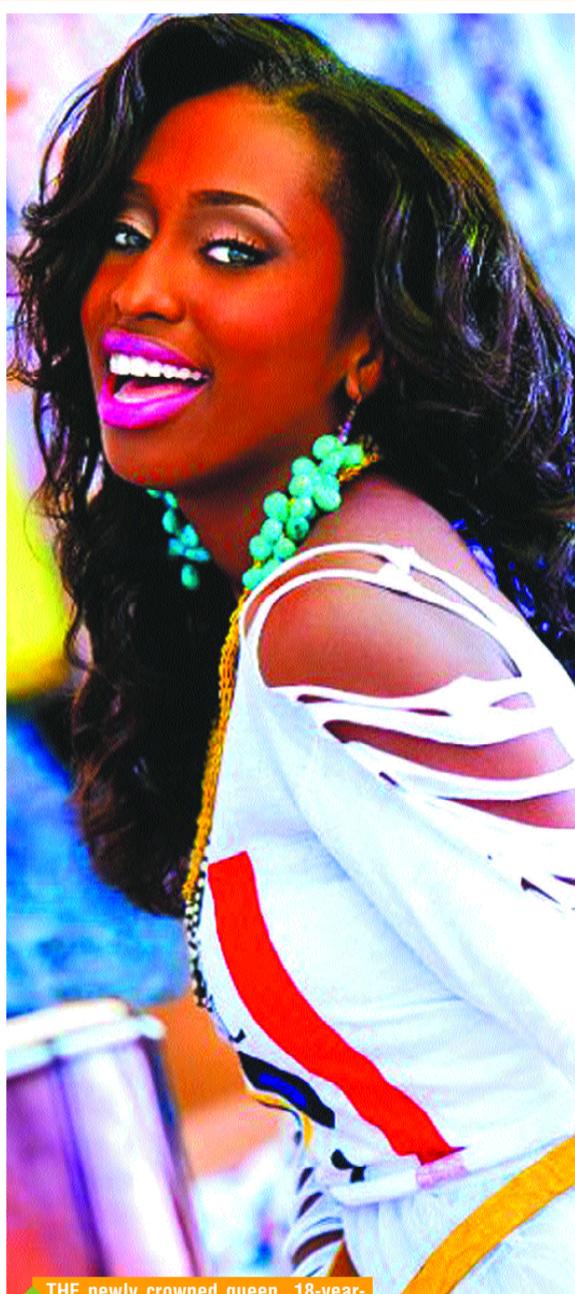
In addition to winning the crown, Yamease also received awards for 'Best Designer Evening Gown', 'Best Evening Gown Performance', 'Best Body', and 'Spokesmodel'.

Also receiving awards on Sunday night was first runner-up Shaquille Sands for 'Most Talented' and 'Most Photogenic' contestant. Niaya Moss, the second runner-up, won the speech competition.

Miss Teen Fort Montagu Kelisa Miller received the 'Miss Swan' and the 'Beauty with a Purpose' awards.

Miss Teen Fort Winton Lauriel Colebrooke took home the humanitarian award. Robbyn Thompson, third runner-up, received the award for 'Most Intellect', 'Most Booklet Ads', and 'Most Popularity'.

Miss Teen Arawak Cay Ashley Chan Tack received the award for 'Best Float Parade' and 'Perseverance'. Shonte Cargill, fourth runner-up, received the 'Social Media' and the 'People's Choice' awards.



THE newly crowned queen, 18-year-old Yamease Swain of Grand Bahama.



YAMEASE Swain, 18, is crowned Theodore Elyett's Miss Teen Bahamas 2011/2012.



THE five finalists are revealed.

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# SPORTS

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011

## THE TRIBUNE'S OFF TO THE IAAF WORLDS IN DAEGU, SOUTH KOREA!



The 13th IAAF World Championships begin in Daegu, Korea, on August 27. And senior sports reporter Brent Stubbs will be there. Don't miss his daily exclusive stories and photos...

## Pickstock has 'back-to-basics' plan if elected as BBF president

By BRENT STUBBS  
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### BASKETBALL

Whenever the Bahamas Basketball Federation (BBF) holds its annual general meeting and election of officers, at least one executive has already expressed his desire to run for the top spot.

With current president Lawrence Hepburn hinting that he doesn't intend to seek another term in office, his first vice president Edgar Pickstock said he's preparing for the challenge of moving up the ladder.

And if elected, Pickstock said he

has a simple plan to put into action. "We have to go back to basics," he said. "We have to develop from the minor programme all the way up to the senior men and women programme. We have to have a holistic development to that developmental programme because everybody is saying let's forget the seniors and develop down low."

While it may sound good, Pickstock said if there's no flourishing senior programme, there's no room for improvement for the younger players when they advance. "So the development on the entire pro-

gramme is very vital," Pickstock said.

As an advocate of the youth movement, Pickstock said he was trying to get the current executive board to put some emphasis on the implementation of a national mini-tournament.

"After developing the national mini-programmes in all of the islands, we will then have to come up



PICKSTOCK

with a national mini-programme for the players to play in," he said.

"We would invite every island and we could even invite some of the Caribbean Islands to bring their teams in the 13-14 and the 12-and-under age groups to come in and compete."

Pickstock said he intends to go into every island that is affiliated with the federation and strengthen their programme before going to the other islands not affiliated and establish such programmes there.

"It doesn't make sense like we do now going to those islands just to run tournaments and when you leave, you don't leave anything in place," he said.

"We will have to find persons on

the islands who are prepared to run the programme and we will send people periodically to ensure that their programmes are still up and running."

Looking at the entire basketball programme as it is now, there are many who argue that the federation is not doing enough to include more of the Family Islands.

"I will have to be honest with you, we are not doing enough," he said. "We have not done a very good job of even going to the islands and seeing what their needs are and then getting to those islands that don't have a programme to put one together."

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## Darling in preseason debut with Texans

By RENALDO DORSETT  
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JUST days after signing with the third franchise of his NFL career, the Bahamas' prominent homegrown gridiron star saw immediate action with his new team.

Devard Darling had his preseason debut with the Houston Texans at Reliant Stadium in Houston Saturday night. The Texans' high-powered offense keyed a 27-14 win over the New Orleans Saints.

Sporting jersey No. 84, Darling finished with two catches for 17 yards in the win. He appeared with the second team offense and caught his first pass from second string

### Helps Houston to 27-14 win over the New Orleans Saints

quarterback Matt Leinhardt late in the third quarter.

His first reception successfully kept the Texans' drive alive late in the third quarter when his eight-yard catch converted on third and seven, while the second came on the opening drive of the third quarter.

Ben Tate rushed for 95 yards while defending rushing leader Arian Foster added another two scores. Starting quarterback Matt Schaub went 4 for 4 on the Texans' opening drive, which included a 23-yard completion to Andre Johnson.

Foster capped the drive on the final 15 yards for the score.

Schaub started Houston's next series with a 48-yard pass as Johnson and Foster were able to convert plays later for the second score.

Darling, 29, reportedly ran a 4.4 40-yard dash for the Texans during his workouts with the team, putting any injury concerns to rest.

Darling's last appearance in the NFL came nearly two years ago in the preseason as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs. He suffered a torn ACL during a preseason contest against the Seattle Seahawks on August 29.

On September 1, 2009, he was placed on injured reserve and released by the Chiefs on March 3, 2010. Darling went through a successful ACL surgery on September 15, 2010. He spent the following season with the Omaha Nighthawks in the United Football League.

Darling signed a one-year deal with the Texans on August 12 but didn't appear in one week of the preseason.

The Texans will complete the final two games of the preseason on the road against the San Francisco 49ers at



TOUCHDOWN RUSH: Houston Texans running back Arian Foster (23) rushes for a touchdown in the first quarter of Saturday's preseason NFL game against the New Orleans Saints in Houston. (AP)

Candlestick Park on Thursday, August 27, and against the Minnesota Vikings at the Mall of America Field on Thursday, September 1.

Darling is currently listed behind perennial Pro Bowler Andre Johnson, Kevin Walker, Dorin Dickinson and return specialist Jacoby Jones.

"I always have high expectations, but my goal is to go out there and contribute for this team and make plays," Darling said. "I believe I'm a

playmaker, so I'm going to go out there and make some plays and show them that I can contribute to this team."

### League

Having played in the league for four years, Darling said he knows it's important for him to "go out there and play smart and make the plays."

"I'm back in camp and back in the NFL playing football. I give all praise to the

Lord," he added.

The Texans are slated to begin their regular season schedule on September 11 when they host the Indianapolis Colts at home.

At the end of the season, Darling is confident that because of his performance this year, he will be able to sign a multi-year deal to remain in the NFL.

Darling was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the third round of the 2004 NFL Draft.

In July that same year, he signed a three-year contract with the team worth approximately \$1.5 million.

But injury problems began shortly thereafter when he was placed on the injured reserve list with a heel injury and was signed to a one-year, \$850,000 contract in 2007.

In March, 2008, Darling signed a three-year contract with the Kansas City Chiefs. His career total includes 37 receptions for 578 yards.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### SOFTBALL NPSA

THE New Providence Softball Association (NPSA) is slated to be back in action with another double header tonight.

In the women's opener at 7pm, Phoenix is scheduled to play the Bommer George Swingers and in the men's nightcap, the Miller Rams are set to play the Buccaneers.

Also on Thursday, the Miller Rams are set to play the New Breed in the 7pm men's opener and Dorin United Hitmen are to take on the Mighty Mitts in the feature contest.

Then on Saturday, the Sigma Brackettes and Bommer George are expected to clash in the women's opener at 7pm. That is to be followed by the men's feature game between the New Breed and the Island Luck Truckers.

SPORTS

# Junior swimmers get experience at FINA World Championships

THE Bahamas Swimming Federation sent a small team of five swimmers – Bria Deveaux, Taryn Smith, Evante Gibson, Matthew Lowe and T'Auren Moss (no picture) – to compete in the 3rd FINA World Junior Swimming Championships.

The team, including coach Michael Stewart and team manager Sheena Deveaux, left Nassau and Freeport for Lima, Peru, earlier this month.

“They arrived late that evening in good spirits and ready to continue their training in preparation for the competition,” according to a press release.

August 16 was the first day of competition with the weather starting out a bit cooler than in the days leading up to the competition.

• Matthew Lowe was the first swimmer for Team Bahamas. He swam out of lane seven in heat two of event one - boys 400M freestyle. He finished 7th in his heat with a time of 4:25.31. That put him 39th overall.

• Evante Gibson swam in the boys 100m breast, heat three lane seven. He was disqual-



BRIA DEVEAUX



TARYN SMITH



MATTHEW LOWE



EVANTE GIBSON

ified for a butterfly skip during his swim. Gibson was also chosen by his teammates to be the flag bearer during the opening ceremonies.

Day two saw all swimmers taking part in the meet. First up was Matthew Lowe in the 200IM. Matt swam in heat two and finished

5th in his heat with a personal best time of 2:21.59. This placed him 38th overall.

Taryn Smith and Bria Deveaux swam in the girls 100M freestyle. Taryn swam out of heat three finishing 4th in the heat with a time of 1:00.56 and 42nd overall while Bria swam out of

heat four in a time of 1:00.99, finishing 8th in her heat and 44th overall.

Evante Gibson and T'Auren Moss swam in the boys 100m butterfly. Evante swam in heat two, finishing 6th in his heat in a time of 1:00.12, and placing 45th overall. T'Auren swam out of heat three, finishing 7th in his heat with a time of 58.83, finishing 41st overall.

On day three, Taryn Smith and Bria Deveaux saw action first in the 50m butterfly. Taryn swam out of heat three and finished second in her heat in a time of 30.04 and 35th overall. Bria swam out of heat 4 and finished 8th in her heat in a time of 29.71, putting her 33rd overall.

T'Auren Moss swam the 50m free from heat 3. He finished 5th in his heat in a personal best time of 25.29 which placed him 51st overall. Matthew Lowe swam the 800m free out of heat one. He also finished third in his heat with a time of 9:27.74 and 34th overall.

Day 4 saw Evante Gibson and T'Auren Moss swimming the 50m butterfly first in the morning. Evante swam out of heat four in a time of 26.73, finishing 4th in the heat and 38th overall. T'Auren swam out of heat 7 in a time of 26.21, finishing 8th in the heat and 30th overall. The other swimmers all had a rest day.

Day 5 swims were as follows: Boys 100m freestyle - T'Auren Moss swam out of heat 3 and finished 1st in his heat in a time of 54.58, improving his entry time of 54.64. This placed him 48th overall.

Girls 100m butterfly - Taryn Smith and Bria Deveaux both swam out of heat 2, finishing 2nd and 3rd in their heat respectively with times of 1:07.11 and 1:07.56. This placed them 33rd and 35th overall respectively.

Boys 400M - Matthew Lowe swam out of heat one, finishing 3rd in his heat with a time of 5:05.67 and 34th overall.

Girls 50m freestyle - Taryn Smith swam out of heat two, finishing 4th in her heat with a time of 28.07, placing 41st overall. Bria Deveaux swam out of heat 3, finishing 7th in her heat in a time of 27.94 which put her 39th overall.

Boys 50m breast - Evante Gibson swam out of heat four in a time of 31.85 for 8th place in his heat and 40th overall. That saw the end of competition except for Taryn Smith and Matthew Lowe, both of whom had to compete on the last day of competition.

On the final day, Matthew was up first in the 200m butterfly. He swam a time of 2:17.78 which put him in 33rd position overall. Taryn Smith was the last swimmer for the Bahamas. She swam in the 200m freestyle in a time of 2:13.18 which placed her 35th overall.

T'Auren Moss and Taryn Smith are expected to return to the Bahamas to continue in high school, both of them entering grade 11. Bria Deveaux will be returning to Tennessee where she is scheduled to start her final year at Baylor High School.

Evante Gibson will be heading to Charlotte, North Carolina, where he will be competing as a freshman on the Queens University swim team and Matthew Lowe will be going directly to Towson, Maryland, where he will also be competing as a freshman for the Towson University swim team.

“Their experience in Lima will hopefully be an incentive for these young swimmers to rise to the challenge and to train towards the goal of representing the Bahamas at future international competitions,” said the release.

## BERNIE BUTLER BASRA SWIM MARATHON RESULTS

RESULTS of the Bernie Butler BASRA Swim Marathon Saturday in Grand Bahama are as follows:

### OVERALL RESULTS TOP 3

TOP 3 MALE OVERALL TIMES

Place No.	Name	City/state	Ag	S Swim	Overall
1	30 Michael McIntosh	Freeport, GB	22 M	31:52	31:52
2	8 Dereck Gibbs	Freeport, GB	16 M	34:35	34:35
3	67 Aaron Levarity	Freeport, Bahamas	14 M	35:15	35:15

TOP 3 FEMALE OVERALL TIMES

Place No.	Name	City/state	Ag	S Swim	Overall
1	50 Joanna Evans	Freeport, Bahamas	14 F	36:13	32:50
2	11 Cathy Shorkwiler	Orlando, Florida	51 F	37:45	34:22
3	12 Gail Rice	Miami, FL, 33181	55 F	39:54	36:31

### INDIVIDUAL AGE-GROUP RESULTS

FEMALE Individual Category: 21F

1	49 16	Maya Albury	Freeport, Bahamas		40:05
2	19 21	Caitlin Antoni	Freeport, Bahamas		46:57
3	31 12	Megan Reid	Freeport, GB	47:06	
4	32 14	Payton Lockhart	Freeport, GB	1:06:09	
5	44 13	Elizabeth Pierson	Freeport, Bahamas	1:10:32	

MALE Individual Category: 21M

1	97 16	Peter Farquharson	Freeport, Bahamas		36:56
2	52 14	John Silvera	Freeport, Bahamas		37:03
3	66 13	Andre Levarity	Freeport, Bahamas		39:58
4	82 13	Dante Carey	Freeport, Bahamas		40:17
5	94 14	Malvin Moore	Freeport, Bahamas		40:30
6	75 15	Dean Bethel	Freeport, Bahamas		42:04
7	18 13	Chad Haddad	Freeport, GB	42:59	
8	39 20	Taylor Lewis	Freeport, Bahamas		44:22
9	40 21	Justin Lewis	Freeport, Bahamas		46:58
10	76 13	Jacob Warren	Freeport, Bahamas		51:15

FEMALE Individual Category: 29F

1	23 25	Amy Plotkin	Miami, FL 33136		36:32
2	17 23	Allison Mathews	Freeport, Bahamas		41:53
3	71 27	Katy Barrales	Orlando, Florida	49:10	
4	104 29	Amy Fingland	Freeport, Bahamas		50:14
5	15 26	Jessica Waugh	Freeport, GB		55:44

MALE Individual Category: 29M

1	56 29	Lee McCoy	Nassau, Bahamas		37:56
2	65 27	Adriano Goffi	Freeport, Bahamas		51:21

FEMALE Individual Category: 39F

1	99 34	Sabrina Campbell	Freeport, Bahamas		39:43
2	100 37	Stacey Bradley	Freeport, Bahamas		44:06
3	91 32	Monila Wells	Freeport GBI	44:25	
4	103 35	Catherine Jadot	Freeport, Bahamas		58:31
5	42 33	Julie Shepherd	Freeport, Bahamas		1:13:40

MALE Individual Category: 39M

1	10 30	Mike Guy	Nassau, NP	36:14	
2	101 38	Keino Dr Rutherford	Los Angeles, California	40:19	
3	89 36	Saul Darville	Lake Worth, Florida	46:42	
4	38 36	Jullian Gottlieb	Freeport, Bahamas	48:43	
5	106 40	Vincent Turnquest	Freeport, Bahamas	49:11	
6	72 33	Brad Culmer	Freeport, Bahamas	50:09	
7	90 39	Chad Shepard	Boyton Florida	54:39	

FEMALE Individual Category: 49F

1	4 40	Felena Burrows	Nassau, NP	58:10	
2	64 40	Shannon McBrayer	freeport GBI	1:06:54	
3	43 44	Natalie Pierson	Freeport, Bahamas	1:10:47	
4	27 41	Natasha Inniss	Freeport, Bahamas	1:26:01	

MALE Individual Category: 49M

1	77 47	Ken Shields	Vero Beach, Florida	37:44	
2	2 43	David Slatter	Nassau, NP	40:28	
3	22 46	Mark Walker	Freeport, GB	42:08	

4	16 44	Brian Botham	Freeport, GB	1:03:04	
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FEMALE Individual Category: 59F

1	95 51	Fiona Horsfall	Freeport, Bahamas	54:26	
2	60 53	Hida Ingraham	Freeport, Bahamas	1:25:32	

MALE Individual Category: 59M

1	6 52	Robbie Butler	Freeport, Bahamas	37:39	
2	14 55	Godfrey Waugh	Freeport, GB	49:40	
3	57 52	Dave Culshaw	Freeport, Bahamas	55:26	

FEMALE Individual Category: 60F

1	61 60	Brigitte Pilgrim	Freeport GBI	1:05:54	
2	83 62	Kathleen Brackett	Freeport, Bahamas	1:07:39	

MALE Individual Category: 60M

1	68 62	Joe Thompson	Freeport, Bahamas	48:05	
2	7 60	Craig Stewart	Freeport, GB	48:09	
3	70 62	Dave Barrales	Orlando, Florida	52:16	
4	20 61	Kirk Antoni	Freeport, GB	55:06	
5	84 66	Peter Higgs	Nassau, Bahamas	58:25	
6	102 76	David Jennette	Freeport, Bahamas	1:19:59	
7	88 68	Dave Mellor	Freeport, Bahamas	1:28:35	

FEMALE Individual Category: T06F

1	87 6	Tatiana Buzzi	Freeport, Bahamas	9:44	
2	9 6	Lillie Bethel	Freeport, GB	10:31	
3	45 6	Christine Pierson	Freeport, Bahamas	11:20	
4	92 6	Amelia Baptista	Freeport GBI	12:21	

MALE Individual Category: T06M

1	54 6	Nigel Forbes	Freeport, Bahamas	7:11	
2	93 3	Eli Baptista	freeport, Bahamas	24:28	

FEMALE Individual Category: T08F

1	37 7	Angel Percentie	Freeport, Bahamas	13:15	
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MALE Individual Category: T08M

1	59 8	Lemar Taylor	Freeport, Bahamas	10:30	
2	34 8	Rommel Ferguson	Freeport, Bahamas	10:41	
3	53 7	Rhyan Storr	Freeport, Bahamas	11:41	
4	28 7	Malique Charlton	Freeport, GB	13:21	

FEMALE Individual Category: T10F

1	3 9	Serena Tynes	Nassau, NP	22:09	
2	5 9	Katherine Slatter	Nassau, NP	22:25	
3	36 10	Asher Percentie	Freeport, Bahamas	23:54	
4	35 9	Arianna Cardenas	Freeport, Bahamas	24:51	
5	58 9	Geordan Thurston	Freeport, Bahamas	24:52	

MALE Individual Category: T10M

1	96 10	Samuel Farquharson	Freeport, Bahamas	21:30	
2	55 9	Rhys Storr	Freeport, Bahamas	24:34	

FEMALE Individual Category: T12F

1	48 12	Shannon Albury	Freeport, Bahamas	29:07	
2	47 11	Lauren Albury	Freeport, Bahamas	32:53	
3	98 11	Marcia Wilkinson	Freeport, GB	34:25	

MALE Individual Category: T12M

1	46 11	Jimmy Pierson	Freeport, Bahamas	33:41	
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UNOFCL Individual Category: UNF

1	69 47	Lynette McInnes	Freeport, Bahamas	32:38	
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UNOFCL Individual Category: UNM

UNOFCL Individual Category: UNO

1	41 22	Gregory Knight	Freeport, Bahamas	38:50	
2	51 53	Harry Beiser	Port St Lucie, FL	44:22	
3	79 35	Alexander Paine	Freeport, Bahamas	45:11	
4	62 52	Mark Thiemann	West Palm Beach	51:42	
5	80 44	Richard Aylen	Freeport, Bahamas	57:43	
6	78 14	Sophie Paine	Freeport, Bahamas	58:38	
7	105 37	Monica Izaza-Deal	Freeport, Bahamas	59:25	
8	63 17	Paul Thiemann	West Palm Beach	1:00:01	
9	1 52	Eric Mills	Boyton Beach, FL	1:02:48	
10	81 54	Erica Paine	Freeport, Bahamas	1:04:48	

## Pickstock has 'back-to-basics' plan if elected as BFF president

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“We have not done a good job of that. But if I’m elected, that is going to be a part of my goal. To touch those islands and make sure that they come on board.”

At present, Pickstock said he has a slate of officers that he intends to run with him, but declined to release the names until a later date closer to the elections.

“With the grouping that I’m putting together, it’s a group that is prepared to work and come with ideas and not look at someone to dictate to them,” he said. “I want them to bring their ideas and help the vision to come to fruition.”

Although it has not been officially announced, Grand Bahamian Charlie ‘Softly’ Robin is tipped to run for president. It has also been rumoured that Randy Cunningham and Tony Williams will also put their names in the hat for president.

Having just worked with the federation in putting the Caribbean Basketball Championships together at the Kendal Isaacs Gym where the men were runners-up and the

women finished fifth, Pickstock said there is still the stigma of the top players coming home to compete.

“One of the problems we had with the women, that they don’t want to play for this coach or that coach,” Pickstock noted. “So the federation said since we are home, let’s try a new approach and bring in someone who nobody knows to coach the team.”

“We opened it up to everybody, but unfortunately, some of the players considered to be our better players didn’t come to try out. So we went with who we had and I think it was a very, very young team, but it was the only team we had.”

Pickstock said they heard the complaints that some of the more experienced players said they were encouraged not to come out because they were “too old, or somebody didn’t want me on the team.”

“But I think we went with the best we could, but the we just fell short of qualifying because I felt the team was a little too inexperienced.”

As for the men, who qualified for CentroBasket, Pick-

stock said they could have gone either way with Felix ‘Fly’ Musgrove (an assistant on the women’s team), Mario Bowleg or Dexter Cambridge as the head coach.

But like the women, Pickstock said the coaches agreed that they could step it up a level by bringing in a coach so that they can introduce something that they could develop for the future.

“The men were a little more successful because we always have good quality people. But I think if better big men had decided to come, we could have won the tournament,” he said.

“We just have to find a way to get the Magnum Rolle, the Bennet Davis and the others who are playing in the professional level that we couldn’t bring home. That is going to be one of the challenges that the new administration will have to deal with.”

If elected, Pickstock said he has a plan that he hopes to institute that would encourage the better players to come home and play for the Bahamas. He just wants a chance to be elected as the president.