



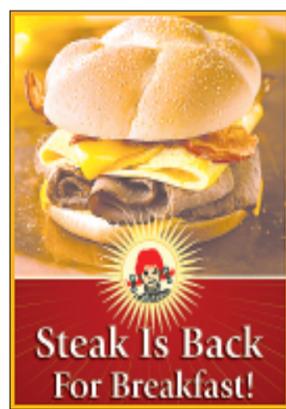
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Hit hardest by Hurricane Irene

MINISTRY ASSESSES CONDITION OF SCHOOLS AFTER HURRICANE IRENE

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EDUCATION Minister Desmond Bannister informed The Tribune yesterday that his Ministry is still in the process of determining which, if any, schools affected by Hurricane Irene will be unable to open on time for the beginning of this academic year.

Having had an opportunity to visit a number of Family

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Government tour visits Family Islands impacted by storm

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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A WHIRLWIND tour of Family Islands severely impacted by the destructive powers of last week's hurricane marked the first steps of a co-ordinated effort to rebuild communities suffering in Irene's wake.

Fly-in visits to Cat Island, Acklins, Inagua and Long Island gave cabinet ministers, senior government officials and members of the national disaster management committee an opportunity to see the wreckage first-hand and meet locals who weathered the category three storm.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham met the delegation of around 40 people in Arthur's Town, Cat Island, where he touched down in a helicopter on Saturday morning, before going off to see his constituents in Grand Cay, Abaco.

In Cat Island, people have been living without power

since Irene hit on Wednesday night, and general manager of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) Kevin Basden said he does not know when it will be restored.

Mr Ingraham said 47 electricity poles were knocked down in the hurricane force winds, which reached 160mph as Irene tore through the family of islands, knocking down trees that tripped power and telephone lines as they fell.

In Cat Island, homes along the coast were soaked by cascading surf, and knocked down the walls of Leslie Bannister's home near Orange Creek, ripping out the kitchen and soaking everything inside.

Doreen Farrington, Mr Bannister's girlfriend, said she was in the house when Irene hit.

"It was very bad," she said.

"We had to move upstairs to the balcony upstairs while it took some of the roof off

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ETHEL MCPHEE, of Deadman's Cay, Long Island, lost banana trees in the storm that will take years to grow back.



DOREEN FARRINGTON was in a coastal dwelling in The Lot in Orange Creek as Irene passed over and tore apart her kitchen, portions of the roof and upstairs bedrooms.

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MARIO VIRGIL'S new house in Lovely Bay, Acklins was flattened in the hurricane.

14-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIES IN DEADLY RIP CURRENTS

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - Strong rip currents proved deadly for a 14-year-old girl who was pulled under the water while swimming with relatives on Friday afternoon.

According to police reports, the body of the missing teen, whose identity is being withheld by police - washed ashore at Xanadu Beach on Saturday morning.

Assistant Superintendent Loretta Mackey, press liaison officer, said an autopsy and official identification will be performed on Monday.

The teen was swimming with relatives in waters at Xanadu Beach sometime around 4pm when she appeared to be experiencing problems and then disappeared under the water.

Ms Mackey said police received a report on Friday afternoon that a 14-year-old girl was missing at sea.

It is believed that strong rip tides were in the Grand Bahama area due to the after effects of Hurricane Irene, a category three storm. Police and BASRA officials were dispatched to the area. Concerned residents on jet skis

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SERVICES RETURNING TO NORMAL

AIRPORT POWER OUTAGE HITS WEEKEND FLIGHTS

By CELESTE NIXON
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FLIGHT services in and out of the Bahamas are returning to normal following Hurricane Irene.

Flights were temporarily suspended this weekend following a power outage at Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA).

According to airport officials the airfield, including all runways, taxiways and approach lights lost power on Saturday. As a result Air Traffic Control temporarily

suspended service for all nighttime flights into and out of LPIA.

A press statement released by Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) yesterday said the airport had been running on a back-up generator since Thursday after losing commercial power during Hurricane Irene.

According to the statement maintenance teams at the airport worked with BEC to restore normal power to LPIA's airfield lighting system Saturday

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That CO2 solution— lock it in a rock

HELLISHEIDI, Iceland — Sometime next month, on the steaming fringes of an Icelandic volcano, an international team of scientists will begin pumping "seltzer water" into a deep hole, producing a brew that will lock away carbon dioxide forever.

Chemically disposing of CO2, the chief greenhouse gas blamed for global warming, is a kind of 21st-century alchemy that researchers and governments have hoped for to slow or halt climate change.

The American and Icelandic designers of the "CarbFix" experiment will be capitalizing on a feature of the basalt rock underpinning 90 per cent of Iceland: It is a highly reactive material that will combine its calcium with a carbon dioxide solution to form limestone — permanent, harmless limestone.

The researchers caution that their upcoming 6-to-12-month test could fall short of expectations, and warn against looking for a climate "fix" from CarbFix any year soon.

In fact, one of the objectives of the project, whose main sponsors are Reykjavik's city-owned utility and U.S. and Icelandic universities, is to train young scientists for years of work to come.

A scientific overseer of CarbFix — the man, as it happens, who also is credited with coining the term "global warming" four decades ago — says the world's failure to heed those early warnings, to rein in greenhouse-gas emissions from coal, gasoline and other fossil fuels, is driving scientists to drastic approaches.

"Whether we do it in the next 50 years, or the 50 years after that, we're going to have to store carbon dioxide," Columbia University's Wallace S. Broecker said in an interview in New York.

The world is already storing some carbon dioxide. As a byproduct of Norway's natural gas production, for example, it is being pumped into a sandstone reservoir beneath the North Sea.

But people worry that such stowed-away gas could someday escape, while carbon dioxide transformed into stone would not.

The experimental transformation will take place below the dramatic landscape of this place 18 miles southeast of Reykjavik, Iceland's capital. On an undulating, mossy moor and surrounding volcanic hills, where the last eruption occurred 2,000 years ago, Reykjavik Energy operates a huge, 5-year-old geothermal power plant, drawing on 30 wells tapping into the superheated steam below, steam laden with carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide.

CarbFix will first separate out those two gases, and the CO2 will be piped 2 miles to the injection well, to combine with water pumped from elsewhere. That carbonated water — seltzer — will be injected down the well, where the pressure of the pumped water, by a depth of 500 meters will completely dissolve the CO2 bubbles, forming carbonic acid.

"The acid's very corrosive, so it starts to attack the rocks," explained University of Iceland geologist Sigurdur Reynir Gislason, CarbFix's chief scientist.

The basalt rock — ancient lava flows — is porous, up to 30 per cent open space filled

with water. The carbonic acid will be pushed out into those pores, and over time will react with the basalt's calcium to form calcium carbonate, or limestone.

CarbFix's designers, in effect, are radically speeding up the natural process called weathering, in which weak carbonic acid in rainwater transforms rock minerals over geologic time scales.

The CarbFix team, beginning work in 2007, had to overcome engineering challenges, particularly in the inventive design and operation of the gas separation plant. They have applied for U.S. and Icelandic patents for that and for the injection well technique.

They plan to inject up to 2,000 tons of carbon dioxide over six to 12 months and then follow how far the solution is spreading via tracer elements and monitoring wells. Eventually they plan to drill into the rock to take a core sampling.

"It will take months and years to test how well it has spread," Reykjavik Energy's Bergur Sigfusson, project technical manager, said as he guided two AP journalists through the step-by-step process over the rolling green terrain of the Hengill volcano.

The team's greatest concern is that carbon "mineralization" may happen too quickly.

"If it reacts too fast, then that will clog up the system," Sigfusson explained. Quick formation of calcium carbonate would block too many paths through the basalt for the solution to spread.

If it works on a large scale, scientists say, carbon mineralization has a limitless potential, since huge basalt deposits are common — in Siberia, India, Brazil and elsewhere. One formation lies beneath the U.S. northwest, where the U.S. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory plans an experiment similar to CarbFix.

The long-term challenge then becomes capturing the carbon dioxide, and building the infrastructure to deliver it to the right places.

At a basic level, the CarbFix process might at least allow geothermal plants worldwide to neutralize their carbon emissions. At another level, "you'd line up the coal-fired power plants where the basalt is," said Gislason. Their CO2 then could be locked away permanently as rock, rather than stored in underground cavities as now generally conceived.

But ultimately "my vision for carbon capture and storage is offshore, below the sea. The whole ocean floor is basalt below the sediments," said Swiss geochemist and CarbFix manager Juerg Matter, who works with Broecker at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory.

"In 10, 20, 30 years' time, if climate change gets very drastic, then we are going to need solutions like this," he said of CarbFix. "We are going to need solutions 'yesterday.'"

Reykjavik Energy has supplied almost half the \$10 million spent thus far on CarbFix. Other funding comes from the two universities, France's National Centre of Scientific Research, the U.S. Energy Department, the European Union and Scandinavian sources.

(Written by Charles J. Hanley, AP Special Correspondent).

A state of emergency is imperative

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Read your article on Newsletter Weekly and felt compelled to voice this concern and suggestion. It was very disconcerting to have to listen to radio announcers yesterday begging and pleading with citizens of N. P. to stay indoors and wait for the all clear to leave homes, etc. After so many hurricanes, it is unfathomable that so many people have not realized the awesome dangers presented during tropical storms and hurricanes.

Many countries, including the U.S., declare a state of emergency prior to an impending natural disaster and it is retained until organizations like NEMA and FEMA have confirmed that it is safe to resume normalcy.

North Carolina and New Jersey have already declared a state of emergency in their states. This is common at the state level in response to natural disasters.

The storm has not even arrived there as yet.

We copy everything American. Why can't we copy that?

A state of emergency allows the police, the defence force, NEMA, etc, the freedom to do other things than to keep residents off the streets.

Once a state of emergency has been declared, anyone without authorization found on the streets is arrested.

It prevents the criminal elements from venturing outside to loot and carry on criminal activities while the nation is confined indoors.

Case in point the guy who crashed his car into the ESSO service station. A state of emergency would have prevented residents from compromising BEC's valiant efforts to restore power during the storm.

It would have prevented the Shell owner on West Bay from opening, it would have prevented the tourists from having a birthday party on Saunders Beach during the storm

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and it would have prevented Centreville Food Store from opening at 1 p.m. yesterday encouraging residents to leave their homes. Yesterday during the height of the storm (I live in a cul-de sac area off Shirley Street) an unknown young man was seen walking through our area going where we don't know.

So instead of being worried about Irene my husband and I had to worry if

he was going to try to break in.

A state of emergency is imperative as we go forward, especially since the crime situation is worsening.

Please can someone voice this concern, raise this issue with the powers that be PLEASE!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Hoping that the next time (God forbid) this will be taken seriously.

A SUPER CONCERNED CITIZEN
Nassau,
August 26, 2011.

Privileged poor taste!

EDITOR, The Tribune.

MEMBERS of the Church of England, known in the Bahamas as Anglicans, as a rule do not respond to smut, but Kenneth 'Six' Francis, from sick bed at PMH has demand a response be given to the attack, in print and talk radio, by talk show host Orland H Bodie Jr on his friend the most Reverend Drexel Gomez, retired prelate of the province of the West Indies.

Archbishop Gomez was invited by Mr Wendal Jones to appear on his TV programme to share his views on various topics. On this occasion, the Bishop was asked to opine on the DNA Party's view on illegal immigrants. Archbishop Gomez gave his candid view, which apparently raised holy hell in talk show Bodie's head. He engaged his poison pen and wrote a ten page letter and copied it to all dailies! This was not enough he thence further spewed his venom on his two-hour talk show, going as far as to exclaim he hopes the Bishop has served his God as well as he serves his king!

Those of us, including Archbishop Gomez, who have prayed and continue to pray for our fellow man, Orland H Bodie Jr, during his continued rehabilitations, are truly disappointed!

Those who are given second chances and are endowed with the opportunities to share their jaundiced and sometimes cock-eyed views on radio and in print, ought to be more responsible.

Let me quickly say Mr Bodie is entitled to his views. But, for those of us who perform within earshot of the youth, we ought to be careful not to mislead them into thinking bashing and ridiculing our leaders is a cool thing to do.

We should revere and respect our leaders and have the gumption to know when to keep our traps shut!

Mr Bodie must repent Continuing to lament his continuous follies will not bring him back in good graces and certainly not earn him an interview with his grace!

TONY FERGUSON
Nassau,
August 8, 2011.

Reponse to George Lamming

EDITOR, The Tribune

Re: George Lamming: On Race - The Tribune, August 8, 2011.

No disrespect is intended, but this highfalutin' pseudo-intellectual drivel is straight from an academic ebony tower. It may come as a surprise, sir, but many people have moved beyond Race

101 and are now advancing on their own terms in the real world. Frankly, except for some politicians and their supporters, they no longer give a damn — and that's exactly as it should be.

KEN W KNOWLES, MD
(Mostly white)
Nassau,
August 10, 2011.

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BEAUTY QUEEN: Miss Bahamas Anastagia Pierre looks at the camera during a visit to a samba school in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Friday. The 60th anniversary of the Miss Universe pageant is scheduled for September 12 from Sao Paulo. Last year's winner was Mexico's Jimena Navarrete. (AP)

POST STORM TRAFFIC LIGHT ISSUES

As a result of Hurricane Irene many four way intersections are without functional traffic lights. Police are encouraging all drivers to proceed with extreme caution at these intersections and are also advising motorists to follow the

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WORLD VIEW

By **SIR RONALD SANDERS**

(The writer is a consultant and former Caribbean diplomat)

FOR those governments that had been courting Muammar Gaddafi for the money that he handed out to spread his influence around the world, his fall from power in Libya is bad news. And, the news is unlikely to get better whatever regime replaces him.

As this commentary is being written, Gaddafi is being sought in and near Tripoli. If he is still in the country, it is only a matter of time before he is caught. His treatment, if he is captured alive, will depend on who catches him. In any event, his almost 42-year rule as leader of Libya, which began when he seized power in a military coup in 1969, is at an end.

Despite the recognition by several Western governments of the Libya's National Transitional Council (NTC), it is by no means certain that as events unfold in the coming months, the Council or the persons who constitute it, will remain in charge. Indeed, confusion and chaos are likely to reign for some months to come.

There are now large groups of people throughout Libya who are armed with heavy weapons and who feel that, having confronted the Gaddafi power machine, they are entitled to share in the spoils. They are unlikely to go quietly into the night.

Perhaps it is in acknowl-

edgement of this reality, that Western governments and commentators have been calling for no recriminations (except against Gaddafi and his sons) and to maintain in office the military and public service that served Gaddafi. They recognise that they made an error in Iraq by getting rid of the military establishment, police and public servants. There was no one in place, except the Americans and the British to take charge and they had little or no experience of Iraq. They also had to train a complete police force and rebuild a military capability. In the meantime, lawlessness was rampant everywhere.

One thing is for sure, whether it is the NTC or some other body, Libya now needs a government urgently so as to bring order after months of chaos. And, whatever government it is, it will be a long time to come before it starts seeking influence and allies by spreading abroad the revenues from Libya's oil. The focus of any new government will have to be on rebuilding Libya's damaged physical infrastructure and in building a democratic society. Building such a democratic society will be much more challenging than replacing physical infrastructure.

Libya is not short of money now. Nor will it be in the future. The immediate problem confronting the NTC, which will seek to run the country, is that more than \$150 billion of Libya's assets are locked up abroad, much of it frozen as part of sanctions applied against Gaddafi. No doubt the countries of the



SIR RONALD SANDERS

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) who backed the uprising against Gaddafi will want to release some of that money to NTC to allow it to assert its authority in the country.

Other countries, such as South Africa, where Libyan assets are also lodged, will want to be more cautious about to whom the funds are released. They will want to be sure that there is a de facto government in place. South Africa President Jacob Zuma is on record as saying he wants to see a government in place in Libya and his government has criticised Nigeria for recognising the NTC even before Gaddafi is officially no longer in any kind of authority.

At the moment, many government salaries have gone unpaid, including the police and the army. The NTC will only persuade these people to work if they are assured of being paid, and they see an early sign of it.

The NATO countries, themselves, are unlikely to release all of the frozen funds to the NTC at once. The United States, Canada and the European Union countries will be keen to see swift attempts at drafting a consti-



LIBYANS CELEBRATE the liberation of their district of Qasr Bin Ghashir in Tripoli, Libya, Saturday. (AP)

tution for Libya and no doubt will expect to see it in the model of constitutions governing Western countries. They will also want plans to be put in place for general elections by which the people can choose a government from contending political parties.

The latter will not happen overnight.

A country with no history of political parties and general elections will require a great deal of information and training simply to put the necessary institutions in place.

Forming political parties will be even more difficult because they are bound to be fashioned first on narrow political and regional interests before those interests can be merged into bodies with a national reach, if that can be achieved.

It can also be taken for granted that the NATO countries will be pulling strings behind the scenes and openly. The NTC will clearly do business with the countries and

agencies that helped them to topple Gaddafi. Those countries that remained supportive of Gaddafi or assumed a neutral stance will hardly get a look-in. The only two exceptions to that rule would be China and Russia with whom Libya would want to continue sensible relations for strategic reasons related to security.

The experts claim that Libya has Africa's highest oil reserves.

But, its national production has been reduced to virtually nothing because of the conflict over the last few months. They also claim that it will take at least a year before production reaches the level it was before the conflict. All the more reason why Libya will not be opening a cheque book to governments around the world any time soon.

The spoils of oil are already well and truly in the hands of French, British and Italian companies and the US can be assured of supplies to meet its demands in the coming years. What is more the price of oil is

showing signs of going down. The UN Security Council in giving NATO a chit to help save lives in Libya by protecting those, who rebelled against Gaddafi from his warplanes and bombs, also unintentionally provided a license for helping with regime change. Many will rightly ponder how to guard against a similar occurrence in the future.

It appears that the majority of people inside Libya are pleased to see the back of Muammar Gaddafi and his reign of terror both inside and outside of the country, but the vacuum he has left needs to be filled. No one should expect Libya to be stable and well-ordered for some time to come - NATO countries had a role in the war; they must now play a significant role in ensuring the peace.

In the meantime, Libya's cheque book diplomacy is also at an end.

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AIRPORT POWER OUTAGE HITS WEEKEND FLIGHTS

evening.
John Terpstra, NAD's Vice President of Operations, said some 10 flights were affected by the service disruption.
He said: "By the time we restored normal power at LPIA, many of our evening flights were cancelled."
Mr Terpstra apologised for any passenger inconvenience and assured the public that his team is working around the clock to "ensure that services at LPIA return to pre-hurricane levels in short order."
The United States pre-clearance at LPIA will reopen today following its five day closure as a result of Hurricane Irene.
In a press statement issued yesterday NAD announced the United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) is prepared to provide pre-clearance services at LPIA with new operating hours until further notice.
It said: "USCBP has just advised that they will now provide full pre-clearance services beginning at 5.15 am Monday for all scheduled flights to the US. This means that all Bahamians in

possession of valid passports and current police records may travel as usual."

NAD advises that those persons whose scheduled flight times are before 9am must have a US visa to clear post-clearance upon arrival to the United States.

USCBP will restore normal multi-shift pre-clearance services as soon as their staff level returns to normal said the statement.

Freeport residents were reported to be stranded at Ft. Lauderdale airport after a flight into Grand Bahama was unexpectedly cancelled.

According to one frustrated Freeport resident, confirmed passengers of Flight 102 scheduled to leave Ft. Lauderdale in Freeport on Saturday was cancelled without notice to its customers.

Passengers said there was no communication to them about the cancelled flight and their questions went

unanswered by management staff.

The source said passengers were told they must purchase new tickets into Nassau with no compensation for their flight or any attempt to place them on a new flight into Freeport.

"Bahamians are trying to get into Freeport from Ft.

Lauderdale need assistance like yesterday - they are sleeping at the Ft Lauderdale Airport because they have nowhere else to go and no assistance from Bahamas Air or the Government!" said a source.

Bahamasair management team could not be reached for comment.

14-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIES IN DEADLY RIP CURRENTS

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and boats also assisted in the search.

They were unable to locate the missing teen and suspended the search at 8pm due to night fall. When the search resumed on Saturday morning the lifeless body of a young girl was recovered around 7.30am from the water, near the shoreline at Xanadu.

Ms Mackey said police are awaiting the results of an autopsy report.

In the meantime, she said officers of the Central Detective Unit are continuing their investigation into the incident.



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ELEUTHERA



JAMES CISTERN, ELEUTHERA: Hurricane Irene's winds tipped over and moved this vegetable store two blocks down the street.



GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR, ELEUTHERA: This plane had a hard landing after not being tied down by steel cables during the passage of Hurricane Irene.



HATCHET BAY, ELEUTHERA: The local cemetery managed to escape relatively unscathed.



JAMES CISTERN, ELEUTHERA: Toppled light poles and tonnes of rotting seaweed litter made this main road difficult to traverse.



JAMES CISTERN, ELEUTHERA: 'Tabby II' was pushed into the graveyard by storm surge.



GOVERNORS HARBOUR, ELEUTHERA: BTC's main transmission tower lies broken in two by the winds. This has affected communications into North Eleuthera.



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EXUMA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR Ivan Ferguson and his team show Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and Minister of Works Neko Grant more damage to the dilapidated Central George Town roll on / roll off dock in the middle of Georgetown Harbour. The dock was under repair at the time of the hurricane.



GEORGETOWN, EXUMA: Rebar lies exposed just before concrete was set to be poured on the main Georgetown dock. Further deterioration from the storm as well as undetected previous damage has resulted in the project needing to be reviewed.

GEORGETOWN, EXUMA: Local Government Administrator Ivan Ferguson greets Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and Minister of Works Neko Grant upon their arrival at Georgetown airport via helicopter from South Cat Island.



GEORGETOWN, EXUMA: Prime Minister Ingraham and local government officials view a banana farm that was completely destroyed during Hurricane Irene. While Exuma was extremely lucky and escaped relatively unscathed, its agriculture industry suffered devastating losses. Bennie, pigeon peas, bananas, plantain, sugar cane and avocados have been essentially 100 per cent destroyed for this season. Banana production is not expected to return for next 18 months according to local officials.



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HURRICANE IRENE AFTERMATH ABACO



SERIOUS beach erosion at Elbow Cay.



WAVES BREAKING over the beach.



BOATS were damaged and sunk in Hope Town Harbour.



ONE OF MANY fences damaged by the hurricane.



THIS COCONUT TREE snapped and fell on local restaurant 'Mackey's Takeaway', crushing the roof.

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CAT ISLAND



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham inspects Knowles Road, part of which was washed away.



GREENWOOD BEACH RESORT in Port Howe was badly damaged.



SMITH'S CEMETERY was destroyed by Hurricane Irene.



DOWNED light poles after the storm

DAMAGE to the government mail boat dock at Smith's Bay.



IRENE TO 'EAT INTO' BEC'S \$7M TARGET

- * Chairman hopeful repair costs will not totally 'erode' projection
- * 95% of New Providence customers restored
- * Calls for assistance from Jamaica, Caribbean

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

WHILE the cost of Hurricane Irene repairs will "eat into" the Bahamas Electricity Corporation's (BEC) \$7 million profit projection for the financial year ending on September 30, its chairman expressed hope that it would still end the period in the black.

While still awaiting hard data from the BEC assessment teams and repair crews that have fanned out through the hard-hit central and southern Bahamas, Michael Moss

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ATLANTIS: 6,000 GUESTS IN IRENE

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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Kerzner International executives told Tribune Business that Hurricane Irene had minimal impact on operations at its Paradise Island resorts, with more than 6,000 guests staying at Atlantis during the storm.

Ed Fields, Kerzner's senior vice-president of public affairs, told this newspaper: "We had over 6,000 guests at the resort during the storm who were extremely well taken care of by over 750 volunteer employees."

"It is too early to fully understand the impact on bookings, especially in light of the storm's impact on other areas and airports. Atlantis, however, is open for business." Clean-up efforts at Atlantis have been ongoing since early Friday morning.

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'WE'D HAVE BEEN REELING FOR MONTHS'

- * Chamber chairman says Bahamian economy 'dodged a bullet' by Irene missing Nassau
- * Says that would have cost hundreds of millions of dollars
- * Minister says 'too early to tell' damage cost, or impact on Budget/national debt

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamian economy would have been "reeling for months" from a blow worth hundreds of millions of dollars had Hurricane Irene scored a direct hit on Nassau, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation's (BCCEC) chairman saying: "We've dodged a bullet."

Although the Category Three storm has still inflicted a multi-million dollar

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STORM DAMAGE: Eleuthera felt the force of Hurricane Irene last week.

Photo/Joann McPike

3,500-4,000 TOURISTS FLED IRENE'S WRATH

- * Early departures could have cost \$3.85m-\$4.4m
- * Storm hits Nassau/PI resort sector's 65-85% occupancies
- * But minister says industry fared 'far better than could have hoped for'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

BETWEEN 3,500-4,000 stopover visitors ended their Bahamian vacations early due to Hurricane Irene, the minister of tourism and aviation has revealed, potentially costing this nation up to \$4.4 million in lost tourism revenues.

The Category Three hurricane also disrupted the relatively high occupancy levels that were being enjoyed by many Nassau/Paradise Island-based resorts, Tribune Business understands, with rates running at between 65-85 per cent for most properties.

Still, despite the short-term disruption, Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace (pictured), minister of tourism and aviation, told this newspaper that the Bahamas' most

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INSURANCE CLAIMS 'MUCH LESS' THAN HURRICANES FRANCES AND JEANNE

- * Irene's impact on \$800m-\$1bn Abaco sums insured key to outcome for Bahamian insurance sector
- * But industry breathing sigh of relief, as storm 'not nearly as bad as we expected'
- * Multi-million hit likely, but not 'several hundred million' seen in 2004

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

BAHAMIAN GENERAL INSURERS are breathing a sigh of relief given that the collective value of Hurricane Irene-related claims "looks likely to be considerably less than Frances and Jeanne", with the fate of Abaco's \$800 million to \$1 billion sums insured key to the final outcome.

Steve Watson, RoyalStar Assur-

ance's managing director, told Tribune Business that the Category Three storm was "not nearly as bad as we expected", given that it failed to score a direct hit on both New Providence and Grand Bahama, the two main population centres.

As a result, RoyalStar on Friday was looking at reducing the number of foreign loss adjusters it

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'NO IMPACT' FOR \$2.6BN PROJECT AT CABLE BEACH

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Work on Baha Mar's \$2.6 billion Cable Beach project restarted on Friday after suffering a 48-hour delay due to Hurricane Irene's passage, a senior executive with the resort developer/owner adding that from that evening onwards visitors would be "hard pressed to think" the storm hit the area.

Describing Hurricane Irene as having had "no impact at all" on the construction project, Robert

Baha Mar re-starts construction work on Friday, losing only 48 hours

Says visitors would now 'be hard pressed' to think storm ever visited

Concern over Irene's impact on US east coast airlift, with Labour Day holiday approaching

Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president of external and government affairs, told Tribune Business: "We were totally prepared."

"The only damage to the project was to the landscaping that went in. There was no damage to property,

equipment and the project compound. The only real damage we had was downed trees in terms of new landscaping unable to catch root at this time. We are very, very happy. Our delay on the project may have been 48 hours, and we

are back to work today."

Some 600 rooms at Baha Mar's existing Sheraton and Wyndham resorts were occupied by guests and locals riding out the storm, and Mr Sands said both properties were back to full operations by Friday. The Crystal Palace casino reopened at 4pm on the same day.

"All amenities are operational," Mr Sands confirmed. "We had some clean-up, due mainly to landscaping issues. Certainly, by the end of Friday, if you were to visit the des-

tinuation, certainly Cable Beach, you'd be hard-pressed to think Irene visited.

"All in all, we've been very fortunate, and it was a very good result. We're not seeing any major or immediate cancellations at the moment."

However, Mr Sands said Baha Mar, like the rest of the industry, was closely watching Hurricane Irene's progress up the US east coast, and its impact on the major populations there.

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By SIMON COOPER
Res Socius

ACCORDING to John Wayne and the American movie industry, at least, prospectors used phrases such as: "There's gold in them thar hills", when describing opportunities in places like Sierra Nevada and the Klondike. And there was plenty of gold there at the time, too, although some prospectors walked away with nothing when the seams ran out.

The allure of gold has been with us for as long as records have been kept, and it has been the cause of fierce conflict over the ages. In olden times the wealthy turned their gold into jewellery and ornaments to conspicuously display their wealth. These days you are more likely to find most of the world's gold hidden deep in bank vaults.

More recently, the price of gold has been in the ascendancy once again, and this is reinforcing the wisdom of using it as a store of



wealth. This is because its relative scarcity gives it intrinsic value, especially when compared to the floating value of currency.

And that's really what investment is all about for those of us with few reserves to risk. Finding somewhere reliable to store the wealth we have accumulated, and where moths and rust do not corrupt it either. If you'll

forgive a punt from your

local business broker at this point in time, like a reliable business venture, for example?

But we need to be wise stewards of our business investments, too, and especially while business activity is still down. Here a few ideas to squeeze more of the good stuff from your investment, in order to compensate for lower high street sales.

* Think Laterally – How else could you diversify your business logically? Horizontal diversification means following the lead of a motor dealer who starts selling audio equipment, or a restaurant that introduces takeaways. Vertical Diversification, on the other hand, is about extending up and down the supply chain, such as a farmer who sells directly to the public, or a wholesaler who opens up a retail store in the next door town.

* Get on the Internet - I continue to be amazed at the number of people I

encounter who still haven't figured out that the Internet is the world's greatest free advertising opportunity. Modern business is no longer place-bound the way it used to be, and affiliate marketing means one can now sell almost anything anywhere.

* Recycle Surplus Business Space – Business space is not productive when it is not wisely used, and the trick is to find a complementary use for any surplus. The list of opportunities I have heard about seems endless. Think hardware stores with coffee shops, and motor dealers with outdoor skateboard parks. Anything that brings feet inside, or puts bums on seats, is worth considering.

I hardly made a dent on my subject this time round, before I ran out of space. My message today is simple. There's wealth out there available in many different guises. The trick is not knowing all the answers, but

posing some of the right questions. You could be sitting on a gold mine.

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MORTON: NO MAJOR DAMAGE

Inagua-based salt plant back in operation

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MORTON Salt says its Inagua-based plant has suffered "no significant damage" from Hurricane Irene, and its operations are back up with employees having returned to work on Friday.

Morton executives did not comment on what impact, if any, the storm would have on staffing levels going forward, given that 100 of its 140-strong workforce had already been temporarily laid-off prior to the passage of Hurricane Irene due to heavier-than-normal rainfall during the first seven months of 2011.

If anything, the hurricane's passage might prolong the lay-offs, as the rain associated with the storm was likely to further dilute the salt in the pans.

However, Morton's spokesperson, Denise Lauer, confirmed to Tribune Business that the company plant was back in operation on Friday.

She told Tribune Business: "Our facility re-opened today (Friday) with a limited number of staff and production employees. "It is too early to assess the impact of Irene on our Inagua operations, but the storm did not damage our facility. At this time we will continue to operate according to our current agreement with the union - 40 or so production employees working a five-day week every third week through mid-September."

Morton Salt relies on the arid weather conditions of Inagua to produce salt by allowing the salt water in ponds to evaporate, which in turn stimulates the formation of salt crystals at the bottom of the pond.

Rain reverses this process, and dissolves the salt crystals in the ponds, leaving the facility without a product to harvest. Earlier this month, the company announced lay-offs to begin on August 8, affecting two-thirds of employees. The company said that it would be monitoring the weather and salt ponds in Inagua, and will resume production as soon as conditions allow.

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Mr Fields also told Tribune Business: "The One and Only Ocean club will be receiving check-ins on Sunday morning, after cleaning up the landscaping debris caused by Irene."

Kerzner International said the One and Only Ocean Club sustained slightly more disruption to the landscaping

and grounds than Atlantis, and clean-up was expected to last through the weekend.

Other resort properties on New Providence also reported little to no structural damage, with landscaping being mostly impacted by the hurricane. Resort properties such as Sandals Royal Bahamian, Cable Beach, also told Tribune Business that clean-up efforts were underway to fix landscaping damaged by Hurricane Irene.

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Karen brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to KPMG. She began her career at a big four accounting firm and has held various accounting and financial management positions in the financial services sector for almost 20 years. She is proficient in accounting for various industries and professions, including retail companies, banks, trusts, investment funds, attorneys, medical professionals and contractors. Before joining KPMG, she successfully practiced accounting as a sole-proprietor where she provided accounting and business services to small and medium sized clients.

Her local schooling was completed at St. Andrew's School. She concluded her secondary school and university studies in Canada, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in French, and a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA). She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensed under the State Board of Georgia, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and a Chartered Accountant (CA) licensed under the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA).

Karen lives in Nassau and enjoys being a Mom to her only son Gerald, along with many other interests and activities.

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AIRLINE PREDICTING 'WELL OVER' \$100K STORM LOSS



By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A LEADING Bahamian-owned airline has estimated it lost "probably well over \$100,000" as a result of losing three days of operations due to Hurricane Irene.

Captain Randy Butler, president and chief executive of Sky Bahamas, told Tribune Business: "I haven't had a chance to quantify it, but we lost almost three days of operations. We've probably lost

well over \$100,000."

When he was contacted by this newspaper, in the middle of a relief flight to Cat Island on Friday, Captain Butler said Sky Bahamas was then back to a 50-60 per cent route capacity, due to the unknown condition of Family Island airports it serviced.

He added that the airline hoped to be back at 100 per cent route capacity by yesterday.

Sky Bahamas had brought all its aircraft back home by

Friday morning and recommenced its routes between Nassau and Fort Lauderdale, although passengers heading to the US had to post-clear since US pre-clearance facilities at Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) had yet to re-open.

Captain Butler praised the Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) for its work in getting LPIA reopened following Irene's passage, but said there was still room for improvement in communica-

tions between NAD, the Civil Aviation Department and the airlines.

Meanwhile, Khaalis Rolle, Bahamas Ferries chief marketing officer, said initial reports indicated there was no impact to the inter-island ferry transportation provider's routes to Abaco and Eleuthera as a result of Irene.

"We've had a number of

requests already for supplies to be sent over on the Bo Hengy," Mr Rolle said.

"Obviously it's not a cargo ferry, but we're going to accommodate people as much as possible, and stretch our limits to help out as much as possible because we understand the impact the devastation has had."

GAS STATION SUFFERS LOSS OF 'THOUSANDS'

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THE manager of Esso gas station on Blue Hill Road and Tonique Williams-Darling Highway is claiming 'thousands' of dollars in damages after a driver apparently swerved out of control and crashed into his station on Thursday night.

Paul Hepburn, the station's manager could not give Tribune Business a figure on the amount of damages, but said: "It's thousands of dollars.

"I've also had to pay for labour to put up sheets of plywood. I had to call in security guards early to be able to man the place.

"The police came, looked at the premises and took some photos. I'm getting a DVD of the event."

Mr Hepburn added: "We got the license plate of the vehicle, and we got the video tape of this white van driving into the premises.

"It looked like they were coming off the roundabout, swung and lost control and came straight up from the roundabout, on to the sidewalk, on to the property, just missed the

pumps and went straight into the front glass display.

"It cleared out the front glass display. In a matter of seconds, the person reversed and went on his way.

"It's quite a lot of damage. Three to four panes of front glass was destroyed.

"These are glass that shatter into small pieces.

"I've lost some product. I've lost some shutters. I've had some damage to my ice cream machines. No product was taken."

Police are actively investigating the matter.

SANDALS WORKING 'ROUND THE CLOCK' ON EMERALD BAY

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SANDALS executives hope that clean-up efforts at the chain's Emerald Bay Resort will not significantly impact bookings, with the Exuma-based property expected to be fully open today.

Yasmina Cherquaoui, Sandals' group public relations manager for the northern Caribbean, told Tribune Business, "It's a little early to say what impact it has had on bookings. We are very adamant in getting the word out there that we have no

structural damage, it's all landscaping.

"We have had teams working around the clock since the hurricane died down. We have been cleaning and working on the landscaping. That's the message we're putting out on the market. We are hoping that it won't be affecting business significantly."

She added: "We have got arrivals coming in next week. We know we have had some queries from guests due to arrive, and we have spoken to them and explained the situation, and we should still be receiving them. Hopefully, it won't

put too many people off. We've been very lucky with both properties."

"Both resorts [Sandals Royal Bahamian and Emerald Bay] have guests in house, so essentially they are operational and functioning."

With regards to the Emerald Bay property, which employs some 300 staff, Ms Cherquaoui said: "Sandals Emerald Bay may stop taking guests just for the next couple of days, but by next week will be taking guests again and be fully opened.

"We were very lucky we had time to prepare and plan, and to evacuate some

guests. With Sandals Royal Bahamian we have just over 200 guests, and with Sandals Emerald Bay it was just under 50. We will be fully operational by Monday. We don't want to turn anyone away if they're adamant on coming, but just as long as they are fully aware of the situation."

FOOD STORES CONFIDENT OVER INVENTORY LEVELS

By NATARIO McKENZIE
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NASSAU-BASED food stores are confident their businesses still have enough inventory left in the wake of Hurricane Irene, which led thousands of Bahamians to stock up on perishable and non-perishable items.

Gavin Watchorn, president and chief executive of BISX-listed AML Foods, the Solomon's SuperCentre and Cost Right owners, told Tribune Business: "We are fairly comfortable on dry products. We have a lot of dry containers, so we are not concerned about that side.

"In terms of perishables, we have trailers either in Miami waiting to ship or on the water. We're hoping to get some products Saturday morning, some milk and produce that we are a little low on. So by mid-morning Saturday we hope to be in stock with those perishable products."

Super Value president Rupert Roberts told Tribune Business: "We were replenishing the shelves as they would move it, except at times they couldn't replace it fast enough.

"We have a \$6 million grocery warehouse inventory, which would take two-and-a-half weeks to exhaust if we stopped importing and, of course, perishables are constantly coming in.

"We had fresh perishables in Tuesday morning and they are going to have to run us through the weekend because the coast-guard wouldn't let the freighters out of port that had planned to leave Friday night and arrive Saturday morning."

Mr Roberts said he expects to have more shipments come in today and tomorrow morning.

Benita Rahming, City Markets chief executive, told Tribune Business: "As far as the inventory, I visited a couple of the stores today and they still look very good. We are also getting some deliveries today, so we should be all right with inventory.

"We have three of our Nassau stores open right now. Our South Beach store, we are still having some electrical issues so just to be on the safe side we're not going to open that as yet."

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INCOME			
Rental revenues	1,021,150	2,046,016	2,023,281
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	1,035,315	2,074,638	2,047,009
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Bank interest	181,209	388,763	422,074
Preference share dividends	87,500	175,000	175,000
Other expenses	228,361	467,534	514,078
	497,070	1,031,296	1,109,152
FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS (FFO)	538,245	1,043,342	937,857
Amortisation of deferred expenses	(51,826)	(69,210)	(67,843)
NET INCOME	506,407	974,132	870,015
FFO PER SHARE	\$0.22	\$0.43	\$0.30
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INSURANCE CLAIMS 'MUCH LESS' THAN FRANCES, JEANNE

required from 40 to about 15, a 62 per cent reduction on initial estimates.

Having estimated that the Bahamian property and casualty industry could have been looking at "several hundred million dollars" worth of claims and damage prior to Irene's passage, Mr Watson pointed out that sums insured on the hardest hit Bahamian islands - those in the southeastern and central Bahamas - were considerably less than in Nassau and Freeport.

The Bahamian general insurance industry received several hundred million dollars' worth of claims resulting from Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004. Both those storms, though, hit Freeport - the former getting stuck over it for many hours.

But many residences and businesses in the southern Bahamas are either not insured or underinsured when it comes to catastrophe coverage, thus making financing of their reconstruction process much more difficult.

However, Irene's track towards the heavily populated US east coast meant Bahamian insurers endured a nervous weekend, as high levels of damage and insurance claims there would have a knock-on effect on Bahamian property and casualty premiums in 2012, due to the level of reinsur-

ance bought by Bahamas-based carriers. Based on initial reports, it appears the US east coast avoided the worst.

When asked about the likely total value and volume of claims submitted as a result of Irene, Mr Watson told Tribune Business: "I wouldn't like to say, because we've not talked to anyone from Abaco or Eleuthera - we've not been able to contact our guys in Abaco.

"But it was a lot less than expected. It was a powerful storm, and more powerful than hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004, but the claims look likely to be considerably less than Frances and Jeanne. It was not nearly as bad as expected.

"We're downsizing the number of loss adjusters we require. We're going to bring in less. We're still talking about it, but it might be 10-15, when we were initially looking at around 40. It's better to go from 40 to 10-15, rather than to try to go up to 40," he added.

"Abaco would have the largest value of sums insured, of the islands

directly impacted, no doubt about it. You have the local population, and a significant number of second homeowners. They'll have the highest exposure, no doubt about it."

The level of damage to Abaco's homes, businesses and boats, and general physical infrastructure, will thus be key to the final Irene outcome for the Bahamian general insurance industry.

In terms of the sector's total risk exposure to Abaco, Mr Watson said "a decent guess" was that sums insured on the island totalled between \$800 million to \$1 billion. Most of that is covered by reinsurers, given that the relatively thin capital base of Bahamian general insurers requires them to buy huge sums of reinsurance.

"Nassau definitely dodged a bullet," the RoyalStar managing director added. "Cat Island and Crooked Island did not dodge the bullet; they were hit squarely on the nose.

"Abaco seems to have been hit pretty hard, but the information to date suggests it's not as bad as Floyd in

1999, or Frances and Jeanne. It was a very dry storm, with no rain here. I guess it's not just the wind speed, but the track and moisture you have to watch, too.

"We don't have a lot of business in the southern islands," Mr Watson added. "The further south you go, the less insurance coverage there is. In Abaco, the percentage insured is very high. Go to Eleuthera, it's slightly less, in Long Island it's less than that, and so on."

The RoyalStar managing director was backed by Timothy Ingraham, president of Summit Insurance Company, who also told Tribune Business that initial reports suggested the level of damage on Abaco and Eleuthera - and therefore the likely value and volume of claims - was not as bad as feared.

"Right now it's difficult to say, because communications have not been very good with Abaco and Eleuthera, and they're the two that seem to have been hit hardest," Mr Ingraham said.

"Initial reports are not

extremely bad, and indicate they came through it pretty well, but there are no official reports from our agents and brokers there.

"It's definitely going to be Abaco that determines how bad it is. We're just waiting to get word from the, and then we'll know where we stand. Initial reports are that the island fared better than expected, given that it was a Category Three hurricane coming at them," Mr Ingraham added.

"So we're keeping our fingers-crossed that it's not a huge event, we will get the claims dealt with as quickly as possible, and people can move on with their lives."

Both he and Mr Watson, along with the rest of the Bahamian general insurance industry, spent a nervous weekend monitoring Hurricane Irene's passage up the US east coast. To date, initial reports suggest worst damage fears may not have been realised.

"The reinsurers have had their worst ever start to the first six months of a year with all the catastrophe losses, earthquakes and tornadoes, so they're already com-

plaining about the volume and level of claims," Mr Watson told Tribune Business.

"If this was a \$30-\$40 billion event [Irene on the US east coast], premium rates will go up considerably. If it's a \$4-\$5 billion event, there will still be a rate increase because of what happened in the first six months of the year but it will be a lot lower."

Currently, the damage inflicted upon the US east coast by Irene appears to be more on the \$4-\$5 billion scale.

Mr Ingraham, too, acknowledged that there were "serious concerns" over Irene's potential impact.

"That, for reinsurers, is coming on top of a year where they've exhausted their catastrophe budget by the end of April," the Summit president said.

"It's piling on a little more at this point.

"That could definitely be one of the things that provokes reinsurers to want higher rates next year. It's not a good scenario, and we're at the beginning of the peak of hurricane season, so no one knows what the rest of it will bring.

Mr Watson echoed this, saying that with around six weeks to two months of peak hurricane season left, "a lot can happen" in terms of further storms and insurance claims throughout the US, Caribbean and Central American region.



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HURRICANE IRENE hit New Providence on Thursday morning.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

CONSOLIDATED SAYS 'NO MATERIAL' IRENE IMPACT

BISX-listed Consolidated Water said it expected no "material impact" on revenues as a result of Hurricane Irene's effects on the Bahamas and its Blue Hills reverse osmosis plant.

"Our initial assessment following passage of Category 3 Hurricane Irene to the east of Nassau indicates that our facilities on New Providence island suffered only minor damage to certain buildings," said Rick McTaggart, chief executive of Consolidated Water.

"In order to secure the site in preparation for the hurricane, we ceased construction work on the expansion of the Blue Hill plant on Monday. Construction activities are expected to resume [Friday]."

"All water production equipment continued to operate at normal production levels throughout the storm and afterwards. We do not expect this event to materially impact revenues generated from our Bahamas operations."

BTC, CABLE BAHAMAS 'WEATHER STORM WELL'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Both the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) and Cable Bahamas told Tribune Business their infrastructure had "weathered Irene well", although they were unable to yet estimate the total repair bill.

While BTC assessment teams were still conducting inspections throughout the Bahamas, particularly in the harder hit southern and central islands, Marlon Johnson, its sales and marketing vice-president, said: "The plant held up well in most cases."

"We had some tower collapses, one in Acklins and one in Eleuthera, which will involve cases of repair and clean-up, but we feel confident based on the initial assessments that the plant weathered the storm as well as can be expected."

He added that on some of the "harder hit" Family Islands, such as Acklins, Eleuthera and south Abaco, BTC had experienced "some telecommunications challenges". In many cases, Mr Johnson said BTC was waiting on the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) to repair downed power lines and poles, and restore

electricity supplies.

"We feel confident that we can readily restore telecommunications in a lot of these areas, and restore them fairly quickly," he added.

"The cell phone plant held up fairly well, particularly in New Providence, and some people were able to get calls out in the Family Islands. Residential services held up extremely well, which goes to years of building the network infrastructure."

Mr Johnson said that even when electricity went out, battery back-ups and such like ensured residential landline services continued to function.

"We have some built-in resiliency that is testimony to many years of investment in plant," he added. In terms of the repair costs facing BTC, Mr Johnson said it was "much too early to tell".

It was a similar story at Cable Bahamas, where Anthony Butler, its president and chief executive, told Tribune Business: "Our core system never went down. There were areas of New Providence that had power throughout the storm, and they had our services all the time."

"Our estimation is that we were under a good 11 hours of tropical storm and

hurricane force winds, which is a longer duration than we experienced during the last storm in New Providence.

"Our outside plant was subjected to a 11 hours of solid buffeting, which takes a toll. The last time we experienced anything like that as Frances in 2004, when the poles in Grand Bahama failed. It was pretty intense for the plant to take that duration."

Mr Butler said the main impact to Cable Bahamas' New Providence infrastructure had come from trees falling on power lines and poles. His company shares these facilities with BTC and BEC, using them as overhead plant.

Given that New Providence was the most densely-populated island, Mr Butler said the volume of work was greater than on a Family Island. He added that Grand Bahama had "fared very well", Cable Bahamas having rebuilt its infrastructure there five to six years ago as a result of the damage done by hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004.

Assessments, Mr Butler said, were still being done by Cable Bahamas on Eleuthera and Abaco. He praised the work being done by the repair crews of Cable Bahamas, BTC and BEC.

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Common Law & Equity Division

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AND
CALVIN L. DUNBAR & BAHAMAS SPICE MARKET Respondent

NOTICE OF ORDER FOR EXAMINATION OF JUDGMENT DEBTOR

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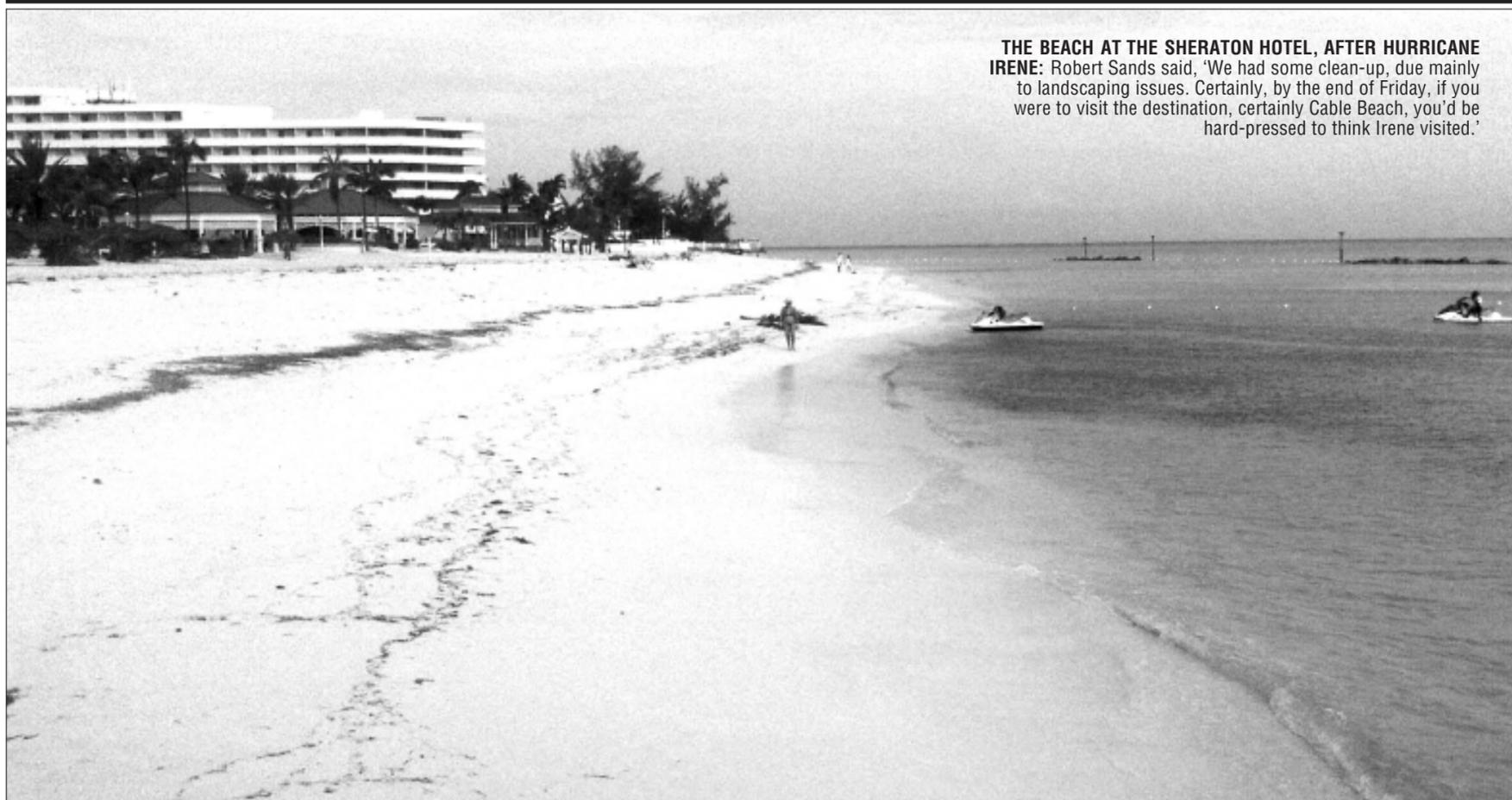
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THE BEACH AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, AFTER HURRICANE IRENE: Robert Sands said, 'We had some clean-up, due mainly to landscaping issues. Certainly, by the end of Friday, if you were to visit the destination, certainly Cable Beach, you'd be hard-pressed to think Irene visited.'



'NO IMPACT' FOR \$2.6BN PROJECT AT CABLE BEACH

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Many of the impacted cities, such as New York, Boston, Baltimore, Charlotte and Washington represent the core markets from which the Bahamian tourism industry draws much of its visitors, and with 8,300 flights to and from those cities cancelled at the weekend, accessing this nation - for both tourist arrivals and departures - was impacted.

With near-term bookings facing a potential negative impact, Mr Sands said: "The concern has less to do with Irene, but more to do with where Irene's going, and that's a situation we're going to have to monitor.

"This is something we have to monitor very, very carefully, and begin to strategise on, especially given that areas like New York City, Charlotte, are the main hubs coming out of the north-east. That's where the majority of our airlift comes from.

"We have to be very vigilant and monitor this extremely carefully, and then begin to think about putting in place possible alternative routes. The airlines will be doing similar thinking, re-routing people."

It appears that Irene's impact on the core US east coast tourism markets has been less than predicted, although it is unclear how quickly those cities and

their airports will get operations back to normal. There is still likely to be some minor disruption to the Bahamian tourism industry in terms of accessibility.

To ensure the market knew Bahamian tourism remained open for business, and that the major resort properties on New Providence had not been affected by Irene, Mr Sands said the Ministry of Tourism and Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA) had jointly been issuing regular updates. Social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, had played a pivotal 24-hour role in this effort.

"We have not been negligent in terms of not paying attention to this," Mr Sands

said, adding that it was important for the Bahamian tourism industry to prepare for this coming weekend's US Labour Day holiday.

"We've been very proactive in keeping the marketplace aware and up-to-date, particularly as the international media paint the Bahamas as one geographical area rather than individual islands. Social media was helpful in getting the word out to all, not just people coming to the Bahamas, but those considering coming to the Bahamas.

"One of the most important vacation days in the US is Labour Day a week Monday, so it's important the Bahamas is ready to receive

those guests this coming weekend."

Mr Sands, meanwhile, praised the performance of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC), the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) and Cable Bahamas' services

during Hurricane Irene.

Baha Mar's resorts, he said, had power for 95 per cent of the storm's duration, BEC quickly restoring it when it was knocked out. BTC and Cable Bahamas maintained service without interruption.

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said last night that electricity supply had been restored to some 95 per cent of the Corporation's New Providence customers.

And he confirmed that BEC had reached out to the Jamaica Public Service Company (JPS) and CARILEC, the Caribbean association that represents all electrical utilities in the region, for assistance in restoring supplies in devastated Family Islands, especially Cat Island.

Asked by Tribune Business about the impact repair and restoration costs would have on BEC's \$7 million profit forecast for its current financial year, Mr Moss replied: "At this stage I'm feeling confident that it will not totally erode the projections we have. It will eat into it, but not totally erode it.

"I know it's going to eat into it. Some of the more southerly islands that had a direct impact, the costs are going to be substantial. It's going to have an impact, but the magnitude of that impact is difficult to say at this point."

Mr Moss confirmed to Tribune Business that BEC had reached out to both JPS, its electrical utility counterpart in Jamaica, and to CARILEC for help in restoring electricity supplies in some Family Islands. This, too, would create extra costs for BEC, in terms of housing personnel from CARILEC members and providing them with meals.

He said: "We have established contact with JPS in Jamaica and with CARILEC because we're going to need some assistance getting supplies restored in some of the Family Islands, particularly Cat Island, which has been very badly hit.

"In terms of New Providence restoration, things

IRENE TO 'EAT INTO' BEC'S \$7M TARGET

have gone very well, and we've got close to 95 per cent of customers back on the system. We still have some pockets in New Providence without service."

Putting this in context, and possibly responding to critics who have alleged that BEC has been too slow in its restoration efforts, Mr Moss compared its efforts in the aftermath of Irene at

Category Three strength with its impact on the US east coast as a Category One.

While BEC had restored about 95 per cent of New Providence customers, some five million US customers were without electricity, and media reports were suggesting it might take several weeks to reconnect them.



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENT

The office is not opened for business today (Friday August 26).

New student orientation will be held on Tuesday August 30th (only) and not on Monday August 29th.

Shipment deliveries were delayed due to the hurricane. The bookstore will not be opened for business until Wednesday August 31st.

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM HURRICANE IRENE

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Photo/Joann McPike

which, other than the tower in Eleuthera, appears to have suffered no damage. Are we being plunged back into the stone age to communicate by carrier pigeon all for the sake of a few generators?

The most important lesson as a country that has to be faced is that global warming, increasing violent hurricane seasons and other variables outside of our control will be a part of our future. In other words we have to accept that some of our communities are geographically unsustainable in terms of protection. The FNM and PLP also need to start a national political discussion without the usual bickering on the sustainability of having such far flung settlements inhabited by so few people, with declining populations instead of building one or two super settlements in various islands. We as a country must accept the fact that we can no longer afford to invest millions of dollars for capital projects for 72 people in any settlement. when the demands of our young and increasing population and other social infrastructure improvements go unchecked.

The media also has to play its role. It is not fair to report fiction, or to create public panic by innuendo. As the publisher of this newspaper always insists: "When in doubt, leave out!" And as the Prime Minister stated: "The clinic of Smith's Bay was not completely destroyed" as reported, although it did lose all the shingles on its roof. In fact, upon enter-

ing the facility the drop ceiling had been cleaned up and this clinic would be in good shape in a matter of days.

The Bahamian people and our media can take great reassurance from a recent article in Businessweek magazine, written by Jeff McMahan, that showed that Bahamians are nowhere near the bottom of the pile.

"Hurricane Irene is swirling around me right now," he wrote, "slamming gates, lashing shutters with wind and rain, bending coconut palms, and sweeping from these low, sandy islands anything that's not been tied down."

"In the hours leading to this moment, two distinct kinds of humans could be observed here: panicked Americans and calm

Bahamians.

"American tourists crowded hotel reception desks and taxi stands yesterday, rushing to escape to the more besieged airport, while Bahamians took in stride the necessity of additional work: screwing plywood over windows, stacking deck chairs and tossing them into hotel pools to keep them from becoming airborne in the

coming winds.

"Why such a difference in attitude between Bahamians and Americans? Here's what one native Bahamian told me: 'I have lived through many hurricanes in the Bahamas. You just need a place to stay out of the rain and relax until it's over.'"

Meanwhile, the American news channels, CNN and The Weather Channel,

have been hawking danger and devastation for these islands and for 55 million people on the American East Coast. "You need to have a survival kit!" one televised expert insisted. "After 9-11 people found themselves without goggles and gas masks."

How will a gas mask help in this hurricane? Let's hope lessons learned beget lives saved.

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THE STORIES BEHIND THE NEWS

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011

LESSONS LEARNED FROM IRENE



48 DOWNED light poles were spotted on the tour of Cat Island. Had the poles been drilled to the accurate depth and/or inspected afterwards perhaps the communities would not be without power today. Photo/Joann McPike

By ROBERT CARRON

THERE is no doubt that The Bahamas was facing a threat of devastating proportions as Category 4 Hurricane Irene with winds of 135 mph, storm surges of immense proportions and torrential rain prepared to plow its way up through the entire length of our archipelago. Miraculously we were spared such a fate and suffered minimal damage with no reported loss of life.

Having had the opportunity to travel with the Prime Minister and members of his government as they assessed the damage from Hurricane Irene first hand in various Family Island communities over the last three days what immediately was apparent was Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham was there to make decisions. There was going to be no sending out of assessment teams before anything was done as in the past. The Family Island Administrators had made their reports by satellite phones, updated the various Ministers about what needed to be done. Mr Ingraham was there firsthand to learn, apply his vast knowledge and experience and make decisions to ensure that his government was accountable to the people it served.

While not wanting to minimise any damage suffered by any fellow Bahamians as trivial, because any



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham was present in Family Island communities to make decisions. Photo/Joann McPike

loss no matter how small, is devastating, however contrary to reports in another daily newspaper Eleuthera was not “devastated” in the sense in which that word was being used. In fact, having been there after four hurricanes since Andrew in 1992, given the strength of the Hurricane Irene we were amazed to see how well the islands, people and communities withstood its onslaught compared to Andrew, Floyd and Jeanne. Of course, there were homes that suffered great damage, communities such as

Arthur’s Town, James Cistern, Green Turtle Cay, Knowles, Governor’s Harbour southern Cat Island, Chesters and Lovely Bay that also suffered (see our photos), but there was nothing to suggest that there was devastation and between those areas in some cases there was no sign of a storm. As the Prime Minister clearly told the press, the words “relieved” or “spared” could have been so much better.

In 1992 and again with Hurricane Floyd, the Current, for example, suffered

extensive damage so much so that only two structures were left standing. On Friday from the helicopter hovering at 100ft, no structure was destroyed and no roofs were completely damaged. In fact it appeared that the residents’ immediate needs were shingles and plywood. Valentine’s dock, another usual fatality that anyone would be a fool to go into a “web shop” to bet that it would survive, beat the odds. There, standing proud with only a few pieces of wood missing on its outer docks, was Valentine’s dock.

We were all amazed. The seawalls that had been installed in 1992 and 1999 were in all cases – from Eleuthera to Exuma to Cat Island – a tremendous success and a good investment of the people’s taxes. Not a single road that was protected by these walls had been washed away, nor were they in need of anything but a few very minor cosmetic repairs. Roads that were not protected such as in Knowles’ or Smith’s Bay were washed away.

So what have we learned for the future should we be faced with another storm? Well three things:

First and foremost BEC needs to be managed and held accountable to a much higher standard. The light poles – 48 of them that we counted on our tour of Cat Island – were down, not because of hurricane force winds, but because of shoddy installation and lack of planning. In all cases had the poles been drilled to the accurate depth and/or inspected afterwards perhaps the communities would not be without power today and having to wait, we are told, two to three weeks to have these poles replaced. That the power plant in Bluff, Eleuthera, a lovely modern showpiece, is without fuel to produce power is baffling. The key ingredient of a power plant for generators is oil. We understand

that the government was told that the plant had enough oil to last to September 6th. We have learned that the oil is on the island, but not at the plant. BEC needs to be accountable and a public investigation needs to be initiated.

If BTC is to have the tremendous privilege of holding an exclusive cellular service within our Commonwealth then with that immense gift comes fiduciary responsibilities that the government will have to enforce. That BTC cell sites do not have their own generation facilities is short-sighted.

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13th IAAF World Championships

'Fireman' burns up track to win heat

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DAEGU, South Korea — The media focus was on Oscar Pistorius, the "Blade Runner." But Chris 'Fireman' Brown kept his composure and was able to hold off the Republic of South African using prosthesis for his legs to lead the Bahamas' three-man charge in the semifinal of the men's 400 metres.

Brown, running on the inside in lane two, surged from behind on the home stretch to pull off the victory in 45.29 in the last of five first round heats at the Daegu Stadium Sunday where the crowd cheered for Pistorius as he finished third in 45.39 behind Great Britain's Rooney Martyn (45.30).

"These are the championships and you can't take anyone for granted," said Brown about all of the hype surrounding the race. "I'm just coming into these games to do my best. It looked close at the end, but I still won."

"I got the win and that's all matters. I want to set myself up for a good lane in the semifinal where you got to step it up."

Brown's win and his time, which placed him 11th overall in a field of 36 competitors, has earned him lane three in the second of three heats in today's semifinal. He will run alongside former world leader Kirani James in lane four. Virgin Island's Tabari Henry is in seven.

Ramon Miller, who posted the 13th best time with a season's best of 45.31 when he placed third in heat four in the preliminaries, will be in lane seven next to new world leader and defending champion American LaShawn Merritt in six. Trinidad & Tobago's Renny Quow is in five.

And Grand Bahamian national champion Demetrius Pinder will have to run out of lane one in heat three against Grenada's Rondell Bartholomew, Jamaica's Jermaine Gonzales and Pistorius after he got fourth in heat one of the prelims in 45.53.

The first two in each heat and the next two fastest finishers will



RACE DAY: Chris Brown (third from right) of the Bahamas competes against Tony McQuay of the US, Britain's Martyn Rooney, Qatar's Femi Ogunode, South Africa's Oscar Pistorius, and Costa Rica's Nery Brenes in a 400m heat at the 13th IAAF World Athletics Championships Sunday. (AP)



RAMON MILLER



DEMETRIUS PINDER

advance to the final that completes the action for Tuesday.

Brown, the veteran of the crew at age 32, said he's here for one mission and that is to get on the podium and finally receive a medal at the championships that has eluded him since he made his first appearance in Edmonton, Canada, with a fourth place.

"It's still open up for anyone. The guy false started in my race and he was out," Brown said. "Anything could happen. So I'm just going to go out there and give it my best."

Having had a chance to compete against Pistorius before, Brown said with the stretch of all the media

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Adrian Griffith disqualified for false start under new IAAF rule

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DAEGU, South Korea — One of the newest rules instituted by the IAAF has cut sprinter Adrian Griffith's appearance short at the 13th World Championships.

Competing in the first round of the men's 100 metres at the colourful Daegu Stadium on day one of the week-long championships on Saturday, Griffith was disqualified for a false start.

The amended rule by the IAAF indicates that rather than the first false start charged to the field, the athlete committing the infraction will be disqualified.

A visibly upset Griffith, who was the first member of the Bahamas' 18-member team to compete on the track, said he was highly disappointed because he didn't feel as if he committed the offence.

"I don't believe I false started," he told The Tribune in the mixed zone after he came off the track.

Griffith, the men's national champion who was hoping to advance further than his fifth place in the quarter-finals at the last championships in 2009 in Berlin, Germany, was stunned when the official approached his lane, raised the red flag and escorted him off the track when the race was called back.

"The guy on the side of me flicked. He stand on the next guy's



ADRIAN GRIFFITH

lane first, they come and called me," said Griffith, referring to Peter Emelieze of Nigeria, who was in lane six. The 26-year-old Griffith, who was running out of lane five, said "there's no problem. You see the false start," when asked what happened.

However, St Kitts and Nevis' veteran Kim Collins, who ran out of lane four to secure the win in 10.13 when the race was finally over, said while he was happy that "the old man" was still about to pull off a decade win, he saw what happened blind-sided.

"As you see, I didn't move," he said. "It's not because the gun caught me off guard, but I saw when he moved. And trust me, my thing

was, hey man, don't move. Just hold your breath and don't move.' I saw in the corner of my eye when he moved. I'm really sorry about that, but it happened."

With his elimination, there was only speculations left as to whether or not Griffith would have advanced.

The next two automatic qualifiers were American Trell Knowles in 10.32 and Trinidad & Tobago's Richard Thompson in 10.34. Griffith went in with a season's best of 10.28.

He was anticipating running even faster here.

That will only be a mystery as Griffith was done before he got started.



DISQUALIFIED: Adrian Griffith (far right), shown in action at the IAAF World Championships in 2009 in Berlin, Germany, was disqualified for a false start at this year's meet in Korea.

ATHLETES SHARE GAMES VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

DAEGU, Korea — For sprinter Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson, who is making her second appearance, the conditions in the Games Village at the 13th IAAF World Championships are great.

"But the food isn't good," Ferguson told The Tribune after competing in the heats of the women's 100 metres. "They have the same food over and over again and it's cold. Even if you go there early, it's cold. Everybody is complaining. Me and even Debbie (Ferguson-McKenzie). But coach (Henry Rolle) told me that I have to eat it because you don't want to come this far and starve. But it's really hard."

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— Sheniqua Ferguson

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Other than the food, Ferguson said everything else is okay, especially having the track to train right

on site.

Quarter-miler Chris 'Fireman' Brown said there is no change in the menu which makes it difficult. "But everybody has to eat it, so

we're making the best of it," Brown told The Tribune after winning his heat of the men's 400 metres.

As for the men's 4 x 400 relay team that is waiting to compete, Brown said:

"The guys are all looking good and they have to remember that although the Bahamas are the silver medallists from Beijing, they can't just expect for the teams to roll over and play dead."

"We didn't get a medal in 2009 because of a disqualification in 2009 and we didn't medal in 2010, so a lot of teams feel as though they can compete with us and against us,"

he said. "But we feel we have a good chance to go out there and bring home the gold because the US is not as strong as they usually are. We just have to come out and put our best foot forward."

Brown said despite the fact that Grand Bahamian Michael Mathieu could be running the 200 final if he qualifies after the start of the relay Saturday night, they still have sufficient athletes in the relay pool to get the job done. But he admitted that he is confident that their chances would be that much better if Mathieu was included and not excluded.

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IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

DAY THREE - MONDAY

Women's 100 metres semifinals
Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson, heat two, lane 7 at 6:38am EST

Men's 400 semifinals
Ramon Miller, heat one, lane 7 at 7am EST
Chris Brown, heat two, lane 3 at 7:08am EST
Demetrius Pinder, heat three, lane one at 7:16am EST

Women's 100 final
If qualified, Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson at 8:45am EST

GOOD EFFORT: Bianca Stuart (file photo) ended up 17th overall in the long jump at the 13th IAAF World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea.

'BB' Stuart ends up 17th overall

By BRENT STUBBS
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DAEGU, South Korea — If she could, Bianca 'BB' Stuart would have preferred to take back her first two opening attempts in the qualifying round of the women's long jump at the 13th IAAF World Championships. The first one she scratched

and the second she could only muster an effort of 3.96 metres or 13-feet, 0-inch (yes, you read it correct). By the time she got it all together on the third attempt, her leap of 6.44m (21-1 1/2) was only good enough to propel her from the bottom of the field of 18 competitors to eighth place in Group A at the Daegu Stadium on Saturday. But when the final results

from Group A and Group B (with another 18 competitors) were combined, Stuart ended up 17th overall.

"It was a great experience. I didn't have a good day. I was having problems with my approach, but I still tried," said Stuart, who was making her debut at the championships.

While only four competitors - two in each group -

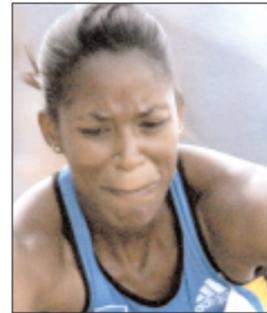
achieved the automatic qualifying mark of 6.75m (22-13/4), Stuart missed out on the final cut of the best 12 to contest the final. The top qualifier in her group was American Brittany Reese with the best mark of the day with 6.79m (22-31/2). The last qualifier was American Janay DeLoach with 6.51m (21-41/4).

But looking back at her performance, Stuart admitted that "the first jump was actually good, but I fouled."

"The run-way was extremely fast. I was having a lot of issues. After those two faults, your mind was playing with you. So I tried to stay focus and get a good one in."

Despite not getting in, Stuart said she was still happy to have been able to maintain her top 20 position in the world.

The new Bahamian national record holder, who erased the previous mark of 6.80m (22-33/4) that was tied by Shonel Ferguson and Jackie Edwards with her 6.81m (22-41/4) gold medal performance at the Central American and Caribbean Championships in Puerto Rico in July, said the



BIANCA STUART

competition was pretty stiff and she definitely felt the pressure bug as she tried to make her adjustment to the highest level of competition in the sport.

"You always have nerves. I was trying to mask it out, but I was nervous," said Stuart. "Because the run way was so fast, my coach (Henry Rolle) told me to move back two and when I moved back two, my left foot actually hit the board, so I was off. I jumped off my right foot, so that really threw me off. I had to adjust again on the third jump and I always fouled that, but I said let me just try to make

a safe jump."

Stuart, a 23-year-old graduate of Southern Illinois now doing her post-grad studies at Auburn University, said she saw flashes of deja vu from her first professional meet when she scratched all of her jumps at the Herculis Diamond League Meet in Monaco on July 22.

"I was just saying to myself that I need to get this jump in so that I can just qualify for the next round," she said. "But a lot of the girls were jumping 6.4s, so it was very close."

Although she fell short of her ultimate goal of making the final in her debut, Stuart said the experience is one that she will have to write off and make the necessary adjustments.

That's if she is entered in the final two Grand Prix meets next month or closes out at the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, October 14-30.

Stuart, however, said her goal is to make up for her appearance here by contending for a medal at the Olympic Games in London, England, next year.

AMERICAN REESE WINS LONG JUMP



GOLDEN JUMP: Brittney Reese of the US competes on her way to winning the final of the long jump at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, on Sunday.

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DISQUALIFIED: Jamaica's Usain Bolt takes off his shirt (top right) as he is disqualified for a false start in the 100m final at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Sunday. (AP)

BOLT OUT AFTER JUMPING GUN IN 100 FINALS

By PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

DAEGU, South Korea (AP) — Still fuming from his false start that knocked him from the 100 meter final, Usain Bolt crouched on the line and waited. Then he zipped off the blocks into the darkness of a deserted practice track.

There, only a short hike from the main stadium, he didn't have to worry about jumping the gun.

Bolt missed out on defending his 100-meter title Sunday when he jumped from the blocks early at the world championships. He was disqualified by a highly debated zero-tolerance false start rule enacted last year.

"He's human, isn't he? I always knew he was human," said his coach, Glen Mills. "He will pick himself up. He's a champion."

Just not on this night. Bolt knew instantly it was his error, too. Soon after the gun went off, soon after taking a few steps out of the blocks, another gun blasted — the knot-in-your-stomach sound for any sprinter.

Bolt's eyes grew big. He pulled his shirt over his face, then ripped it off and whipped it around in his hand. Grudgingly, Bolt left the stage he has dominated since the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Instead, it was left to another Jamaican to wrap himself in the country's flag — Yohan Blake, a 21-year-old up-and-comer that former Olympic gold medalist Maurice Greene predicted to win.

Blake finished in a modest time of 9.92 seconds, 0.16 seconds ahead of American rival Walter Dix. Kim Collins of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the 2003 world champion and now an aging 35-year-old veteran, was third.

"Definitely, I wasn't focusing on beating Usain," Blake said. "I was just focusing on finishing in the top three."

This was also a day that Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee sprinter known as the "Blade Runner," showed he indeed belongs on the same track with able-bodied athletes at big meets. Springing along on his carbon-fiber blades, Pistorius advanced to the semifinals of the 400.

"A big sense of relief," he said.

On the track, it was a big show for the Americans. Defending champion Trey Hardee and Ashton Eaton gave the U.S. its first 1-2 decathlon finish at the worlds. Britney Reese defended her long jump title, and Allyson Felix breezed into the finals of the 400 with an easy win in her heat.

This entire competition was setting up as a stroll for Bolt. Jamaican teammate Asafa Powell withdrew just before the event began because of a



FALSE START: Jamaica's Usain Bolt (fourth from bottom) false starts from the 100m final and was disqualified.

groin injury, and American rival Tyson Gay was out with a hip injury. As if to underscore how easy this might be, Bolt cruised through his previous two rounds.

Then he false started. It wasn't even close. He's 6-foot-5 and it's clear when he stands up in the blocks too soon.

His night done, Bolt gathered his stuff, slung his backpack over his shoulder and headed down the tunnel that leads out of the stadium. He wouldn't talk, glaring at anyone who got too close or tried to ask any sort of question as he walked up a path. He went through a fenced gate that leads to the warmup track, typically off limits to all but the competitors.

Once there, he joined a group of friends and coaches, throwing down his backpack, taking a swig of water, dumping some on his head and tossing the bottle aside. He sat down briefly before jumping up and heading onto the track.

Bolt lined up in Lane 6 — one spot from his lane assignment in the final — waited a second to compose his thoughts and took off down the runway. He traveled about 100 meters, turned around, jogged back and went again.

Four times he repeated that. Four times he paused at the starting line.

He was getting back on the horse again.

After his cool-down and a quick massage, Bolt trudged across a grass field to catch a ride. Before he could reach the safety of his car, though, he was met by a few reporters.

"Looking for tears? Not going to happen," said Bolt, his agitation beginning to subside. "I'm OK."

Enough to run the 200 meters?

"You'll see on Friday," he said, referring to the start date of the race.

Change the false-start rule? Silence. And then the car ushered him away.

"I didn't really think they were going to kick him out," Dix said. "How can you kick Usain out of the race?"

This is typically Bolt's stage, but the world-record holder had a little company Sunday in Pistorius and Hardee. Other winners were Ibrahim Jeilan of Ethiopia (10,000), Valeriy Borchin of Russia (20-kilometer walk) and Li Yanfeng of China (discus).

Still, Bolt found a way to steal the spotlight from Pistorius and everyone else. This 100 will be known not so much for Blake's crowning achievement but the one in which Bolt jumped the gun.

"I didn't expect that from him," Blake said. "I had to just keep my head, keep the focus and get the job done for

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'Q' Ferguson into 100 semis

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DAEGU, South Korea — On her return to the IAAF World Championships, a clean start and smooth acceleration throughout the race helped to propel Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson into today's semifinals of the women's 100 metres.

A seventh place finisher in the quarterfinal of her debut in Berlin, Germany, Ferguson earned her berth by clocking 11.36 seconds to trail American world leader Carmelita Jeter (11.21) in the first of event heats in the first round. This year, the IAAF eliminated a round for the 100 by creating the preliminaries for athletes who didn't qualify.

"It was a good race. I was hoping to go a little faster, but first time on the track, first time getting a feel of it, so it's what I asked for," she said. "I watched the race and my start was pretty good, so I'm happy with that. All year, me and my coach (Henry Rolle) was working on my start, so I'm really glad that I did what he asked me to do."

Ferguson, a 21-year-old former standout at Auburn University, posted the 23rd fastest qualifying time out of the field of 55 competitors. She will now run out of the second of three heats in today's semis in lane seven next to Jamaican Veronica Campbell-Brown in six. Jamaican Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce is in lane three and Trinidad & Tobago's Semoy Hackett is in lane two.

The first two plus the next two fastest times will advance to the final that will close out tonight's programme.

"Next round (semifinal), I'm just looking to go 11.1 or better and I'd be happy," said Ferguson, who admitted that it won't be an easy task.

As the lone competitor of three Bahamians who had qualified to compete in the event, Ferguson said she was thrilled to have set the tone for the female competitors on the track.

"I know Debbie (Ferguson-McKenzie) was supposed to run, but she didn't," said Ferguson of the Bahamian double national champion who opted to concentrate on the 200 and the 4 x 100 relay. "Coming up with the 200, I



INTO SEMIS: Sheniqua Ferguson (left), in action at the IAAF World Championships in 2009 in Berlin, Germany.

just hope everybody will go out there and go off my momentum."

Looking back at her race, Ferguson admitted that when she first realized that she drew the same heat with Jeter, she was a bit disap-

pointed. "But running with her and looking at the race and I noticed that I was actually there with her, even though I knew she wasn't running, it was really good," Ferguson said. "I got to work on my

start because I'm not a good starter. I was nervous at first, but I got over it."

As she moves into the semis, Ferguson said she's hoping that her performance would enable her to advance to the final.

"I was nervous coming here because this was my first race as a professional having done with college, so I just wanted to see how it goes," she said. "Now we will just see how it goes from here."

As one of the rising young

stars, Ferguson said she's even looking forward to the women's 4 x 100 relay team getting a chance to contest once again for a medal in the 4 x 100 relay that will have the semifinal on Saturday and the final Sunday.

CHRIS 'FIREMAN' BROWN BURNS UP TRACK TO WIN 400M HEAT

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attention that was out there, he just had to remain focused, especially considering that there was so much at stake for him and the rest of the Bahamian men.

"I'm just happy to get the bugs out because the first one is usually the most crucial one for me," he said. "So I'm looking to come out here tomorrow and all three of us can get into the final. It would be real good for us and the country and I'm wishing everyone well."

The 24-year-old Miller, whose heat was just before Brown's, admitted that he came out and stayed within himself and even though he came off the final curve tied with James, he faded going to the finish line.

"I'm saving for each round. Hopefully next round, I can go to the final. That's my main goal," said Miller, who did his personal best of 44.99 when he got fifth in the semifinal at the last worlds in Berlin.

Having done a season's best in the heats, Miller said the only thing left for him to do in the semis is to "attack more" and he is confident that he can live up to his end of the bargain of having all three Bahamians in the final.

Pinder, now on the pro circuit after completing his eligibility at the University of Texas, didn't perform as he anticipated. He made up the stagger on the runner ahead of him coming off the first curve.

But by the time he got on the home stretch, he couldn't hold on as Marcin Marciszyn of Poland surged past him for third place in 45.51. Gonzalez took the win in 45.12 and American Jamaal Tor-



SOUTH AFRICA'S Oscar Pistorius (far left) Qatar's Femi Ogunode and Tony McQuay (right) of the US compete in a 400m heat Sunday.

rance was second in 45.44.

"I got out, tried to get comfortable, but I couldn't estimate what was going on because the lane in

front of me was empty," Pinder said. "This is just the heat. Going into the semifinal and try to do better."

Pinder, 21, said he's hoping that he too can give the Bahamian public what they are anticipating - three Bahamians in the final.

"I feel good," said Pinder, who spotted a style having trimmed off a lot of his hair to give himself a "new professional look."

(AP)

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Jamaica." Leading to the worlds, Dix, a two-time Olympic bronze medalist, said he was in the kind of shape to possibly upset Bolt. Only he didn't count on Blake, or being so hesitant following the ousting of Bolt.

"You kind of wanted to sit in the blocks and not move," Dix said. "I definitely thought I could have been more competitive than running from the back. It was great to put the U.S. back on the medal stand."

As did Hardee and Reese, who defended their world titles, along with Eaton, who used a fast 1,500 in the final event of the decathlon to move into second place.

A smooth-running Felix had no trouble moving on to the final of the 400, while teammate and defending champion Sanya Richards-Ross had all sorts of anxiety.

Richards-Ross fought back tears as she watched the final heat of the semifinals. She had a tenuous grip on the last ticket to the final after a shaky performance. Only when her spot was secure did Richards-Ross deeply exhale.

"That was more than close," she said. "Got to shake it off."

Felix is chasing a double in Daegu in the 200 and 400. She has been trying to conserve energy and not push the pace. Yet even when she's trying to hold back she's difficult to beat.

Bolt used to be impossible to beat at major championships. But that was before he jumped the gun.



BIG RACE: Jamaica's Yohan Blake (far left) crosses the finish line to win the 100m final at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Sunday. From left, Blake, USA's Walter Dix, silver, Saint Kitts and Nevis' Kim Collins, bronze, Antigua's Daniel Bailey and France's Jimmy Vicaut. (AP)

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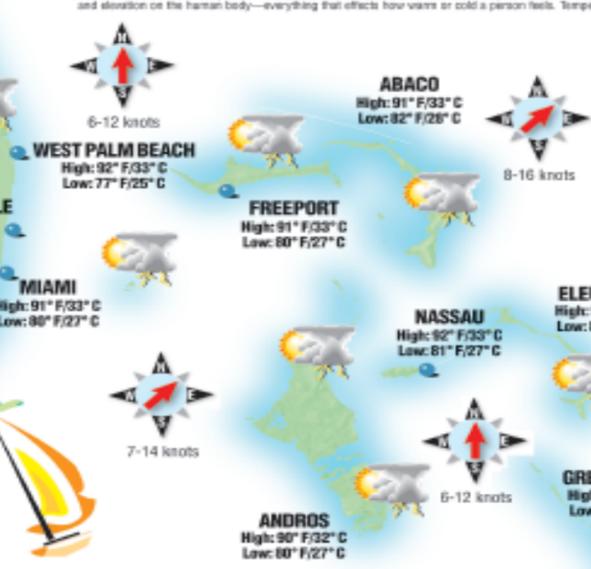
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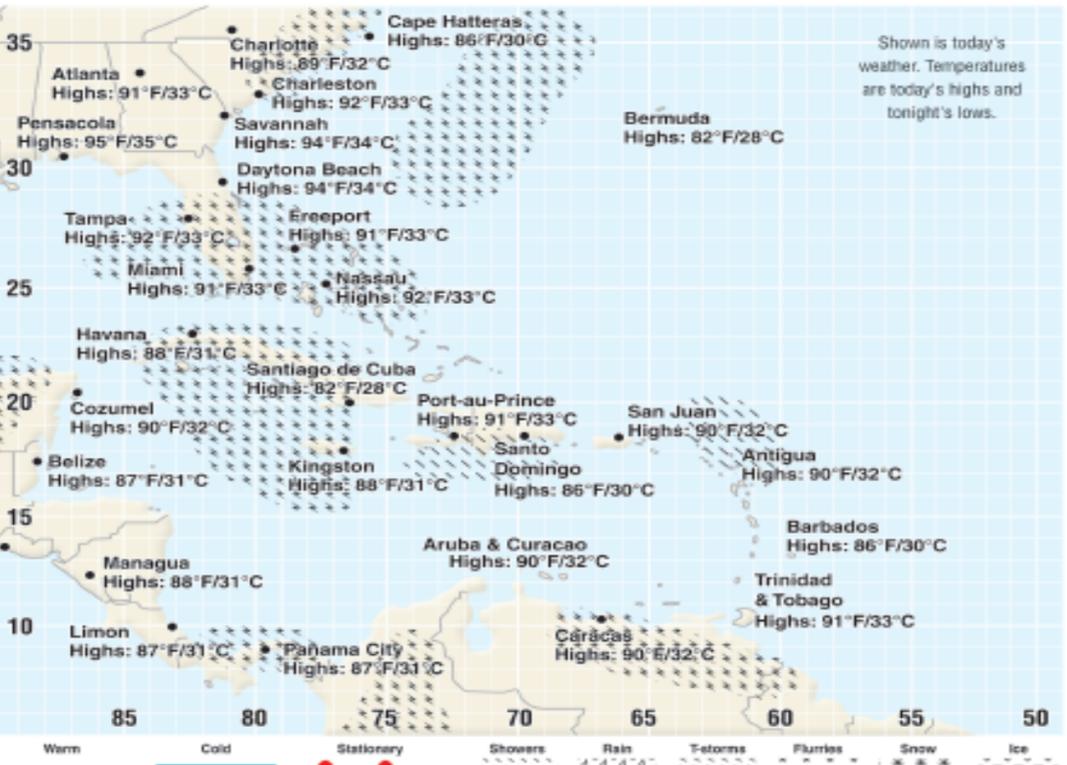
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Sunday	12:05 a.m. 12:49 p.m.	2.8 3.4	6:19 a.m. 7:20 p.m.	0.3 0.9

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise: 6:49 a.m. Moonrise: 7:15 a.m.
Sunset: 7:32 p.m. Moonset: 7:47 p.m.

First: Sep. 4 Full: Sep. 12 Last: Sep. 20 New: Sep. 27

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



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MARINE FORECAST

	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ARABO	Today: SW at 6-16 Knots Tuesday: SSW at 4-8 Knots	2-4 Feet 2-4 Feet	5 Miles 10 Miles	84° F 84° F
ANDROS	Today: SW at 7-14 Knots Tuesday: SE at 4-8 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-3 Feet	10 Miles 5 Miles	85° F 85° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: S at 7-14 Knots Tuesday: SE at 6-12 Knots	2-4 Feet 2-4 Feet	10 Miles 10 Miles	83° F 83° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: SE at 6-12 Knots Tuesday: ESE at 6-16 Knots	1-3 Feet 2-4 Feet	10 Miles 10 Miles	85° F 88° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: S at 6-16 Knots Tuesday: SSE at 6-12 Knots	2-4 Feet 2-4 Feet	10 Miles 10 Miles	83° F 81° F
FREEPORT	Today: SW at 6-12 Knots Tuesday: WSW at 3-6 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-3 Feet	10 Miles 10 Miles	85° F 85° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: S at 6-12 Knots Tuesday: SE at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-2 Feet	7 Miles 10 Miles	85° F 85° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: SE at 6-12 Knots Tuesday: ESE at 6-16 Knots	1-3 Feet 2-4 Feet	10 Miles 10 Miles	85° F 85° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: SSE at 6-12 Knots Tuesday: ESE at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-3 Feet	6 Miles 10 Miles	83° F 83° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: SE at 6-16 Knots Tuesday: ESE at 6-16 Knots	3-6 Feet 3-6 Feet	10 Miles 10 Miles	83° F 83° F
NASSAU	Today: S at 6-16 Knots Tuesday: SSE at 4-8 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-2 Feet	10 Miles 10 Miles	84° F 84° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: SE at 6-12 Knots Tuesday: ESE at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet 1-3 Feet	6 Miles 10 Miles	87° F 87° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: S at 7-14 Knots Tuesday: SE at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-2 Feet	6 Miles 10 Miles	84° F 84° F

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