

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sentencing for 'Barefoot Bandit' delayed to Dec. 9



COLTON HARRIS-MOORE had been scheduled for sentencing October 28 but it has now been rescheduled to December 9.

SEATTLE (AP) — The sentencing for the young Washington state man dubbed the "Barefoot Bandit" has been rescheduled to December 9 in federal court in Seattle to allow more time to settle state charges.

Colton Harris-Moore had been scheduled for sentencing October 28.

Defense attorney John Henry Browne told The Daily Herald extra time also was requested by federal probation officials to review documents describing Harris-Moore's childhood on Camano Island, in Puget Sound.

Accused

Harris-Moore is accused of a multistate crime spree that included plane theft, boat theft and multiple burglaries in homes and business.

Authorities say he evaded arrest for more than two years and was arrested in July 2010 in the Bahamas.

In June, Harris-Moore pleaded guilty to seven federal charges, but he still faces more than 30 charges in Island, Skagit, San Juan and Snohomish counties.

NBA TALKS BREAK DOWN OVER MONEY, GAMES IN JEOPARDY

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Commissioner David Stern floated it as an idea more than a firm proposal: a 50-50 revenue split.

Even so, the union's reply was unequivocal.

"They said, 'We can't do it,'" according to Stern.

And with that, the remainder of the preseason was lost and the first two weeks of the regular season moved to the brink of cancellation.

The NBA shelved the rest of its exhibition schedule Tuesday and will wipe out the first two weeks of the regular season if there is no labour agreement by Monday.

"We were not able to make the progress that we hoped we could make and we were not able to continue the negotiations," Stern said after nearly fours of talks between owners and players ended without gaining ground on a new deal.

No further meetings are scheduled, making it even more likely the league will lose games to a work stoppage for the first time since 1998-99, when the season was reduced to 50 games.

Stern and Deputy Com-

missioner Adam Silver said owners offered players a 50-50 split of basketball-related income. That's below the 57 per cent that players were guaranteed under the previous collective bargaining agreement, but more than the 47 per cent union officials said was formally proposed to them.

The only numbers that matter now, however, are the millions that stand to be lost when arenas go dark.

"The damage will be enormous," Silver said.

Players had offered to reduce their BRI guarantee to 53 per cent, which they said would have given owners back more than \$1 billion over six years. They say they won't cut it further, at least for now.

And they insist the 50-50 concept wasn't an even split, because it would have come after the league had already deducted \$350 million off the top.

"Today was not the day for us to get this done," players' association president Derek Fisher said. "We were not able to get close enough to close the gap."

With superstars like Kobe Bryant, Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett standing

behind him, union executive director Billy Hunter said the players' proposal would have made up at least \$200 million per season — a sizable chunk of the \$300 million owners said they lost last season.

"Our guys have indicated a willingness to lose games," Hunter said.

The sides are also still divided on the salary-cap structure.

Training camps were postponed and 43 preseason games scheduled for October 9-15 were cancelled on September 24.

Both sides said they felt pressure to work toward a deal with deadlines looming before more cancellations would be necessary.

Stern said the owners had removed their demand for a hard salary cap, were no longer insisting on salary rollbacks, and would have given players the right to opt out of a 10-year agreement after seven years. But the money split was always going to be the biggest hurdle in these negotiations, with owners insistent on the ability to turn a profit after the league said 22 of its 30 teams lost money last season.

"We want to and have been willing to negotiate, but we

find ourselves at a point today where we in some ways anticipated or expected to be, faced with a lockout that may jeopardize portions if not all of our season," Fisher said.

On what both sides stressed was an important day, the owners' entire 11-man labour relations committee came to New York to meet with 11 players. They could still work something out before Monday's deadline, but neither side sounded optimistic.

"Right now, we had our committees, we gave it a really good run, and it didn't work," Stern said.

Hunter said the union would hold regional meetings with its players, set up workout centers and help in other ways. And many players — including Bryant, who has been in talks with an Italian team — will have to decide if they want to explore playing overseas.

And without a deal, the battle could go to the courts. Hunter said the union would have to consider decertification, and on Tuesday a federal court judge scheduled a hearing for November 2 to hear arguments in the league's lawsuit against the players seeking a declaration that the lockout doesn't vio-

late antitrust laws.
All things both sides hoped to avoid Tuesday.

"It wasn't to be, and we don't have any plans right now," Stern said.

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NYC EAST RIVER CHOPPER CRASH KILLS ONE; FOUR RESCUED

NEW YORK
Associated Press

A HELICOPTER with five people aboard crashed into the East River on Tuesday afternoon after taking off from a launch pad on the riverbank, killing one passenger and injuring three others.

New York Police Department divers pulled the victim, a woman, from about 50 feet of water about an hour after the Bell 206 helicopter went down around 3 p.m. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Emergency crews arrived to find the chopper inverted in the murky water with just its skids showing on the surface. The pilot, Paul Dudley, and three passengers were bobbing in the chilly water, and it looked as though a man was diving down and coming back up, possibly in an attempt to rescue the remaining passenger, witnesses said.

Officers jumped in and pulled out two women and a man, police spokesman Paul Browne said. The women were in critical condition, and the man was stable. All were hospitalized. The pilot swam to the riverbank, remained at the scene and was uninjured.

Two of the passengers were believed to be British living in Portugal, and the other two lived in Australia, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

The private chopper went into the river off 34th Street in midtown Manhattan, a few blocks south of the United Nations headquarters. It's unclear what happened, but witnesses reported it was sputtering and appeared to be in some type of mechanical distress.

Joseph Belez was watching helicopters from a boardwalk.

"It was going up, and then all of a sudden it just spun itself and went down to the water," he said. "I was just watching it take off, and it was just all of a sudden spinning. It just went down. It was a shock. It really was."

A massive rescue effort was under way within minutes of the crash, with a dozen boats and divers down into the cold, grey water searching for the fifth passenger.

Britain's Foreign Office said it was investigating reports the passengers were British.

THREE WIN NOBEL PRIZE FOR SHOWING UNIVERSE IS SPEEDING UP

NEW YORK
Associated Press

THREE U.S.-BORN scientists won the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for discovering that the universe is expanding at an accelerating pace, a stunning revelation that suggests the cosmos could be headed for a colder, bleaker future, nearly devoid of light.

In 1998, Saul Perlmutter, Brian Schmidt and Adam Riess presented findings that overturned the conventional idea that the expansion was slowing 13.7 billion years after the big bang. Their discovery raised a question: What is pushing the universe apart? Scientists have labeled it "dark energy," but nobody knows what it is.

It's "an enigma, perhaps the greatest in physics today," the Nobel committee said.

Perlmutter, 52, of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and University of California, Berkeley, will receive half the \$1.5 million prize. The other half will go to Schmidt, 44, at the Australian National University in Weston Creek, Australia, and Riess, 41, an astronomy professor at Johns Hopkins University and Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore.

Working in two teams, with Perlmutter heading one, they had raced to measure the universe's expansion by analyzing light from dozens of exploding stars called supernovas. They found the light was weaker than expected, signaling that the expansion of the universe was accelerating.

It was "one of the truly great discoveries in the history of science, and one whose implications are not fully understood," said Paul Steinhardt, a physics professor at Princeton University.

One consequence of the finding is that in a trillion years, galaxies will be spread apart from each other by more than the current size of the universe, he said. And the ever-greater expansion rate means the light from one galaxy will no longer be visible from another as it is today, he said.

"It's like changing from New York City to suddenly where everyone is spread out across some huge desert and there's nothing around to view," Steinhardt said.

The rapid expansion also implies



NOBEL PRIZES WINNER for physics astrophysicist Saul Perlmutter displays his lifetime parking pass good for parking at the University of California at Berkeley Tuesday in Berkeley, Calif. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said American Perlmutter would share the 10 million kronor (\$1.5 million) award with U.S.-Australian Brian Schmidt and U.S. scientist Adam Riess. Working in two separate research teams during the 1990s, Perlmutter in one and Schmidt and Riess in the other, the scientists raced to map the universe's expansion by analyzing a particular type of supernovas, or exploding stars. (AP)

that the universe will get increasingly colder as matter spreads across ever-vaster distances in space, said Lars Bergstrom, secretary of the Nobel physics committee.

The committee, citing the Robert Frost poem that pondered the world ending in fire or ice, suggested that "if the expansion will continue to speed up, the universe will end in ice."

But Robert Kirshner, a Harvard astronomer who was part of the team that included his former students Schmidt and Riess, said scientists don't know enough about dark energy to predict what will happen to the universe hundreds of billions of years from now.

One possibility is that the expansion will continue to accelerate, he said, "sort of like compound interest gone mad." It could even speed up so much that not only will galaxies fly apart from each other, but "stuff will really rip apart," even planets

and atoms, he said. That's called the "big rip," "and I hope that's not our fate."

On the other hand, Kirshner said, the expansion could halt and go into reverse, so the universe collapses back into itself, a fate sometimes called the "big crunch."

With such uncertainty, he said, "it seems very important to learn more about what the dark energy is."

Schmidt said he was just sitting down to have dinner with his family in Canberra, Australia, when the phone call came from the academy.

"I was somewhat suspicious when the Swedish voice came on," Schmidt said.

"My knees sort of went weak and I had to walk around and sort my senses out."

Riess said his "jaw dropped" when he got an early morning call at his home in Baltimore from a bunch of Swedish men and realized "it

wasn't Ikea," the Swedish furniture retailer. "I'm dazed," he said.

Perlmutter said his team made the discovery in steps, analyzing the data and assuming it was wrong.

"And after months, you finally believe it," he said. "It's not quite a surprise anymore. I tell people it's the longest 'Aha!' experience that you've ever had."

Fred Dylla, executive director of the American Institute of Physics, said the discovery confirmed an idea from Albert Einstein called the cosmological constant. Einstein included this in his general theory of relativity, a cornerstone of modern physics.

The Nobel Prizes were established in the will of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel and have been awarded since 1901.

The prizes are presented to the winners every year on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death in 1896.

APPLE UNVEils FASTER, MORE POWERFUL iPhone

CUPERTINO, Calif.
Associated Press

APPLE INC. unveiled a new iPhone on Tuesday that is faster and more powerful but stops short of a more radical upgrade. It said Sprint customers will now be able to use one.

The new iPhone 4S has an improved camera with a higher-resolution sensor. The processor is faster, which helps run smoother, more realistic action games. It's also a "world phone," which means that Verizon iPhones will be able to useable overseas, just as AT&T iPhones already are.

There had been speculation that Apple would reveal a more radical revision of the phone, an "iPhone 5." The no-show leaves room for speculation that Apple will reveal a new model in less than a year, perhaps one equipped to take advantage of Verizon's and AT&T's new high-speed data networks.

There had also been speculation that Apple would include a chip that could talk to payment terminals at retail stores, turning the iPhone into a "mobile wallet." Competitors are starting to include this capability in their phones, though the payment systems are still immature. Apple made no mention of such a feature in the iPhone 4S.

Apple's stock fell nearly 5 percent.

Apple is including a "personal assistant" application called Siri in the iPhone 4S. It responds to spoken questions and commands such as "Do I need an umbrella today?" It's an advanced version of speech-recognition apps found on other phones.

The new iPhone also comes with new mobile software that includes such features as the ability to sync content wirelessly, without having to plug the device to a Mac or Windows machine.

The iPhone announcement

Apple introduced the iPhone 4S powered by the same A5 chip that's used in the iPad 2. One new feature is Siri, a voice-controlled "intelligent" assistant.

CATEGORY	iPhone 4S	iPhone 4	iPhone 3GS	iPhone 3G	iPhone
Resolution	960 x 640, 326 ppi	860 x 480, 339 ppi	860 x 480, 163 ppi	480 x 320, 163 ppi	480 x 320, 163 ppi
Camera size (megapixels)	8; LED flash	5; LED flash	3	2	2
Video calling	FaceTime	FaceTime	none	none	none
Video recording	HD 1080p	HD 720p	VGA	none	none
Colors	Black, white	Black, white	Dark, white	Black, white	Black, aluminum
Battery life (talk time in hours)	Up to 8 on 3G	Up to 7 on 3G	Up to 5 on 3G	Up to 5 on 3G	Up to 8 on 2G
Wireless carrier	AT&T, Verizon, Sprint	AT&T, Verizon	AT&T	AT&T	Carriers (not part of AT&T)
Date released	October 2011	June 2010	June 2009	July 2008	June 2007

SOURCE: Apple Inc.

came during Apple's first major product event in years without Steve Jobs presiding. New CEO Tim Cook led the show after Jobs, who has been battling health problems, resigned from the post in August.

Cook, wearing a navy blue button-down shirt and jeans, opened by calling his nearly 14-year tenure at Apple "the privilege of a lifetime." Those in the audience clapped as he entered, but the reaction seemed more muted than what Jobs had recently received.

Cook said the latest iPhone, which came out in June 2010, sold more quickly than previous models, but the iPhone still has just 5 percent of the worldwide handset market. Apple is hoping to grow that with the new model.

Apple's new mobile software, iOS 5, will also be available on Oct. 12 for existing devices — the iPhone 4 and 3GS, both iPad models and later versions of the iPod Touch.

Apple said Oct. 12 will also mark the launch of its new iCloud service, which will store content such as music, documents, apps and photos on Apple's servers and let people access them wirelessly on numerous devices.

Apple said the new phone will come in black or white. It will cost \$199 for a 16 gigabyte-version,

\$299 for 32 GB and \$399 for 64 GB — all with a two-year service contract requirement. It will now be available through Sprint Nextel Corp., besides the existing carriers, AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless.

Pre-orders will begin Friday with availability on Oct. 14.

The previous version, iPhone 4, will now cost \$99 for 8 GB. The 2009 model, the iPhone 3GS, will be given away for free with 8 GB. Both also require a two-year service contract.

Apple also touted the popularity of its products and unveiled a new line of iPods, including a Nano model with a multi-touch display that promises to be easier to navigate. Apple made no mention of its Classic model, which many people had speculated the company might discontinue.

The event took place in Apple's Town Hall room, where the first iPod was launched a decade ago.

Cook said Apple has sold more than 300 million iPods worldwide so far, including 45 million in the 12 months through June.

The iPhone came six years later and has gained millions of fans, thanks to its sleek looks, high-resolution screen and intuitive software. There were 39 million iPhones sold in the first six months of this year.

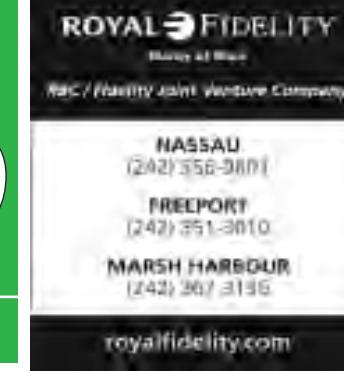


APPLE CEO Tim Cook talks about the iPhone 4S during an announcement at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., Tuesday. (AP)

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UBS BAHAMAS LAYS OFF '5%' OF WORKERS

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UBS Bahamas yesterday confirmed that it had laid-off "5 per cent" of its employees, the move coming just weeks after a rogue London-based trader caused the Swiss banking giant to suffer a \$2.3 billion loss.

It is unclear whether the Bahamas lay-offs are part of the Swiss bank's worldwide restructuring plan to help counter the massive loss, although it had been speculated redundancies would result in a bid to compensate for the massive loss sustained in the unauthorised trading.

Responding to Tribune Business inquiries, Beat Paeletto, chief executive of East Bay Street-based UBS Bahamas, said: "UBS has had a presence in the Bahamas since the early 1960s. While we sincerely regret having to disengage with 5 per cent of our employees, the decision was taken in the long-term interest of the company and its employees."

"As a responsible employer we have made available specialised services for those former employees who wish to avail themselves of such services."

Mr Paeletto added: "UBS, as a pre-eminent financial services global firm, is proceeding with the implementation of its strategic plan for the Bahamas and Latin American region, and it is our firm expectation that UBS will remain as an employer of choice globally and in the Bahamas."

The UBS (Bahamas) chief executive could not be reached for further comment before press time, or to find out how many workers "5 per cent" constitutes.

There had been speculation that as many as 12-14 employees had been let go.

However, if the 5 per cent proportion is correct, that would mean UBS has a staff complement of between 240-280 - way too high for an offshore bank.

A more likely number is between five-eight.

Kweku Adoboli, 31, a London based trader at UBS and son of a former Ghanaian official, has been charged with two counts of false accounting and one of fraud by abuse of position in connection with the rogue trading.

The Swiss bank's Board recently announced the departure of Oswald Grübel as chief executive, appointing Sergio Ermotti as his interim successor.

'A BITTER PILL TO SWALLOW'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A LEADING Bahamian financial services executive yesterday described as "a bitter pill to swallow" the decision to place a key part of his company into voluntary liquidation, after it suffered what is understood to have been a multi-million dollar hit from the recent global stock market crash.

Emphasising that it was "business as usual" for the other companies in his Nassau-based Montaque Group, Owen Bethel, its president and managing director, confirmed to Tribune Business that a shareholder/Board

- * Owen Bethel confirms placing of Montaque Group's securities arm into liquidation
- * Move said to result from world stock market crash
- * All other Montaque operations unaffected

resolution had placed its Montaque Capital Partners arm into liquidation.

"It's a bitter pill to swallow after 17 years, but it's a function of the market and the industry," Mr Bethel told this newspaper. "We've not seen this before, but we've experienced it now."

He declined to comment on the reasons driving the

move, the shareholder resolution approving voluntary liquidation having been made on Friday, September 30.

Market observers and fellow financial services industry professionals were yesterday stunned by the move, never having seen it coming. This indicates that something significant - and rapid



OWEN BETHEL

- must have occurred, and Tribune Business understands it is linked to potential losses Montaque Capital

Partners suffered as a result of the global stock market turbulence over the past few weeks.

Mr Bethel is understood to be in discussions with the Securities Commission, Montaque Capital Partners' regulator, over the action taken, but there is no suggestion he has done anything wrong or is facing the prospect of regulatory action.

Indeed, it is understood both sides were disappointed that the current Securities Industry Act (it has yet to be replaced by its successor), which has been passed

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'TRIPLE PLAY' START-UP 'IN BLACK' WITHIN 24 MONTHS

- * IP Solutions International aiming to launch 'throughout Bahamas' before year-end
* In talks with two investor groups to raise necessary financing
* Refutes claims firm in liquidation

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A BAHAMIAN 'Triple Play' start-up yesterday said it should be profitable within 24 months if it executes properly on the "aggressive plans" it has, telling Tribune Business it was aiming to launch at least some of its services "throughout the Bahamas" before year-end.

Edison Sumner, IP Solutions International's (IPSI) chief executive, said the company was in talks with "two large investor groups" from overseas to complete the multi-million dollar financing it needed for full construction of its wireless communications network.

Emphasising that IP Solutions was not closed and "in liquidation", as speculation was suggesting, Mr Sumner said the company had focused on constructing its network on New Providence and Abaco over the last few months, having obtained all the regulatory approvals and licences it needs.

"IPSI is still in operation, still building out its network, still preparing for the launch of its Triple Play product," Mr Sumner told Tribune Business. "We've been working for the last several months on building infrastructure and finalising content from content providers. IPSI is not in liquidation, and not closed."

Acknowledging that the weak economy had presented IPSI with "challenges" like all other businesses, Mr Sumner indicated the company was in fairly advanced discussions with potential investors to raise the financing to complete its full network build-out.

This has been an ongoing goal for IPSI since late 2008, when it sought to raise sums varying from \$6 million to \$16 million via a private placement that ultimately proved unsuccessful.

The search has continued ever since but, hinting that the end might be in sight, Mr Sumner told Tribune Business yesterday: "We're speaking to two large investor groups now. We have very significant deals on the table that we expect to close.

"We're working through some term sheets. As we speak, we're kicking them back and forth until we come to terms both sides are ultimately satisfied with."

Declining to reveal any information on the potential level of investment in IPSI, or financial information on the company, due to non-disclosure agreements signed with the groups, Mr Sumner confirmed they were both foreign, although the start-up

AML FOODS TARGETING 250K SHARE BUY BACK



GAVIN WATCHORN

- * Around 180,000 shares already repurchased
- * BISX-listed food group says 'pretty much mopped up' all small 'Sell' orders, believing stock undervalued

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

AML Foods is expecting to repurchase 250,000 of its own shares by year-end through its share buy back program, its chief executive yesterday saying it had "pretty much cleaned up" all outstanding sell orders for its stock. Gavin Watchorn, who is also

the BISX-listed food retail group's president, said some 180,000 shares had been repurchased from investors looking to exit their investment, helping to support a stock the company believes is "undervalued".

"It's going well," Mr Watchorn told Tribune Business. "We're up

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MANGO PROVIDER EYES PROFITABILITY IN '18-24 MONTHS'

- * Targets new marketing strategy roll-out in 4-6 weeks, and joint promotions with retailers
- * Seeking Mobile App launch by year-end

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Transfer Solutions Providers (TSP), the Mango card and payment systems provider, yesterday said it expected to be profitable "in another 18 months to two years", as it aims to roll-out a marketing strategy "tailored direct-

ly" to its targeted niche within the next four-six weeks.

Harvey Morris, the company's acting chief executive, told Tribune Business it was planning joint promotions with major Bahamian retailers to distribute "a significant amount

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BTC CLOSE TO COMPLETING OUT ISLAND IRENE REPAIRS

FIVE WEEKS after Hurricane Irene slammed into the Bahamas, downing power lines and crippling phone service in many Family Islands, the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) yesterday said repairmen - many working seven-day weeks since the storm - were close to completing repairs despite constant weather setbacks.

In Long Island, where two out of every three homes or businesses dependent upon landlines were affected, restoration of service is nearly complete.

"As of this morning, 97 per cent of the restoration is complete," said Ramona Ritchie-Taylor, BTC's regional manager, who said bad weather continues to interfere with restoration.

"Since the hurricane, additional lightning strikes and flooding have caused further delays," she added.

Cellular service, which initially remained operational after the August 24 hurricane, was interrupted when electrically-powered cell sites ran out of battery power. Because BTC leases space on power poles from the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC), restoring electrical power in Long Island, as with other Family Islands, was critical to getting phone services back up and running.

"The strength of BTC networks allowed most cus-



BTC TECHNICIANS such as Garvin Simmons in Long Island have been working non-stop to finalise repairs since Hurricane Irene downed power lines and crippled cables little more than a month ago.

(Photo courtesy of Ramona Ritchie-Taylor, BTC manager for Long Island, Ragged Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador)

tomers to maintain cell, landline and Internet service despite high winds and extensive

sive damage," said BTC spokesperson, Marlon Johnson.

"Where there was damage, crews are not only repairing but doing so in a way that will have long-term benefits, so that service will be not just restored, but enhanced, in many areas."

In Cat Island, where downed power poles knocked out all land line services, these have been restored to more than 80 per cent of households and businesses, said BTC's local manager, Donald Leadon.

"One hundred per cent of landline customers were affected," he added. "There was no service, so the first priority was to repair damage to the main exchange building in New Bight."

The exchange lost chunks of masonry, but the roof was intact and repairs were completed on the first day. BTC then turned its attention to the larger issue, downed cables and poles.

"We were able to bring sites up in stages, and within the first week following the storm the majority of sites were up," said Mr Leadon.

Five BTC technicians from Nassau joined the four-man team working on the island seven days a week. One cell site in Arthurs Town at the north end of Cat Island - the only site served by an under-

water fibre optic cable - remained up throughout.

While the underwater cable held in Cat Island, another suffered major damage in Abaco, which caused huge headaches for BTC and customers.

"There is an undersea fibre cable that runs from the Treasure Cay dock to Green Turtle Cay, and on to Baker's Bay and then to Guana Cay, and it was damaged in three sections," said Emaalin Sawyer, technical manager for Abaco. "It was out for nine days before restoration."

A diver scoured cloudy waters for a day-and-a-half to identify the troubled areas. "The diver had difficulty finding the damaged areas due to murky waters," Sawyer added.

In the historic settlement of Green Turtle Cay, the central exchange suffered damage, poles were snapped and cables cut. Two cabinets housing connection wires were affected in Marsh Harbour, Abaco's largest population centre, and another in Murphy Town.

Service has now been restored to approximately 80 per cent of customers, said Sawyer.

Costs in Abaco were particularly high because of a need to bring in an additional 5,000 feet of copper cable.

BTC said it was waiting for BEC to replace a transformer so it can restore cell service in Baker's Bay and Wood Cay.

Internet, landline and cell service in Eleuthera, where more than nine out of every 10 customers were affected, is now nearly fully up and operational.

"Right after the storm, we lost 14 of our 15 cell sites, which represent roughly a 94 per cent loss due to Hurricane Irene," said Alvy Penn, BTC's Eleuthera manager. "Since then, we've restored 100%."

Eleuthera was hit hard. There was fibre cable damage from the Governor's Harbour airport all the way to North Eleuthera, a distance of nearly 50 miles, where strong winds snapped BEC poles and knocked out wires in 11 damaged areas.

There was serious damage to six of the nine BTC buildings on the island, including a broken tower that crashed down on the roof of the Governor's Harbour station.

"Our major issue has been copper wire damage," said Ms Penn.

"Copper wires repairs range from 2,000 feet to 8,000 feet, and span the entire island (about 110 miles long). Currently, six of the 11 areas have been restored: James

Cistern, Governor's Harbour Airport to James Cistern, the Banks Road, Hatchett Bay, Deep Creek and Cupid's Cay.

"In Cupid's Cay there was a lot of damage from torn-off roofs, with debris falling in the roadways. We had to run an overhead copper cable from the mainland to the cay. The cable measures 3,000 feet and was just replaced last Thursday. Eleuthera had 300-plus customers who needed repairs, and if all goes well service should be fully restored this week."

Crews working almost around the clock in Exuma completed repairs on that island, but continue to deal with challenges of construction trucks hitting low-hanging wires.

Mr Johnson called the effort of technical staff, managers and repair crew "nothing short of Herculean."

"To most of us in Nassau the hurricane is already a fading memory, but to these men and women who have been dispatched to various Family Islands, Hurricane Irene is still very real," he added.

"These teams are dealing with its aftermath from sunup to sundown and beyond, seven days a week, and we cannot applaud their efforts enough."

"It's been nothing short of Herculean."



L TO R: Patricia Hudson; Sandals returning guest specialist Laverne Mason; former Vermont state senator Samuel T. Hudson

SANDALS WELCOMES EX-VERMONT SENATOR

SANDALS ROYAL BAHAMIAN this week welcomed former Vermont state senator, Samuel T. Hudson Jr., and his wife, Patricia, to the property.

The couple, who have been visiting the resort for a decade now, first came to Sandals in 2001 to celebrate

their 49th anniversary and have been coming back every year since. They hope to return for their 60th next year.

"We love the resort and the Bahamas. The people have always been beautiful and friendly," Mr Hudson said.

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BUSINESSES: PM SPEECH 'NOT STRONG ENOUGH' OVER CRIME

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WHILE Prime Minister Ingraham's national address on crime outlined stiffer penalties for persons convicted of gun crimes, a former Chamber of Commerce president yesterday said this would not deter criminals, and repeated his call for a move toward a cashless society.

Dionisio D'Aguilar, president of the Superwash laundromat chain, told Tribune Business: "What politicians have failed to understand is that there is no fear of doing time. People aren't going to be deterred by stiffer penalties."

"A person is going to rob you no matter what. If a guy is going to rob my business, you think he is going to think about whether he is going to get two years or four years? He doesn't think he is ever going to get caught, and if he gets caught, the case is going to drag on for years, the file is going to go missing and he is going to get off. We have an ineffective justice system."

"I am not impressed with greater penalties; greater penalties are not the issue. We are a violent race of people. How do you address that issue? How do you



KHAALIS ROLLE



DIONISIO D'AGUILAR

change two or three generations of people?"

Mr D'Aguilar added: "Everybody is worried about the crime level. It's going to cost you money everyday. You can't stop it 100 per cent, but you can do what you can to minimise it."

Mr D'Aguilar said the Government should be thinking of ways to get cash out of businesses.

"The Government should be thinking of ways to get cash out of businesses so that they don't have to be transporting it, putting their lives at risk, putting their staff at risk each and every

day.

"You go to the Netherlands or Britain, for example. They don't use cash, hardly anyone uses cash, it's almost a cashless society. The banks don't feel they should do it, so mandate it, make it easier or people to use less cash. That, to me, is a concrete crime fighting technique."

He added: "Start to think of what people rob businesses for. People come into Superwash to take the cash. They don't come to steal my tokens or my detergent. Help me figure out a way to get cash out of my business."

Rupert Roberts, president

of the Super Value food store chain, told Tribune Business he felt the Prime Minister's speech was not strong enough. "I wanted to hear him say if you do this, you're going to get this. I didn't hear any absolutes," he added.

Mr Roberts said the rising level of crime has led to increased security costs for his business. "To monitor every square inch of your store and parking lot is very costly and we are open long hours," he said.

"That's three shifts of security and that gets very expensive. Having 500 to 600 employees having to look over their shoulder all the time is unproductive, you can't work with a settled mind."

Another former Chamber of Commerce president, PLP candidate for Pinewood Khalis Rolle, told Tribune Business: "It still does not in the short term reduce the cost of doing business, because business owners will still have to employ additional security. There is no immediate and direct silver bullet impact in what he said."

"It's a collection of ideas on what should solve the problem, but nothing leads directly to solving the problem and reducing the cost of business because of the increased cost of security."

"What I was looking to hear from the Prime Minister was some silver bullet ideas. From a purely business perspective I didn't get the silver bullet response to crime that is needed. We're thinking a few things here and tweaking a few things there, but in the next 30 days, the next 60 days, the next 90 days, what is being tweaked to reduce the cost of business security? I didn't get that question answered immediately."

In his crime address, the Prime Minister announced stiffer penalties for persons found guilty of gun crimes. He said that after November 4, anyone convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm upon conviction



HUBERT INGRAHAM

will be imprisoned or a minimum of four years. The maximum penalty for illicit possession of a firearm is five years and a \$10,000 fine.

The Prime Minister also said legislation outlining the circumstances under which a murder convict should be sentenced to death or life imprisonment would be brought to Parliament soon.

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of cards" to its target "unbanked" consumers, as it "intensified" its focus on this nation.

TSP is also aiming to launch a Mobile App before year-end that will allow Mango customers to make secure payments via SMS text messaging from cell phones, Mr Morris adding that while international expansion plans had been pushed back, the company was maintaining relationships with potential overseas partners.

"We are hiring a local marketing company who really know this market," Mr Morris said, when asked by Tribune Business about TSP's next moves forward.

The company has hired a firm headed by D'Arcy Rahming, and Mr Morris added: "They are going to do a whole new marketing strategy. He has a whole new marketing concept specifically geared to our target market. We expect to have that rolled out in another four-six weeks."

"Our past experience is that it's not easy to reach those unbanked consumers, and we want to make sure the strategy is tailored directly to them."

TSP currently has 15 employees, having retained

MANGO PROVIDER EYES PROFITABILITY IN '18-24 MONTHS'

its entire engineering team, and Mr Morris said: "We have no reason to think we will not succeed. This is exactly what we did with Omni Financial Services, where we took Dr Rodgers' vision and turned it into a profitable company."

"The shareholders are 100 per cent committed to the growth and success of Mango. Everybody is very pleased with the intensified energy that is being placed on the local market. They want to drive by and see Mango popping up everywhere in the Bahamas. Everyone's committed."

Mr Morris said the majority of TSP's costs had been incurred up front, namely for software development. "We've already covered that," he said, adding that the company would likely hit the black "in another 18 months-two

years".

TSP's unaudited accounts show it had run up a \$1.6 million accumulated deficit in the three years to end-2010, something not unusual for a start-up, and which has largely been borne by its shareholders. Revenues over the three years amounted to \$10,406.

TSP's shareholders and management have been forced to alter their sights and strategy, after their \$5.438 million private placement - offering outside investors a collective 30 per cent equity stake in the company - raised just \$1.5 million or 28 per cent of the target.

Raising this additional capital was critical to financing TSP/Mango's expansion into overseas markets, such as Haiti, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and southern US. Failure to do so has forced the company to scale back and focus on the Bahamas, getting this market right before looking abroad once again.

The lowering of the sights appears to have at least been partly responsible for the departure of former TSP chief executive, Shaker Rawan.

Whether it was a resignation, as Mr Rawan contended, or TSP deciding not to renew his contract, as the company states, it seems his departure was prompted in part by the decision to place international expansion on the backburner. The different

explanations as to the circumstances of Mr Rawan's departure indicate it may not have been entirely smooth.

Tribune Business understands, through well-placed sources, that the TSP/Mango offering did attract significant interest from several Bahamas-based institutional investors.

Commonwealth Bank was understood to have been interested in buying in at one point, as was Colina, sources suggested.

However, Tribune Business was told that TSP's existing shareholders, who include former Central Bank governor Julian Francis and Dr Jonathan Rodgers, the well-known eye doctor, did not want just one investor coming in to buy-up the entire 30 per cent stake on offer, fearing this would give the newcomer too much control or influence. That was said to have been the stumbling block which prevented a deal with Colina.

Meanwhile, emphasising TSP's near-term focus, Mr Morris told Tribune Business: "The concentration is solely on getting the cards in the hands of the Bahamian consumer."

"We are doing some joint promotions with several local firms that will also see a significant amount of cards being deployed as well."

Mr Morris said discussions with these companies had been held yesterday. Asked who they were, he added: "They're very big in retail. They go right across the retail spectrum, and do a tremendous volume in

our target market. The food stores and those sorts of business."

TSP is hoping that by building "critical mass" in the Bahamian market, executing and demonstrating its ability on home soil, it will encourage previously reluctant investors to buy-in and provide the additional equity capital it needs to finance international expansion.

"If we can't do it at home, how can we do it overseas?" Mr Morris asked. "If we can't do it at home, we may as well close up. The focus was always on the Bahamas. We have just intensified our efforts and to do an excellent job for this market that has been underserved."

Providing those who did not use traditional commercial banking services with a quality product and price, as TSP's Omni Financial money transfer business affiliate had done, was the goal.

TSP has about 9,000 cardholders, and some 200-300 retailers, signed up in the Bahamas. Once "critical mass" was attained, Mr Morris said further discussions would be held with commercial banks about point-of-sale facilities sharing, so that their respective clients could have cards swiped using each other's technology.

The banks, he acknowledged, wanted to see TSP/Mango prove itself and develop "a track record", similar to potential investors. The company "revisiting the entire" business model and assessing its price points.

The Mango technology is based on a 'stored wallet' system that holds the consumer's money. The funds are then accessed using cards, cell phones and via the Internet.

Mr Morris said the electronic access differentiated Mango from other stored value cards, such as gift cards, as consumers would not be cut-off from their funds if cards were lost.

"We do have a Mobile App that is almost complete," Mr Morris told Tribune Business.

"We are just waiting for access to BTC to have that tested. We would look to roll it out this year, depending on the access we get to the BTC gateway."

"It will allow payments via SMS messaging from a cell phone in a secure fashion."

Mr Morris said the plan to merge the Omni money transfer business with TSP had not been implemented yet, but added that talks with the company's potential partners in overseas markets were continuing.

"We have relationships already established in Haiti, Jamaica and Brazil, but those relationships are just going to be maintained until the time is right to start entering those markets," he added.

How quickly international expansion depended on how rapidly Mango was deployed in the Bahamas, and whether the financing was raised from outside investors.

While no decision had been taken, Mr Morris said this might happen in 18 months.

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The National Insurance Board of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Request for Contractors Pre-Qualification

The National Insurance Board (NIB) is seeking to pre-qualify Bahamian contractors to bid on works to complete the construction of a Community Health Facility to be located in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, and George Town, Exuma. The projects are a joint venture between NIB and the Government of The Bahamas. Contractors must be in compliance with the National Insurance Act (social security programme), and in good standing with the relevant Government agencies.

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The new Community Health Facilities will be constructed on 8.5 acres of land located just north of the SCB Bank Highway and east of the new road diversions currently being constructed, and in a new development in Georgetown, Exuma. The new Community Health Facilities will be approximately 22,000 square feet inclusive of the main building and auxiliary buildings. The project has priority importance with the National Insurance Board and an aggressive construction schedule will be tracked through to the completion of the project.

Pre-qualification documents may be collected from the Security Booth at NIB's Clifford Darling Complex, Blue Hill Road, from October 5-13, 2011, or downloaded from NIB's website at www.nibbahamas.com.

Pre-Qualification documents should be signed, sealed and returned to the Security Booth in an envelope addressed to The Director, The National Insurance Board, Clifford Darling Complex, Blue Hill Road with the caption "Pre-Qualification Document – Community Health Facility Marsh Harbour, Abaco/George Town, Exuma," no later than 12:00 Noon on or before October 13, 2011.

Only contractors that meet the minimum requirements as described above should respond.

The National Insurance Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submitted Pre-Qualification documents that are submitted for consideration.

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Associated Press

EUROPE has a debt crisis. America has a jobs crisis. Corporate profits could be in trouble. World financial markets are in turmoil. And no one seems prepared to ride to the rescue.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke bluntly warned Congress on Tuesday of what most of America has sensed for some time: The economic recovery, such as it is, "is close to faltering."

The central bank chief spoke on a day when the stock market spent most of the trading hours in bear market territory — down 20 percent from its most recent highs in April. A late-day rally helped the market finish higher.

Bernanke's exchange with lawmakers seemed to capture the growing belief that no one is prepared to help the global economy in any meaningful way anytime soon. Speaking in unusually frank terms, he also captured the nation's sour economic mood.

The Fed chief was asked about protests around Wall Street, which went on for an 18th day as demonstrators railed against corporate greed and expressed frustration over the economy.

Bernanke replied: "I think people are quite unhappy with the state of the economy and what's happening. They blame, with some justification, the problems in the financial sector for getting us into this mess. And they're dissatisfied with the policy response here in Washington. And at some level, I can't blame them."

"Certainly, 9 percent unemployment and very slow growth is not a very good situation," he added. "That's why they are protesting."

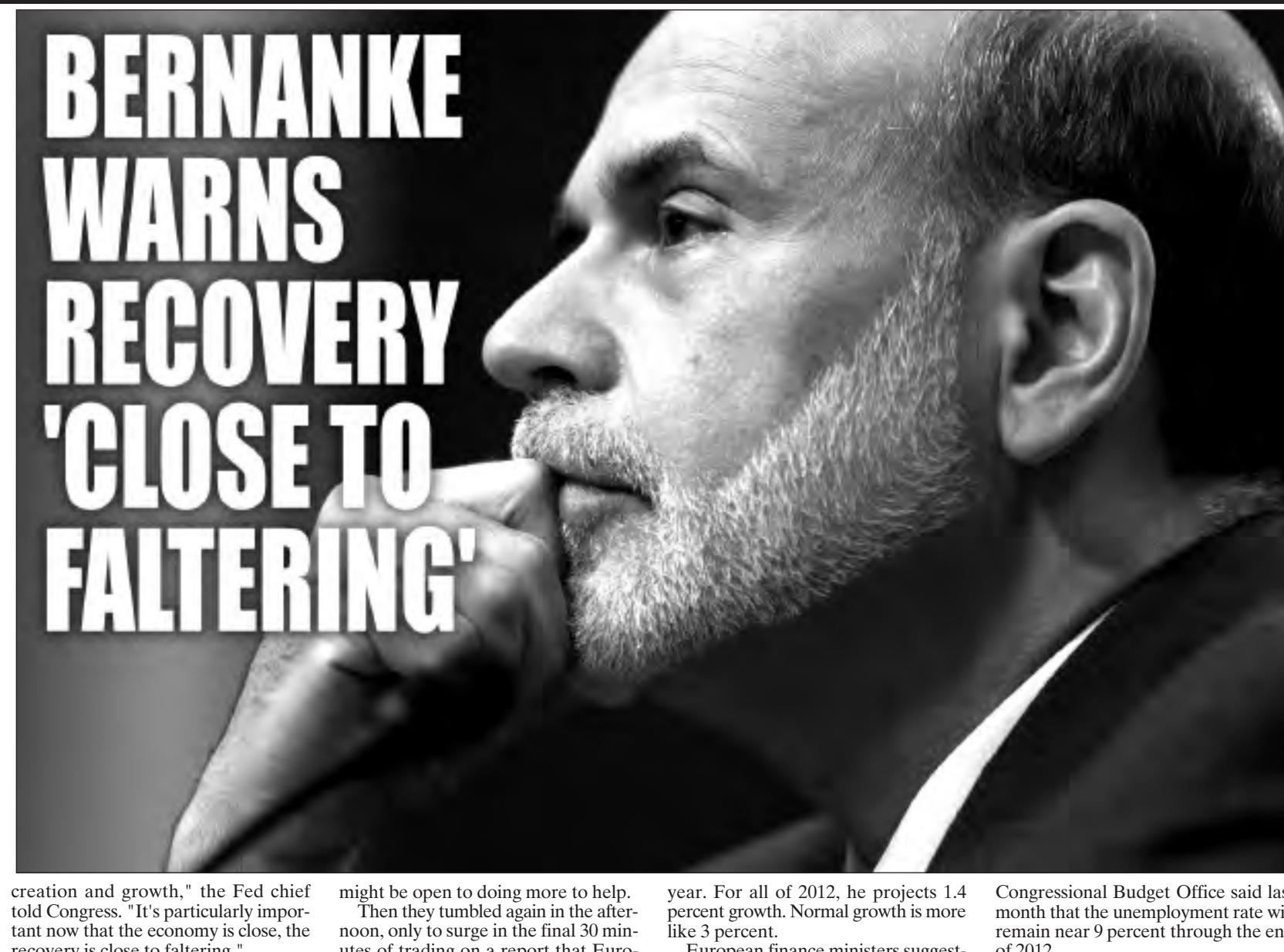
Throughout the day, traders and U.S. policymakers kept one eye on Europe, where a debt crisis has dragged on more than a year. Investors worry that a messy default by Greece could hurt European banks and their American counterparts.

On Tuesday, the Greek finance minister said the nation has enough money to pay pensions, salaries and bondholders through the middle of next month — and that was seen as good news. Bernanke told Congress there was little the Fed could do about Europe's problems.

"Unfortunately, we are innocent bystanders here," he said. "I am persuaded they are aware of the risks."

Bernanke said he believes the Fed's latest move to help the economy would be "meaningful but not an enormous support" for the economy. The program, known as Operation Twist, is designed to lower long-term interest rates so people and businesses will spend more money.

"It should help, somewhat, on job



BERNANKE WARNS RECOVERY 'CLOSE TO FALTERING'

creation and growth," the Fed chief told Congress. "It's particularly important now that the economy is close, the recovery is close to faltering."

"We need to make sure that the recovery continues and doesn't drop back and that the unemployment rate continues to fall," he added.

The Fed has used most of its tools to help the economy. It said this summer that it expects to keep interest rates super-low into 2013. Congress is inclined to cut, not raise, spending.

Europe is resisting bold steps to save its most troubled economies. And fears are rising that a recession is on the verge of seizing Europe and eventually spreading around the world.

"We have already taken interest rates down to zero ... and this Congress doesn't seem to be able to do anything," said David Wyss, former chief economist at Standard & Poor's. "So not much good is going to happen."

Investors seem to think so. Stocks sank early Tuesday on fears about Europe, before rising in late morning on Bernanke's suggestion that the Fed

might be open to doing more to help.

Then they tumbled again in the afternoon, only to surge in the final 30 minutes of trading on a report that European leaders might be working on a plan to prop up banks there.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index finished the day up 2.3 percent at 1,123.95, or about 33 points above what would be considered bear market territory.

Economists at Goldman Sachs forecast in a note this week that Europe could fall into recession by winter. That would push the U.S. economy to "the edge of recession" by early 2012, said Andrew Tilton, an economist with the firm.

Even if a global recession can be avoided, the U.S. economy faces a bleak outlook. Some economists fear that Congress could worsen things by cutting taxes or raising taxes this year or next.

Tilton forecasts overall economic growth of just 1.7 percent this year, followed by a scant 0.5 percent annual rate in the first three months of next

year. For all of 2012, he projects 1.4 percent growth. Normal growth is more like 3 percent.

European finance ministers suggested Tuesday that holders of Greek debt might have to absorb larger losses than originally thought. Banks that hold Greek bonds would suffer. A recession in Europe would also hurt U.S. exports to the region, damaging corporate profits at home.

Still, Wyss said, "Policy seems to be as frozen there as it is in Washington."

U.S. lawmakers have their own challenges with debt.

Congress is intent on cutting spending over the next several years. At the same time, Congress might let a Social Security tax cut expire at year's end. Income tax cuts could expire in 2012.

Based on those assumptions, economists at Bank of America Merrill Lynch expect growth below 2 percent this year, next year and in 2013.

For most Americans, such weak expansion would feel like a recession.

And it wouldn't reduce chronically high unemployment. The nonpartisan

Congressional Budget Office said last month that the unemployment rate will remain near 9 percent through the end of 2012.

In his testimony, Bernanke said the Fed is prepared to support the economy. But he made clear that the Fed's efforts to force down long-term interest rates are no "panacea for the problems currently faced by the U.S. economy."

"Fostering healthy growth and job creation is a shared responsibility of all economic policymakers, in close cooperation with the private sector," Bernanke said.

Yet there is little likelihood of significant help from Congress.

President Barack Obama's \$447 billion job-creation bill has run into resistance from Republicans and even some Democrats in Congress. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor says the Republican-led House won't vote on Obama's plan in its entirety.

Cantor said that while Republicans could back portions of the president's plan, "this all-or-nothing approach is unreasonable."

'TRIPLE PLAY' START-UP 'IN BLACK' WITHIN 24 MONTHS

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expect to bring all these things to market over the next couple of months".

Explaining that IPSI was aiming to launch at least some of its services to the Bahamian public prior to year-end, Mr Sumner told Tribune Business: "The public will be receiving services from IPSI before year-end - certain services will be available throughout the country.

"We will get as many as we can out into the commercial space, and are working to get them out during the last quarter of this year."

While IPSI had performed some revisions to its financial projections, Mr Sum-

ner said: "If it goes according to the way we've planned it, in 24 months IPSI, proceeding on an aggressive plan, aggressive agenda, should be in the black."

The strategy, he added, had full backing from IPSI's Board. The precise timing of IPSI's launch will become clearer within the next four weeks, due to deadlines on the negotiations it has with the investors.

"Although we've not come out commercially to the public yet, we're a lot more advanced in doing that and making plans than we were last time," Mr Sumner said.

"What we've been working on for the last several months is to make sure everything is working. We

have been adjusting the business model and services, so that when we come to market we will do so with as little disruption in services as possible, and come to market with as an efficient service as possible."

While IPSI was employing administrative workers in Nassau, and had a staff in Abaco, Mr Sumner said it had outsourced the network build-out and operational aspects to-date to three Bahamian companies.

While IPSI would eventually source in-house the engineering and technology talent necessary, Mr Sumner said the company also planned to give scholarships to young Bahamians once properly established.

AML FOODS TARGETING 250K SHARE BUY BACK

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to about 190,000 shares that we've bought back in about nine months. It's on track.

"We did not expect it to be a huge number [of shares] in the first year, because of the cash allocated to Solomon's Fresh Market. We'll probably end the year at 250,000 shares."

Asked whether the share buy back program had achieved its goals to date, the AML Foods chief replied: "I think it has. It's mopping up a lot of small, little shareholders that do not want to hold on to their investments for whatever reason."

"We feel the share price is a little undervalued, and people's holdings out there are devaluing the price. We've cleaned up pretty much everything outstanding. There's a couple of little trades

out there, and hopefully we'll clean them up in the next few days. We've just placed a 'Buy' order for 15,000 shares."

AML Foods on January 6, 2011, became the latest in a long line of BISX-listed companies instituting share buy back programs, the main goal being to prevent their stock from being devalued - then undervalued - as a result of retail investors selling out to raise cash for reasons that have nothing to do with fundamentals.

The lack of liquidity, and constant depressing of share prices by small retail trades, has been the main problem facing the Bahamian stock market.

AML Foods' financial results for the second quarter and half-year to end-July stated that the company had repurchased back then 55,832 shares at an average price of \$1.18 per share.

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LATE SURGE ERASES EARLIER LOSSES ON WALL STREET

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A LATE AFTERNOON surge capped another wild day on Wall Street Tuesday and prevented the S&P 500 stock index from entering a bear market. Stocks jumped on reports that European officials were working to prop up the region's struggling banks.

The Dow Jones industrial

average was down nearly 200 points with 40 minutes of trading left. It closed up 153.

Indexes opened sharply lower as traders worried that the government of Greece could be closer to defaulting on its debt. They pared their losses at midday after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told a Congressional panel that the central bank could

take more steps to stimulate the economy, then slumped again in the afternoon.

At 3:25 p.m., the market began rising quickly after news outlets reported that European financial ministers were working on a way to coordinate their efforts to support European banks, as they did during the financial crisis in 2008. Worries that European and perhaps U.S. banks could get hammered by a Greek default have been a major concern among investors.

"Right now fear is trumping fundamentals and people are buying on nothing more than rumors," said Mark Lamkin, head of Lamkin Wealth Management. "It's not business risk that the market is concerned with, it's systemic risk. If there truly is a solution to Europe's problems, then we'll set the stage for a nice rally."

The Dow closed with a gain of 153.41, or 1.4 percent, to 10,808.71.

The Standard and Poor's 500 rose 24.72, or 2.2 percent, to 1,123.95. It had been as low as 1,074, which was 21 percent below its April 29 peak of 1,363. Had the index closed with a decline that size it would have met the typical definition of a bear market.

The technology-focused Nasdaq composite rose 68.99 points, or 3 percent, to 2,404.82.



SPECIALIST MICHAEL GAGLIANO, foreground right, calls out prices at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. (AP)

Smaller stocks rose much more than the overall market. The Russell 2000 index of small companies gained 39.15, or 6.4 percent, to 648.64.

Analysts said the bounce in small companies was likely resulted from investors picking up stocks they considered cheap after the index fell sharply the day before. The Russell index plunged 5.4 percent Monday.

Concerns about Europe's debt crisis have been at the root of much of the market's recent volatility. Investors are worried that Greece's government will be unable to make payments on its loans, triggering a default. That would lead to sharp losses for

banks and other institutions that hold Greek debt, and possibly cause banks to stop lending to each other.

If that got out of hand, global credit markets could freeze up as they did in October 2008 after the investment bank Lehman Brothers failed. On Tuesday, European finance ministers suggested that they may require holders of Greek debt to take larger losses in the future as a condition of more financial support for the struggling country. That would hurt banks that hold the debt.

"Europe is the center point of all of this," said Paul Zemsky, head of asset allocation at ING Investment Management.

In testimony before Congress, Bernanke said the central bank is ready to take more steps to stimulate the economy. That could mean more bond purchases aimed at lowering interest rates and encouraging lending.

Bernanke said the economy is weaker than the central bank expected and poor job growth continues to undercut consumer confidence.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.82 percent from 1.78 percent late Monday. It briefly went as low as 1.72 percent around 10 a.m., near its record low of 1.71 percent reached Sept. 22. Bond yields fall when their prices rise.

Analysts said Europe's debt problems overshadowed signs that the U.S.

economy continues to grow, although slowly. Those signs include reports Monday that auto sales jumped 10 percent in September and one measure of U.S. manufacturing increased.

"Collectively, the data here in the U.S. hasn't been that bad, but investors are looking at Europe and saying, 'I don't care what the U.S. fundamentals are when we've got much bigger problems overseas that may eventually wash onto our shores,'" said Phil Orlando, chief stock strategist at Federated Investors.

The S&P index has fallen every month since April because of two concerns: the strength of the U.S. economy and the debt crisis in Europe.

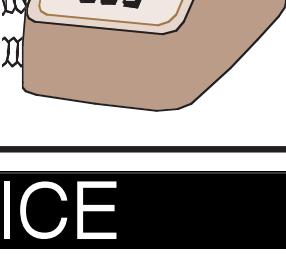
In corporate news, Bank of America Corp. jumped 4.2 percent to \$5.76. It was down 5 percent to \$5.24 before the late market surge as investors continued to be troubled by its exposure to soured mortgages securities and a several-day outage of its website. The company's stock lost 9 percent Monday to \$5.53, a level not seen since 2009.

Apple Inc. lost 0.5 percent to \$372.50. It had been down 5 percent before the late rally after the company unveiled a faster iPhone that fell short of the bigger upgrade that some analysts had predicted.

Two stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was heavy at 6.9 billion shares.

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Common Law & Equity Division

BETWEEN
SCotiABANK (BAHAMAS) LIMITED
Plaintiff

AND
FRANKLYN ADDERLEY
Defendant

To: Franklyn Adderley

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Attorneys for the Plaintiff

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(No.45 of 2000)

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Miguel Angel Ciria Villan

**BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF:
TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2011**
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,376.77 | CHG 0.21 | %CHG 0.02 | YTD -122.74 | YTD % -8.19
FINDEX: YEAR END 2008 -12.31%

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited	BAH29	1.19	1.19	0.00	13,912	0.148	0.080	8.0	6.72%
10.63	9.83	Bank of Bahamas Property Fund	FBB17	10.63	10.63	0.00	1,200	0.12	0.080	16.6	0.75%
7.50	7.40	Bank of Bahamas	FBB22	7.53	7.53	0.00	2,230	0.10	0.100	31.1	1.44%
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	FBB2	0.18	0.18	0.00	1,048	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.55	Bahamas Waste	FBB3	2.70	2.70	0.00	1,030	0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank	FBB4	1.77	1.77	0.00	1,020	0.097	0.040	18.2	2.26%
11.10	8.29	Cable Bahamas	FBB5	8.47	8.47	0.00	1,245	0.320	34.6	3.78%	
2.00	1.93	Cable & Wireless	FBB6	2.60	2.60	0.00	1,048	0.100	0.100	15.4	0.00%
8.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery	FBB7	8.50	8.50	0.00	1,740	0.000	11.5	0.00%	
7.00	6.23	Commonwealth Bank (\$1)	FBB8	6.65	6.65	0.00	1,496	0.320	13.4	4.81%	
2.00	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRS	FBB9	1.52	1.52	0.22	1,111	0.045	15.7	2.59%	
1.77	1.31	Doctors Hospital	FBB10	1.37	1.37	0.00	1,074	0.040	18.5	2.92%	
5.50	5.45	Farmguard	FBB11	5.43	5.43	0.00	1,498	0.200	10.9	4.29%	
8.40	5.35	Finco	FBB12	5.39	5.39	0.00	1,757	0.000	7.1	0.00%	
9.45	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	FBB13	8.21	8.21	0.00	1,494	0.350	16.6	4.26%	
6.00	5.00	Focal (\$)	FBB14	5.33	5.33	0.00	1,435	0.220	12.3	4.13%	
1.00	1.00	Focal Class B Preference	FBB15	1.00	1.00	0.00	1,000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.50	5.93	FCU Utilities	FBB16	7.00	7.00	0.00	1,222	0.200	59.9	3.93%	
10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson	FBB17	9.82	9.82	0.00	1,880	0.640	11.2	6.52%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	FBB18	10.00	10.00	0.00	1,207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	

BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00	6,95%		20 November 2029
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00	7%		19 October 2017
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00	7%	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00	7%		30 May 2013
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00	20	Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015

RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)

Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
5.01	5.40	5.40	0.55	12,945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	FBB19	0.65	0.65	0.001	256.6	0.00%

CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)

Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
29.00	30.13	31.59	29.00	4,540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.65	0.75	0.40	0.029	0.000	24.13	0.00%	

BISX Listed Mutual Funds

NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date		
1.5779	1.4674	CFAL Bond Fund	1.577926	5.87%	1,548717	1.535365	31-Jul-11
3.0248	2.9020	CFAL M\$ Preferred Fund	3.0248	3.94%	2.981382	2.952663	31-Jul-11
1.6128	1.5289	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.6151	4.53%	1.591803	1.580804	5-Aug-11
2.7202	2.5398	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%			30-Jun-11
13.8011	13.8011	Royal Fidelity Preferred Income Fund	13.734				

BUSINESS

HIGHEST LABOUR, AIRCRAFT AND BORROWING COSTS

AMERICAN AIRLINES FACES TURBULENT RIDE

NEW YORK
Associated Press

AMERICAN Airlines' CEO is proud that his company, unlike its biggest rivals, avoided the bankruptcy process to remake itself. Investors aren't so sure.

As the economic outlook darkens, the airline industry is bracing for trouble. Among the biggest U.S. carriers, American has the most to fear. It faces the highest labor, aircraft and borrowing costs.

"They've become old and feeble," says Vaughn Cordle, chief analyst with Airline-Forecasts.

American's problems are the kinds that can be fixed under the protection of a bankruptcy court. And some analysts point to the airline's beaten-down stock price — it's fallen 69 percent this year — as evidence that Chapter 11 is not out of the realm of possibility.

On Monday, as speculation about a bankruptcy filing swirled, the stock fell 33 percent. Shares bounced back Tuesday, rising nearly 21 percent.

Executives at parent company AMR Corp. insist a Chapter 11 filing is not in the cards. The Fort Worth, Texas-based company has \$4.2 billion in cash and other short-term investments — enough of a cushion to sustain at least another year's worth of losses while it comes up with a plan for growth, analysts say.

While most U.S. airlines were profitable in the first half of the year, American had a net loss of \$715 million on revenue of \$11.6 billion. The company is forecast to show a loss of \$132 million when it reports third-quarter results in two weeks.

American was once an innovative airline. It invented frequent-flier miles and it launched the first computerized ticketing system. Now,



that edge is gone.

Ray Neidl, an airline specialist with the Maxim Group, said in a recent note the airline's management is experienced "but they appear to be riding on the storied airline's past."

American's biggest problem is the high cost of labor.

It spends \$3,008 on salary and benefits for every hour each of its 616 planes is in the

air, according to Cordle. United spends \$2,801, Delta \$2,587 and US Airways \$1,991.

Put another way, if American had the same labor costs as US Airways — which restructured in bankruptcy court in 2002 and 2004 — it would save \$2.2 billion a year, Cordle said.

American had hoped that gap would shrink as employees at the other airlines negoti-

tiated higher wages in new contracts. But that has yet to happen.

The airline has other disadvantages:

— More than \$12.1 billion in outstanding debt, about the same amount as airlines twice its size.

— An unfunded pension liability of \$7.9 billion. For the most part, other airlines don't have traditional pension plans.

— High borrowing costs. It agreed to pay 8.75 percent interest on \$726 million it borrowed last week.

— The oldest and least fuel-efficient fleet in the country.

American was in such a tough financial situation in the past decade that it couldn't invest in new jets. The airline is aggressively replacing its gas-guzzling jets with newer, more-efficient planes. But it's a slow process.

To fly one passenger 1,000 miles, it took American an

average of 19.8 gallons of fuel last year. The industry averaged 18.4 gallons. That might not sound like a giant difference, but based on the 125 billion miles American's passengers flew last year the airline burned through \$400 million worth of fuel that its competitors didn't have to.

American refused to comment for this story but management does have some plans to right the airline.

It recently gained government approval for joint ventures with British Airways, Japan Airlines and Qantas, allowing the airlines to work together to set prices and schedules on routes. The move gives American some of the benefits it would have seen through a merger.

American is also in the process of trying to separate its unprofitable regional airline, American Eagle, into an independent airline.

In the years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and US Airways all restructured in bankruptcy court. In contrast, American was able to secure concessions from its

unions and avoid that fate.

"I have a different definition of success than bankrupting your company," American CEO Gerard J. Arpey said in April.

Still, the competition emerged from bankruptcy stronger, while American struggled and looked everywhere it could to cut costs.

"We discussed how often the trash was picked up," Thomas R. Del Valle, senior vice president of airport services for American, said in a recent interview.

With the merger of Delta and Northwest in 2008, American had fallen from its perch as the world's biggest airline. Two years later, it fell further in the pecking order with the merger of United and Continental.

Even if American can bring its labor costs in line with the other major airlines, it — and the rest of the industry — still need to compete with younger airlines like JetBlue, Frontier and Virgin America.

If American paid the same wages and benefits that Virgin America does, it would save \$4.6 billion a year.

FORD TO PAY WORKERS \$6,000 BONUS IN NEW CONTRACT

DETROIT
Associated Press

THE UNION that once set the gold standard for American wages is giving up pay raises in exchange for a piece of the auto industry's profits and the promise of thousands of new jobs.

Under agreements struck with Ford and General Motors, most of the companies' factory workers will get profit-sharing checks instead of annual raises. They'll also get a signing bonus. In turn, the automakers will increase their workforces and invest billions more dollars in their factories.

It's an unusual turnaround for the United Auto Workers. For decades, its members' pay and benefits were the envy of workers around the world, and it wouldn't hesitate to strike to protect them. But the agreement signals a new reality. After the industry nearly collapsed two years ago, a sobered UAW is no longer fighting the Big Three but fighting to compete against rivals who pay their workers far less.

"We are aware of the competition that Ford and General Motors and Chrysler face," UAW President Bob King said Tuesday after announcing terms of a new four-year contract with Ford. "If we are going to succeed in the long run and really be able to have long-run security and decent income for our membership, we can't put Ford and GM and Chrysler at a competitive disadvantage."

Ford Motor Co. and the UAW agreed on a four-year contract Tuesday, three weeks after the union reached a similar agreement with General Motors Co. The companies are promising at least 17,000 new U.S. jobs over the life of the contracts, and are offering workers signing bonuses and profit-sharing payments. The companies save money because they won't pay annual raises to their U.S. factory workers and they'll hire thousands of the new workers at lower wage rates.

King expects some workers will be unhappy. But he thinks they can live with the terms. GM workers have already ratified their agreement; Ford workers are expected to wrap up voting by Oct. 14.

"They know the competitive structure as well as I do. They know their family and friends who are underemployed (and) unemployed," King said. "They know how important it is to have long-term jobs so they can be back in 2015 (for the next contract negotiations). Maybe we will be able to do some fixed cost increases then."

Ford workers will get at least \$16,700 over the four-year contract, in the form of a \$6,000 signing bonus, \$7,000 in lump-sum and inflation protection payments and at least \$3,700 in profit-sharing this year. That's more generous than GM's agreement, which guarantees workers at least \$11,500.

Ford plans to add 5,750 U.S. factory jobs under the deal, on top of 6,250 it announced earlier this year, for a total of 12,000 jobs by 2015. It also pledged to invest \$4.8 billion in its U.S. factories. When combined with \$1.4 billion in investments previously announced, Ford plans to invest \$6.2 billion by 2015.

Ford union leaders approved the deal around noon Tuesday after a meeting in Detroit. The deal is subject to a vote by Ford's workers.

If they agree to the contract, Ford's 41,000 hourly workers will get \$1,000 more as a signing bonus than the \$5,000 bonus GM workers got. The GM deal also gives most workers profit-sharing payments instead of annual raises and promises 6,400 new or retained jobs.

John Fleming, Ford vice president of manufacturing, said most of the 5,750 additional hires will start at \$15.78 per hour, a fraction of the \$28 hourly wage of Ford's older workers. They'll get \$19.28 after four years. Ford currently has 70 entry-level workers, but will hire thousands more. The union agreed to the lower wage in 2007 when Ford was losing billions of dollars.

The deal will increase Ford's labor costs at first, but bring them down as more entry-level workers are hired. The company has the highest labor cost in the U.S. auto industry.

Ford's hourly labor cost, including wages, benefits and pensions, was \$58 last year. GM's was \$56 and Toyota's was \$55, according to the Center for Automotive Research. Volkswagen, with a new plant in Chattanooga, Tenn., had the lowest cost at \$38, followed by Hyundai at \$44.



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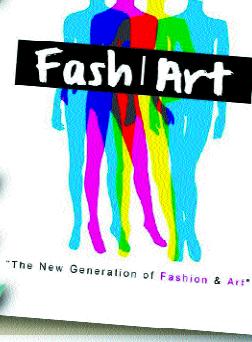
arts

ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011



2011 FASH | ART FASHION SHOWCASE



I all emerging fashion designers and visual artists, were announced yesterday as official participants in the 2011 Fash|Art fashion showcase.

This weekend, event organisers are staging a model casting call in preparation for the show. About 10 female models and six male models

About 10 female models and six male models will be cast for the fashion show on November 5, showcasing the creations of eight designers. One of the models will be selected as the face of FashArt 2012 and sign a one-year contract.

The high fashion runway presentation and competition will showcase a variety of styles in

ready-to-wear, couture and swimwear. The winning collection will be judged by a silent panel of fashion experts and an online poll based on creativity, workmanship, marketability and innovation.

“For our inaugural event we are pleased to welcome on board 16 of the Bahamas’ most promising individuals in the art and fashion

"Most of them came as a surprise to their friends who had no idea of the extent of their talents," says Clarke.

The visual artists will showcase three of their top designs during an art exhibition of photog-

top designs during an art exhibition of photography, sculpture, ceramics art, painting, drawings and computer generated art. The winning piece will be based on originality, elements of art, degree of difficulty and presentation and skill.

“Winners in the categories of fashion and art

Winners in the categories of fashion and art will receive awards that pay homage to the late Harl Taylor and Jackson Burnside, both of whom have become synonymous with their talents, which made them highly respected worldwide. Additionally, winners will take a \$500

Trade show vendors will have the opportunity to sell and promote their work during a trunk

The former business place and art gallery of Mr Burnside, Doongalik Studios, is the site of the event this year. Organisers say they are committed to creating "exposure and marketing" opportunities for emerging Bahamian fash-



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for emerging Bauhaus visual artists.

• PORTIA (Lisa-Marie Cabrelli) frets over the plan of Brutus as the Soothsayer (Jane Poveromo) looks on.

• BRUTUS (David J. Burrows) holds Cassius' (Jovanna Hepburn) head in his hands as Casca (Hartman-Oral-Noel Brown) looks on.

• CASCA (Hartman-Oral-Noel Brown) conveys the events of the day to Cassius (Jovanna Hepburn) as Brutus (David J. Burrows) listens.

Thousands turn out for SHAKESPEARE

THE ten-day theatre festival 'Shakespeare in Paradise' was set in motion last weekend with hundreds of school children turning out for the matinee performances of "Julius Caesar".

The Shakespeare inspired original play recorded nearly 1,000 student viewers in its first three days of performance.

Festival director Nicolette Bethel said that this year's selections were chosen to appeal to a variety of tastes and interests, encompassing plays of local and international origin, but all with universal themes and appeal.

"Of course, we have a Shakespeare play as our centrepiece, and this year that is 'Julius Caesar'. It's got political drama, deception and intrigue that every politician and voter can identify with, even in our Bahamas today."

Ms Bethel said one of the factors that went into selecting 'Julius Caesar' was its relevance to the growing political climate as the country heads into another election season.

"Our presentation of 'Julius Caesar' is true to the original form and is given a contemporary context," the festival director said. "This certainly makes it easier to follow, and audiences really engage its intensity and energy as the relationships between the characters are so much clearer."

The play "Dis We Tings" opened the festival on Friday night at the Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts. It was staged in dedication to Kayla Edwards, a trailblazer of cultural theatre.

Festival artistic director Philip Burrows said audiences have several choices to see the shows, but shouldn't wait too long to buy tickets. "Even though every show has multiple performances, there is limited seating and it all ends this Saturday, October 8," he said. "This is a great chance to see a wonderful range of live theatre shows and performances in a short period of time, so you really don't want to miss it."

• THE conspiracy unfolds as Cassius (Jovanna Hepburn) awaits the arrival of Casca (Hartman-Oral-Noel Brown).

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— Nicolette Bethel

• MARK Antony (Matthew Wildgoose) observes the body of Brutus (David J. Burrows).

DESIGNER 101 - FASHION ART WITH TERI MONIQUE

THE BASICS OF PAINTING ON CLOTHES

IF YOUR passion is fashion and you really love the idea of painting your clothes then this information is just for you. There are quite a number of techniques available for painting on garments but it is always good to start with the basics and build from there.

Learning the simple techniques for painting clothing can be a lot of fun as well as a wardrobe enhancer which is a natural draw of this fascinating craft. The variety of styles and effects that can be

achieved in fabric painting is astounding.

CHOOSING YOUR FABRIC

So the first thing you want to consider in painting clothing is your fabric selection. Here are a few simple key points to remember:

- Choose tightly woven fabrics
- Garments should be pre-washed
- Begin painting on whites or lights
- Natural fibres like cotton are the best paint ready fabrics
- Don't use fabric softeners and starch on garments you will be painting on

PAINTED kaftan by Teri M Bethel.



CHOOSING YOUR PAINTS AND BRUSHES

There are a number of paints and tools on the market, so to create the best possible design:

- Select non-toxic water based fabric paints
- Use flat or dimensional paints
- Get creative with finishes from metallic to pearl
- Determine your colour scheme and select paints accordingly
- Use sturdy synthetic brushes

PREPARING TO PAINT

Before beginning to paint, collect everything you may possibly need to avoid dashing for things while in the middle of your project. You will want to:

- Cover your design surface with wax paper for easy clean-ups
- Paint on a level clutter free surface
- Have your paints, brushes, water and other materials handy
- Iron garment to remove all wrinkles
- Place wax paper between garment to avoid paint bleeding

Now that you have everything in place all you need to do is begin putting your colours and patterns together. Begin with shapes or get some help with a few stencils.

You're well on your way. So here's what I see in your future...a brand new painted wardrobe along with a new skill. C'mon, it's time to pull out your paints and give your clothes a new lease on life by transforming them into wonderful works of art.

About the author: Teri M Bethel specialises in teaching non-artists how to create textured painted fabrics. Teri has been involved in manufacturing painted garments, handbags and fashion accessories for over two decades. She is the designer of Teri Monique Handbags, a line of custom made art purses for ladies. Contact Teri at: admin@PaintWithTexture.com



• FILM buffs gathered at the historic Jacaranda House on the weekend to raise funds for the eighth annual Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF).

MASQUERADE GALA LIGHTS UP HISTORIC HOUSE

By KHRISNA VIRGIL

FILM buffs gathered at the historic Jacaranda House on the weekend to raise funds for the eighth annual Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF).

Although festival preparations are well underway, organisers said the network of support for the festival needs to spread. It was the core group of regular supporters that turned out for the Black and White Masquerade Gala held last weekend.

A \$75 ticket afforded patrons dressed in black and white the chance to mix and mingle on 1.5 acres of historic property formerly owned by Sir Harry Oakes, the gold-mining millionaire.

Although passing through the hands of a number of owners and undergoing a number of renovations and restorations, the property remains basically the same as it was 100 years ago, with original crown molding, box locks and solid dark wood bookcases in tact.

Event planner Anna Proctor explained how the location was important in planning the fundraiser.

"Because it's such a classy, elegant, historic location we wanted to be sympathetic to that and keep it really low key just with simple fabrics, candlelight, and enhancing the trees in the garden," said Ms Proctor.

The film festival does not begin until December 1, however, board chairman Andrew O'Brien underscored the need for more local support.

"Film and the arts are the colourful fabric of our society and what we focus on. Something that has become clear in the effort this year is that we need to spread the network. This is one of the jewels of the Bahamas, but we don't have as many people as we can. We still struggle to get the word out," said Mr O'Brien.

The film festival is dedicated to providing the Bahamian community and its visitors with a diverse presentation of movies from around the world.

THINGS 2DO

October 6 - Thursday
THE 2ND ALL CERAMICS EXHIBITION 2011

The All Ceramics Exhibition (ACE), a bi-annual exhibition of Bahamian potters and ceramicists holds its second exhibition for 2011 at 6:30pm at Doongalik Studios Gallery, Village Road. It features works by Sue Bennett-Williams, Jessica Colebrooke and Quentin Minnis. The theme is "My Flamboyant Teapot", based on the late Jackson Burnside's inspiration for Jessica Colebrooke to develop a line of teapots for the Doongalik Marina Village Gallery. ACE will announce "The Denis Knight Choice Award" for a leading student ceramicist. The exhibition runs October 6-28.

October 8 - Saturday
ATLANTIS LIVE PRESENTS IL VOLO

• Atlantis Live presents IL VOLO in concert at the Atlantis Theatre. Doors open at 8pm, the concert begins at 9pm. Cost for reserved seating is \$75. T: 363-9901. E: box.office@kerzner.com.

October 8 - Saturday
NASSAU YACHT CLUB 88TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

• The Nassau Yacht Club celebrates its 88th anniversary with a poolside cocktails and canapes party from 7pm-8pm and a served multi-course dinner with beef tenderloin and lobster at 8:30pm. Music by DJ Vince Ritchie. Tickets \$100. Dress: yachting jacket. RSVP: 393-5132. E: nassauyachtclub@gmail.com.

October 8 - Saturday
HURRICANE RELIEF CONCERT AND FAMILY FUN DAY

• Make Em Listen presents "Getting Cat Island Back On Track" - A Hurricane Relief Concert and Family Fun Day at the carnival site, Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre from 12 noon until, featuring over 18 artists including Ronnie Butler, K B, Ancient Man and Terz Hepburn. Hosted by Hope Shelly Anne and Sweet Island Gal. Music by Bighouse Play L DJ. Games, prizes and kiddie corner. Kids are \$4; adults \$20.

October 8 - Saturday
BNT BIRD DAY FUN RUN AND WALK

• The Bahamas National Trust holds an International Migratory Bird Day Fun Run and Walk at 6am at The Retreat, Village Road. BNT's "Walk On The Wild Side" supports migratory birds and raises funds for habitat conservation. Two routes go up Shirley Street, one goes to Paradise Island and both return along East Bay Street. Proceeds are for Cattail Management at Harrold and Wilsons Ponds National Park. The mini fair for birds takes place as part of the BNT's Da Market following the walk. Children's crafts and games and light refreshments offered. Register and collect sponsorship forms The Retreat. Donation: \$20 includes T-Shirt. T: 393-1317. E: bnt@bnt.bs. W: www.bnt.bs.

October 8 - Saturday
BNT'S DA MARKET

• The Bahamas National Trust holds Da Market, the Fall season's first farmers' market. T: 393-1317. E: bnt@bnt.bs

October 14 - Friday
NATIONAL HEROES DAY RALLY AND MARCH

• The Africans United Coalition invites you to a rally and march at the Southern Recreation Grounds Basketball Court on Friday, October 14. Rally begins at noon. March leaves at 2:30pm. Reject Discovery Day. Come together to celebrate our national heroes. Contact africansunited242@gmail.com or 326-1003.

BAHAMIAN ARTISTS HEADED FOR US SHOWCASE

ELEVEN Bahamian artists will be in the spotlight at the Iowa-based Waterloo Center for the Arts (WCA) next month in an exhibition of home-grown talent.

The "Master Artists of The Bahamas" exhibition will feature over 40 pieces of artwork including paintings, installations and sculptures. The showcase runs from October 14. The exhibition will leave Iowa in January 2012 and travel to various art venues throughout the United States.

"This is the first time that such a large contingent of Bahamian visual artists' work has ever been on display in the United States and I am confident that it will be an amazing opportunity to showcase the world-class talent that we have in abundance within our country," said the exhibition's Bahamian coordinator Pam Burnside.

"Bahamian art is flourishing, and quite aside from mere 'sun, sand and sea' we intend to let the world know that our country's art, heritage and culture can truly be the impetus to attract a different type of visitor who

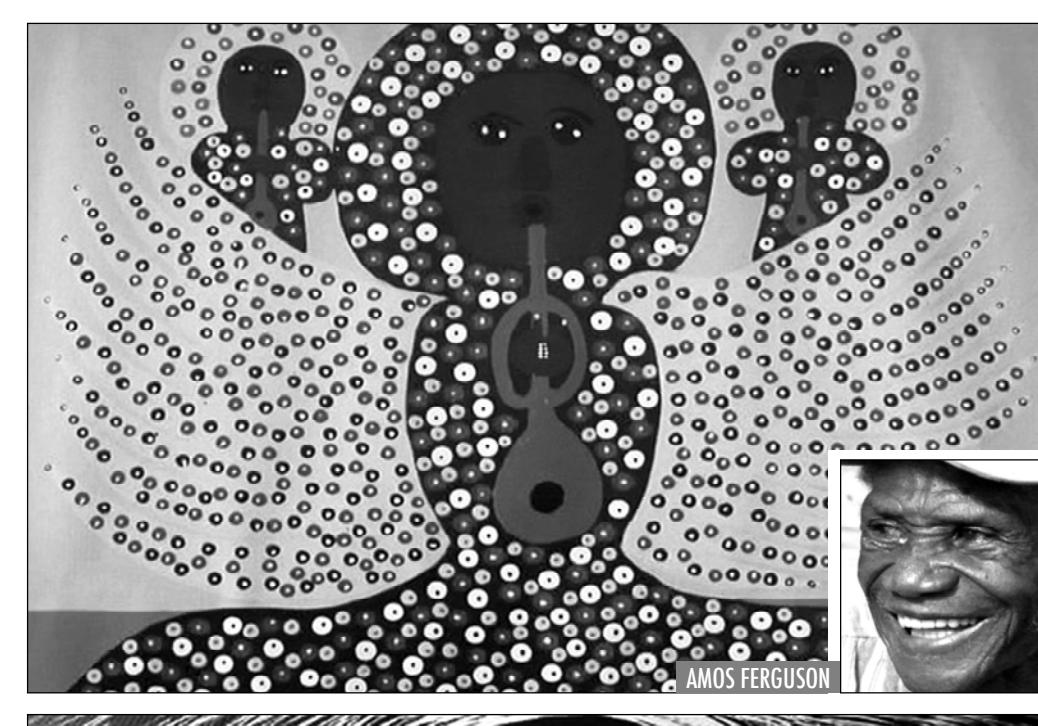
is looking for a unique creative experience," she said.

The featured artists - Amos Ferguson, Brent Malone, Jackson Burnside, Antonius Roberts, Dave Smith, Eddie Minnis, John Beadle, John Cox, Kendal Hanna, Max Taylor and Stan Burnside - were originally paired together for the 2008 documentary film "Artists of the Bahamas" produced by filmmakers Karen and Tom Neuwirth. The documentary opened the 2008 Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF).

Plans for the exhibition began one year ago when Cammie Scully, director of the WCA came across the documentary. Plans were immediately set in motion to mount the show in October of this year.

WCA boasts the largest public collection of Haitian art in the world as well as a collection of Caribbean art that includes over 50 works by Amos Ferguson.

"Waterloo Center for the Arts is privileged to be able to host this premiere exhibition of Bahamian art. The Master Artists of The Bahamas Exhibition and Symposium will expose the US to the thriving culture of The Bahamas and their talented artists. By exposing



• **BAHAMIAN** music stars such as Bodine (above), Visage, Geno D, Ronnie Butler, Elon Moxey and others were advertised to perform at the event although a poor local turn-out was a big disappointment for organisers.

POOR TURN-OUT DISAPPOINTS AT HURRICANE RELIEF CONCERT

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

SUPPORTERS of the hurricane relief concert on the weekend cried shame on their fellow Bahamians due to the "appalling turn-out" at the event.

The concert was organised by the Red Cross Society of the Bahamas and DC Technology to raise money for Family Island victims of Hurricane Irene.

Whether it was a lack of interest or a lack of promotion, patrons say the poor attendance was a big disappointment, and hoped future fundraisers in aid of hurricane relief would not suffer the same fate.

An event contractor told Tribune Entertainment he "strongly believes" the fundraiser could have been better attended and supported seeing that just last year a total of \$250,000 was raised and donated to relief efforts in a two-day national telethon to 'Help Us Help Haiti.'

Around \$170,000 was raised last year January during the second night of the telethon concert. A large crowd turned out to Arawak Cay to see Bahamian music legend Ronnie Butler, local pop star TaDa and popular rake and scrape groups perform.

While the contractor said Hurricane Irene cannot be compared to the Haiti earthquake, he believes Bahamians can do more to support local causes.

One of the coordinators of last Saturday's event, Joanne Pyfrom of DC Technology, said she thinks it could have been better attended.

"We had all of the artists lined up but because of the rain, they didn't all perform. It started late because people arrived late," she said.

The concert was advertised to feature Bodine, Visage, Geno D, Ronnie Butler, Elon Moxey, Veronica Bishop and a number of other artists. Not all of the artists were able to perform.

"Everybody knows what the time constraints are what they are able to spend. I know there are many ways that people can show support and I'm hoping that if they did not make it out on Saturday, they would find a different way to assist those still recovering from Hurricane Irene," said Bodine "BE" Johnson.

Hitting back at complaints over the cover charge, which was \$10 and \$15, one contractor said: "There was a lot of Bahamian artists on the line-up to perform and I think if we had an international artist there that was set to perform, people would not be complaining about the price, and it is a shame."

the country's art to a global audience, interest in traveling to this country will most likely increase, as will the visibility and profile of the artistic and cultural heritage of The Bahamas," said Ms Scully.

The opening of the WCA exhibit will also include a two-day public symposium

featuring the artists and several film screenings, including the premiere screening of "Match Me If You Can", a documentary on the late Bahamian artist Amos Ferguson, also produced by Karen and Tom Neuwirth. The recently released film "Brent Malone: Father of Bahamian Art" and "Artists

of the Bahamas" will also be screened.

The United States Embassy in Nassau provided assistance to enable National Art Gallery's curatorial assistant and videographer Jackson Petit to accompany the artists to Iowa to document the entire trip.

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• THE end of October will give us the perfect conditions to start vegetables and flowers of all sorts.

OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN

GREEN SCENE

By GARDENER JACK

OCTOBER in The Bahamas is a seminal month, one in which we go from summer to winter in very short order. The shallow waters that lap our islands will drop in temperature dramatically and most Bahamians will put away their swimwear until April.

The end of October will give us the perfect conditions to start vegetables and flowers of all sorts. Tomatoes sown in October often overtake those planted six weeks earlier in hotter weather. Tomatoes need cool nights in order to set fruit and by the end of October any plants that are flowering will be candidates to give us tomatoes in December.

A great number of popular veg-

etables need cool conditions in order to germinate successfully and grow at their optimum rate. These include English peas, all kinds of lettuce, spinach and cauliflower.

Many gardeners only begin their vegetable plots once October is over, taking advantage of the cooler and closer to ideal weather conditions. They may not have tomatoes for Christmas but whatever they sow tends to grow quickly and reliably.

For those of us growing in early October, remember to set out plants like beets and carrots in square grids rather than in wasteful rows. Figure out the space each plant needs and sow the seeds accordingly. With regular watering and feeding the plants will not mind being a little crowded.

For plants that have to be grown in rows, keep the distance between rows as short as possible and try and make your rows double ones. Snap beans are usually grown in rows to aid harvesting.

Throughout the summer months we had to depend upon flowers that were tolerant of high heat conditions, and that limited our choices. Now that October has arrived we can grow just about any annuals, even those not normally associated with subtropical conditions.

Many flowering shrubs appreci-

ate cooler conditions and flower better in autumn and winter. The Bolivian sunflower tree is a striking example. If the shrubs need pruning then now is the time to do a little trimming, nothing drastic.

Roses are usually cut back quite severely in October to allow for lots of new flowering growth. Most gardeners will not be doing pruning this October as Hurricane Irene forced us to do the job in August.

We often take our palms for granted but it is good practice to fertilise all palms two or three times a year using a palm special fertiliser. Palm fertilisers include a sufficient percentage of manganese and magnesium in order to keep the fronds of all palm varieties a glossy green.

Fruit and citrus trees should be given an autumn treat of iron, fertiliser and minor elements. In

amounts given of the package, mix Sequestrene 138 with water in a large bucket and apply as a drench to the bole of the tree. Scatter fruit tree special fertilizer or 6-6-6 around the drip line, the amount applied varying with the size of the tree. Then complete the job with an application of minor element spray with a little spreader/sticker added. This is important as citrus leaves tend to shed liquids instantly. A little liquid soap can be used as a spreader/sticker but is not as effective as the commercial offerings.

It will be a while before the lawn realises summer is over. If you have St Augustine grass you may wish to let it seed during October and then give a final mowing in November.

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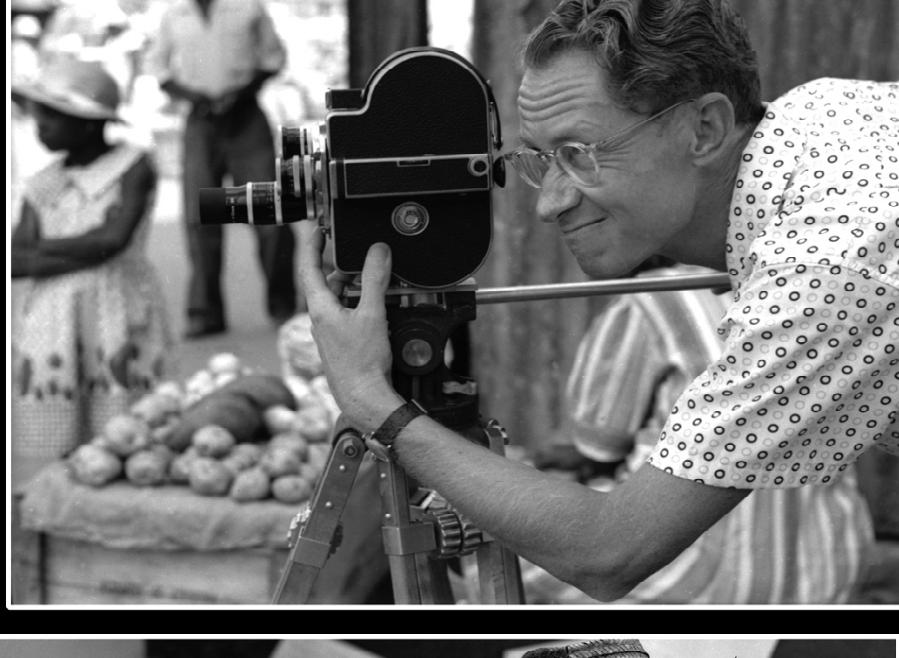
Flash Back

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

BY ROLAND ROSE



M-1st Street, Nassau, Bahamas



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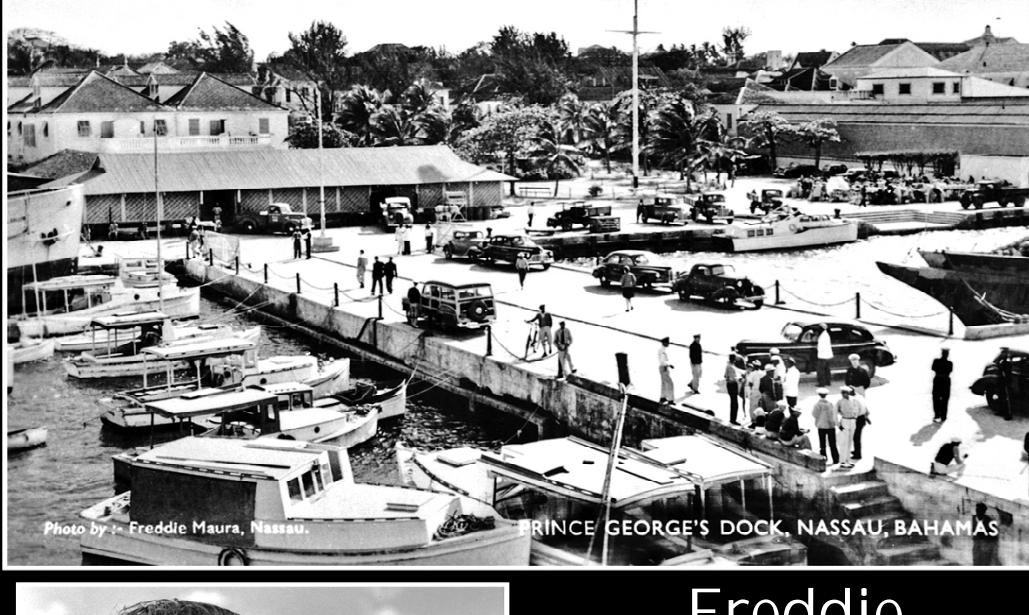
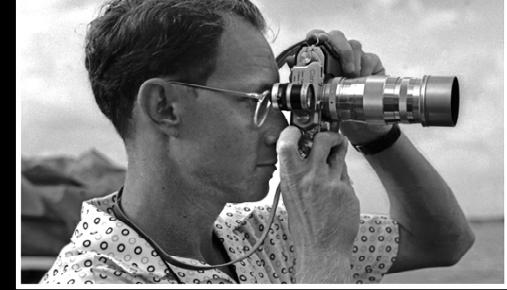


Photo by Freddie Maura, Nassau.

PRINCE GEORGE'S DOCK, NASSAU, BAHAMAS



Freddie Maura



BUSY in the process of making the Bahamas a better place, Freddie Maura headed the Bahamas News Bureau Photo Department from the 1940s through the 1990s. He took thousands of the photographs, made movies and produced post cards. Lest we forget the efforts that have made our tourist industry what it is today.



IN YA EAR

by LESH & Farah

RAY J & FABOLOUS' WAR OF WORDS

By LESH

THE hot topic last week was that rapper Fabolous and R&B singer Ray J reportedly got into an altercation following a concert at the Palms Hotel in Las Vegas. The clash ended in Ray J being escorted away by the police in handcuffs.

The reports from the popular blog site "Necole Bitchie" – pulled from tweets of eye witnesses – suggested that Ray J swung at Fabolous first as a result of Fabolous poking fun at Ray J about singing "One Wish" in Floyd's living room during an HBO special that aired over the weekend. Those tweets did not sit too well with the singer.

Following the brawl, an angry Ray J phoned in to New York City's Power 105 "Breakfast Club" show with DJ Envy, Charlamagne the God and Angela Yee to plead his case. Instead of handling the situation appropriately, the soft spoken Ray J we all know, chose to throw shade on Fabolous' name. The blog site also noted that Ray J made claims that Fabolous was still running from him and that he was going to get him to call into "The Breakfast" club and apologise.

He ranted: "Don't disrespect me. I will smack you up again, fool! People said Ray J got beat up? All I have to say is if you have Fab's number, tell him to send a picture of his face right now. Don't disrespect me and Floyd like that. I play piano on that (dude), piano every day. That's my big bro. We grew up together. So if you think I just came over there and sang a song, you got me twisted. I'm with the money team right now. He's running from me."

Although the two hosts tried their best to calm Ray J down, he continued to rant about Fabolous angered him: "They think I sing songs and run around here and do dances, I don't play them games, man. I got three new Rolls-Royce outside and I'm tired of being humble. I'm tired of being low key. Now I'm about to pull my whips out, I'm about to show ya'll what my cribs look like."

The entire situation turned into a "he said, he said" battle after Fabolous called into Power 105 to talk to DJ Clue about his version of the story.

"This isn't a big thing to me. Ray is going to have to respond and prove that he did what he said he did to me. I made a couple jokes on Twitter about Ray J singing on the piano during Floyd Mayweather's 24/7 show. But people are taking it too serious," the rapper said.

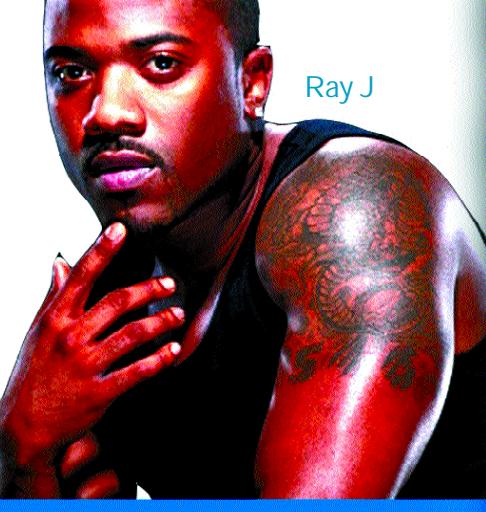
Fabolous went on to say: "There's no way Ray J is getting anything off on me. Nothing. Never. Never ever. I don't want people to think I didn't respond because he got something on me. But anybody real doesn't believe Ray-J's made up story."

In an interview with a few Bahamians who shared their thoughts on the situation, Mr Larry Gibbs* said: "I really believe Ray J is going through something. I think he is going bankrupt because he didn't bring out any music in a while. The last thing I heard of Ray J was his reality shows."

Kayla Dorsett added: "It was very immature of Ray J to do such a thing and I really think that celebrities are taking these social websites, Twitter specifically, way too seriously."

Dericka Donald* noted: "And people wonder why the youth are acting violently these days, it's because of the media and what these celebrities portray. It is just sad, I used to like Brandy's brother as an artist, but he sold himself short if you ask me."

* Names have been changed



PUSH FOR THE CURE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

BAHAMIAN singing sensation Bodine "BE" Johnson is lending a hand to the Cancer Society of the Bahamas during its cancer awareness month with her hit single "Push".

The singer will donate proceeds from the online sales of her recently released single to the Cancer Society.

"I know many people affected by cancer of all types, and I may not be physically able to help them all, but being able to use the song to encourage them financially and otherwise is for me hopefully a step in the right direction," said Bodine.

The song "Push" speaks about being passionate about one's dreams no matter the circumstances.

YA HEAR

GOSPI G CORNER .

- **YA HEAR** rapper Maino and Big Sean squashed their beef on the BET Hip Hop Awards Red Carpet? Who would have thought they had problems to begin with? Word on the blogs is that Maino interrupted Big Sean's interview on the red carpet to address some things he said about him.

- **YA HEAR** Queen Latifah has a new movie hitting theaters real soon? The singer/actress has partnered with actress Keke Palmer and country music singer Dolly Parton in their new movie 'Joyful Noise.' In the movie, the queen plays the role of a church choir member with hopes of taking her town choir to the big leagues.

- **YA HEAR** Beyoncé brought out a little teaser for her 'Countdown' video? Beyoncé is keeping her fans on edge, every day it's something new from the mother-to-be.

- **YA HEAR** rapper Bow Wow got into a little scuffle with the po po? According to blog site Necole Bitchie, Bow Wow paid a visit to Indianapolis for the Circle City Classic football game where he performed during a post game concert along with Monica. He wanted to get up close and personal with his fans so he proceeded to run around the field and jump into the crowd. The crowd loved every moment of it but the security and police weren't too pleased because they had to chase him around the field to make sure things didn't get out of hand. Eventually, his mic was cut off during his performance and he became visibly angry while walking off the field, almost getting into a spat with police.

- **YA HEAR** the twist and confusion surrounding the basketball wives Shaunie and Kimsha? It was alleged that the wife of Ron Artest, Kimsha, posted a message on her Facebook page throwing shade on Shaunie Oneal's name for excluding her from the current season of Basketball Wives LA.

CHARTS

THE BEST OF THE UNDER 21 STARS

1. WHIP MY HAIR
Willow Smith
2. COPY & PASTE
Diggy Simmons
3. NEVER SAY NEVER
Justin Bieber
4. MY GIRL
Mindless Behavior
5. LITTLE SECRET
Lil Twist
6. ANOTHER PLANET
Jawan Harris
7. JUST FRIENDS
Jonas Brothers
8. DYNAMITE
China McClain
9. WHO SAYS
Selena Gomez
10. WHEN I LOOK AT YOU
Miley Cyrus

LINE OF THE DAY

Diggy Simmons 'COPY & PASTE'

"I'll never stop. Keep me on the job when they be tryna. Copy and paste me, copy and paste me."

"I'm on and I be in my zone and they be tryna copy and paste me, copy and paste me, I'm gone."

"My shoe game look here I'm rockin' em. Moccasins or go Jeremy Scott on 'em Loubotin look like they got spots on it. My ratings up cause everybody's watching it."

IN YA EAR'S BET HIP-HOP AWARDS 2011 PREDICTIONS

2011 LIST OF NOMINEES:
(The BET Hip Hop Awards kick off next Tuesday at 8pm)

BEST HIP HOP VIDEO

Nominees:

Big Sean f/ Chris Brown – My Last
Chris Brown f/ Lil Wayne & Busta Rhymes – Look At Me Now
DJ Khaled f/ Drake, Rick Ross & Lil Wayne – I'm On One
Eminem f/ Rihanna – Love The Way You Lie
Kanye West f/ Rihanna – All Of The Lights

Lesh says: My vote goes to "I'm On One" and "My Last". I am almost certain that one of the two will take the award, they are both great videos!

Farrah says: I'm On One!

REESE'S PERFECT COMBO AWARD (BEST COLLAB)

Nominees:

Ace Hood f/ Rick Ross & Lil Wayne – Hustle Hard (Remix)
Big K.R.I.T. f/ Ludacris & Bun B – Country Sh*t (Remix)
Chris Brown f/ Lil Wayne & Busta Rhymes – Look At Me Now
DJ Khaled f/ Drake, Rick Ross & Lil Wayne – I'm On One
Lupe Fiasco f/ Trey Songz – Out Of My Head

Lesh says: "I'm On One" will be taking this one too!

Farrah says: As bad as I want to say "I'm On One" Lesh, I have to go with Hustle Hard (Remix) – 'Don't stop the party we be getting gnarly'.

BEST LIVE PERFORMER

Nominees:

Busta Rhymes
Cee-Lo Green
Jay-Z
Lil Wayne
Kanye West

Lesh says: I'm really not a fan of Cee-Lo, but I'd have to go with him on this one because he always brings his creativity to the stage.

Farrah says: When Cee-Lo Green pulled out the bottle of oil sheen and sprayed his wig during his BET Award performance tribute to Patti Labelle I knew he was an entertainer. Cee-Lo it is!

LYRICIST OF THE YEAR

Nominees:

Jay-Z
Lil Wayne
Nicki Minaj
Rick Ross
Kanye West

Lesh Says: Ahhh this is kind of tough, but I'd have to go with Lil Wayne.

Farrah Says: Lil Wayne!

MVP OF THE YEAR

Nominees:

Lil Wayne
Nicki Minaj
Rick Ross
Kanye West
Wiz Khalifa

Lesh says: Wow, this is a good line up, anyone of them can walk away with it.

Farrah says: Lil Wayne got this one.

TRACK OF THE YEAR

Nominees:

6 Foot 7 Foot – Produced by Bangladesh (Lil Wayne f/ Cory Gunz)
Black and Yellow – Produced by Stargate (Wiz Khalifa)
I'm On One – Produced by T-Minus (DJ Khaled f/ Drake, Rick Ross & Lil Wayne)
Look At Me Now – Produced by Dip-

lo & Afrojack (Chris Brown f/ Lil Wayne & Busta Rhymes)
My Last – Produced by Lex Luger (Big Sean f/ Chris Brown)

Lesh says: I'm On One – Produced by T-Minus (DJ Khaled f/ Drake, Rick Ross & Lil Wayne)

Farrah says: Yes I agree, Lsh, Drake got this one.

CD OF THE YEAR

Nominees:

Big Sean – Finally Famous
Lupe Fiasco – LASERS
Nicki Minaj – Pink Friday
Kanye West – My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy
Wiz Khalifa – Rolling Papers

Lesh says: Nicki, Nicki, Nicki!

Farrah says: Nicki Minaj – Pink Friday

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Nominees:

Big K.R.I.T.
Big Sean
Frank Ocean
Diggy Simmons
Tyler the Creator
Wiz Khalifa

Lesh says: I'd have to go with Diggy Simmons because I never expected him to blow up so big, he so talented.

Farrah Says: Big Sean!

MADE-YOU-LOOK AWARD (BEST HIP HOP STYLE)

Nominees:

Jay-Z
Lil Wayne

Nicki Minaj

Kanye West

Wiz Khalifa

Lesh Says: Nicki will get this one, that girl is always making you look.

Farrah Says: Miss Minaj

BEST CLUB BANGER

Nominees:

Ace Hood – Hustle Hard (Produced by Lex Luger)
DJ Khaled f/ Drake, Rick Ross & Lil Wayne – I'm On One (Produced by T-Minus)
Lil Wayne f/ Cory Gunz – 6 foot 7 foot (Produced by Bangladesh)
Waka Flocka Flame – No Hands (Produced by Lex Luger)
Wiz Khalifa – Black And Yellow (Produced by Stargate)
YC Worldwide f/ Future – Racks (Produced by Sonny Digital)

Lesh Says: DJ Khaled f/ Drake, Rick Ross & Lil Wayne – I'm On One (Produced by T-Minus)

Farrah Says: Ace Hood – Hustle Hard (Produced by Lex Luger)

BEST MIXTAPE

Nominees:

Big K.R.I.T. – Return Of 4Eva
B.o.B – No Genre
J. Cole – Friday Night Lights
Kendrick Lamar – Section .80
Frank Ocean – Nostalgia, Ultra

Lesh says: J Coleeeeeeeeeeee

Farrah days: I heard a few things about Frank Ocean so I hope he wins.

HUSTLER OF THE YEAR

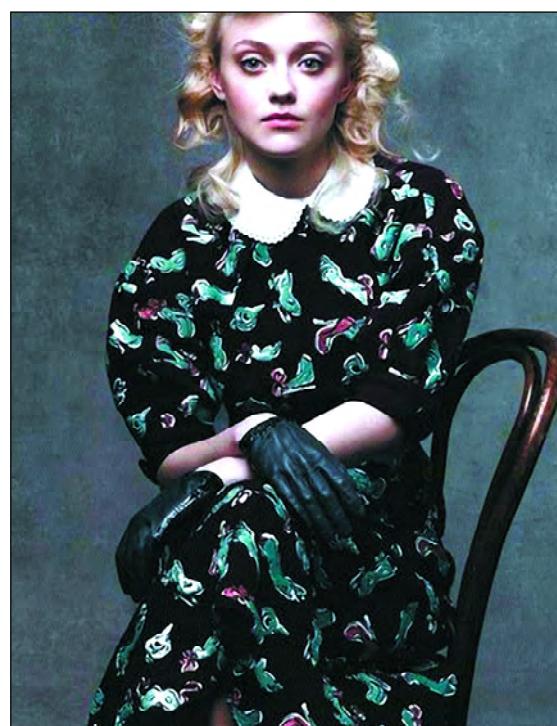
Nominees:

Diddy
Jay-Z
Lil Wayne
Rick Ross
Kanye West

Lesh says: All these guys are real hustlers.

Farrah says: Puff Diddy

| Brittany & Cynthia Daniel |



MADE YOU LOOK

CELEBRITY SIBLINGS

It runs in the family

WE had the Jackson Five in the 70s, the Baldwin boys in the 80s and the Hanson brothers in 90s. No matter the decade, the entertainment industry could always boast famous siblings. Whether they were competitive with one another or worked as a team, the star power of sisters and brothers is a force to be reckoned with. Let's check out some of the hottest celeb siblings today!



| Beyoncé & Solange Knowles |



| Mary-Kate & Ashley Olsen |



| Venus & Serena Williams |



| Paris & Nikki Hilton |



| Jaden & Willow Smith |



| Tia & Tamera Mowry |



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TURN TO 8E.

'The Tank' is eager to headline show at home

By BRENT STUBBS
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Since the "no contest" decision against former undisputed world heavyweight champion Evander "The Real Deal" Holyfield, Grand Bahamian Sherman "The Tank" Williams is finally getting some action in the ring again.

Williams, fighting out of Vero Beach, Florida, is scheduled to head to Moscow, Russia, Thursday for a four-week training camp followed by a professional boxing show on November 5.

"It's been a difficult summer. I ended up with some disappointment after we couldn't get the Holyfield rematch scenario sorted out," Williams said yesterday.

"They sanctioned me a fight to fight Rafael Zambrano, but I couldn't get the Ministry of Tourism to come on board and so the promoters pulled out."

Williams, 39, was preparing for a November 12 fight that he was also hoping would have taken place in the Bahamas, but he said that also fell through in September when the promoters from North Carolina were unable to secure a deal with sports tourism.

"They wanted some form of support to bring live television to bring the fight to the Wyndham Hotel," he said. "Unfortunately, it left me in a position to stay in the gym."

"An opportunity presented itself for me to headline a fight in Atlanta, but a better deal came up for me to train in Moscow, Russia, with Alexander Povetkin, the number one contender for the World Boxing Association heavyweight title."

With Povetkin headlining a fight on November 5 in Moscow, Williams said he has been guaranteed a fight on the undercard at the completion of the training camp.

Sherman Williams set for Russia training camp, pro boxing show in November



SHERMAN WILLIAMS (left) squares off with Evander Holyfield in West Virginia on January 22. The bout was a "no contest."

While there is a possibility that he could still end up fighting Zambrano, Williams said he will be prepared to take on whoever they set up for him because he's eager to get back in the ring after the fight with Holyfield on January 22 in West Virginia.

"I was hoping to get the rematch with Holyfield, but that didn't come off and I also had two other fights that didn't come off," he said. "So right now, I'm ready to fight anybody because it seemed like it is becoming harder for me to get a

fight since I got the better of Holyfield, although they didn't give me the decision."

In March, Williams said Holyfield told his camp that there was no way that he was going to be willing to fight him in a rematch unless he was forced to do so.

"It's been a roller coaster this summer, but I've stayed in the gym and now I'm anxious to fight," he said. "I'm definitely looking forward to training and showcasing my talent in Moscow."

James Toney, who held world

titles in the middleweight, super middleweight, and cruiserweight divisions and is now campaigning in the heavyweight division, will also be in the training camp and is expected to compete on the show.

"I'm looking forward to this fight and before the year is out, I want to come home and showcase my talent before the Bahamian crowd," he stated. "We talked about it for a long time, but it has always been a problem getting it all set up. But before I'm done, I really want to come home and headline a show."

CATHOLIC PRIMARY BOYS INDOOR BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS TODAY

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FOR the first time, the Catholic Board of Education's Primary School Boys basketball season will play all of their games indoors at Loyola Hall.

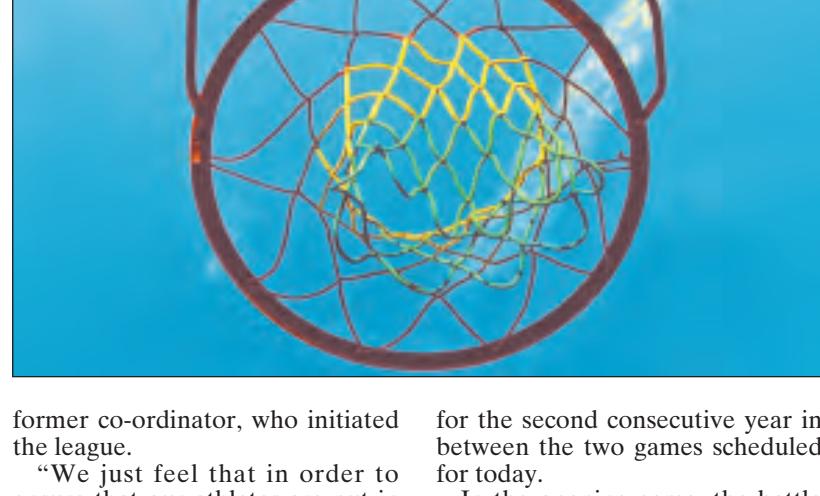
The season is slated to open 3:30pm today and Catholic school sports co-ordinator Vanta Culmer said they are looking forward to a very competitive season with the change in venue.

Normally, the regular season games were played on a home-and-away basis at the six participating schools. The sudden death playoffs and best-of-three championships were taken indoors at Loyola Hall.

But this year, Culmer said, everybody will get to see everybody in the same environment for the entire season with a double header being played every Monday and Wednesday through the end of November.

There's one exception with a double header on October 18.

"We appreciate what was done in the past," said Culmer, who commended Patricia 'Pat' Coakley, the



former co-ordinator, who initiated the league.

"We just feel that in order to ensure that our athletes are put in the best environment to be better and well-rounded students, we want to ensure that they have a chance to play on the best surface that they can."

Coakley, who passed on the reigns of the sporting programme to Culmer, will officially open the season

for the second consecutive year in between the two games scheduled for today.

In the opening game, the battle of the fifth and sixth place teams from last year, the St Thomas More Sparks and St Francis/Joseph Shockers, will take place.

The final game today will be a rematch of last year's final between the pennant winners and champions St Cecilia's Strikers and Our

Lady's Blue Flames.

The other schools entered in the league are the St Bede's Crushers and the Xavier's Giants. Those two teams are expected to clash in the first game on October 10 and the feature game is to be played between the Shockers and the Blue Flames.

Each team will play against each other twice before the regular season comes to a close on November 28.

The playoffs are set for November 30 and the best-of-three championship is slated for December 5-7.

Looking ahead, Culmer said it's still too early to make any predictions but she expects that all of the teams will be very competitive.

"With the games now being played indoors, I think it will allow the teams to play much better," she said. "They have the floor and the game clock, so that could make a big difference in how a team plays."

Culmer said they are also looking at generating more fan participation with the games being played in the same environment. Fans, however, will have to pay a \$1 entrance fee.

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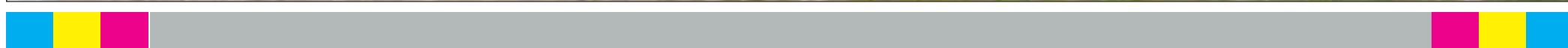
BAISS SOFTBALL: JUNIOR BOYS

QC Comets beat NCA Crusaders 7-2

POWER PLAY: The Queen's College Comets junior boys defeated the Nassau Christian Academy Crusaders 7-2 in the Bahamas Association of Independent Secondary Schools junior boys action Tuesday. Highlights of that game can be seen here.



Photos by Clint Higgs



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NPSA SOFTBALL

New Breed closes out with a victory

WHILE New Breed closed out the men's divisional play with a win, the Bommer George Lady Operators pushed the battle for the women's playoffs to the limit.

On Monday night, the 2nd place Lady Operators blanked the Sigma Brackettes 7-0 in the opening game in the Banker's Field at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

With the loss, the Brackettes dropped into a two-way tie for the third and fourth spots with the defending champions Wildcats. The two were scheduled to break the tie last night.

The winner of Tuesday night's game between the Brackettes and the Wildcats would go on to play the Lady Operators.

The loser will face the pennant winning Proper Care Pool Lady Sharks in the playoffs.

On the men's side, the second place Island Luck Truckers ran out of players to use in an injury-plagued game and although they were leading 9-8 in the sixth, they ended up forfeiting to the pennant winning New Breed.

The game, however, didn't have any playoff implications but could be a taste of the championship series.

As the pennant winners, New Breed is slated to play the fourth place John's Buccaneers and in the other series, the Truckers are scheduled to square off against third place Dorin United Hitmen.

If you remember, the Truckers and the Hitmen contested the men's

Lady Operators push playoff battle to limit

title last year, but after there was a dispute over who won the pennant, no champion was eventually crowned after the two met in the final.

Here's a summary of the games played Monday night:

Lady Operators 7, Brackettes 0

Desiree Coakley spun a two-hitter with 10 strike-outs to posting one of her most impressive games for the season.

Neressa Seymour led Bommer George's offensive attack with a perfect 3-for-3 performance, scoring a pair of runs. Vantrice Bowleg was 2-for-3 with a run batted in and two scored.

Geniece Barr helped out by going 1-for-3 with two RBI and both LaThera Brown and Christine Edmond were 1-for-3 with a run scored.

Bommer George scored a run in the second, four in the third and two more in the fifth for the lopsided win.

Riquel Smith and Krystal Delancey had the only two hits for the Brackettes.

Ernestine Stubbs went the distance, giving up eight hits with four strike outs for the loss.

New Breed 8, Truckers 9

It's not normal to see the final



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

PLAYBACK: The second place Island Luck Truckers hit the field with third place Dorin United Hitmen (file photo).

score the way it turned out. But in the bottom of the sixth inning, both teams were short of players, resulting in managers Martin 'Pork' Burrows (New Breed) and Perry Seymour (Island Luck) having to play.

Holding a one-run lead going into the sixth, the Truckers didn't have any more substitute players and as a result of an injury to one of their players, they couldn't continue playing.

New Breed was awarded the win.

They used three pitchers, including starter Martin Burrows Jr, Ken Wood Jr and Angelo Butler as they combined for nine hits with two strike outs to get the better of the duel with the Truckers' starter Greg Mortimer and reliever Leroy Thompson, who together gave up eight hits with two strike outs as well.

Burrows Jr was the top offensive batter for New Breed, going 3-for-4 with a RBI, Butler was 2-for-3 with a RBI and two runs scored, Eugene Pratt was 1-for-3 with a RBI and run scored, Addie Finley was 2-for-3 with two runs, Jordan Gibson 1-for-3 and Nardo Gilbert 1-for-2, both scoring a run.

For Island Luck, Gregory Mortimer went 4-for-4 with two RBI and two runs, Marvin Wood 2-for-2 with a RBI, Seymour 1-for-2 with two runs, Olando White 2-for-2 with a run, Javier Bowe 1-for-3 with a RBI and two runs, Marvin Wood 2-for-2 with a RBI, Ramon Johnson 2-for-4 with a run and Julian Collie 1-for-3 with two runs.

OLD-TIMERS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION REGULAR SEASON ACTION

THE New Providence Old-timers Softball Association continued its regular season with a series of games played over the weekend at the Archdeacon William Thompson Softball Park, Southern Recreation Grounds.

Here's a summary of the games played:

Six Pack Abs 17, Cabinet World 14

Benji Armbrister went 4-for-5 with a home run, driving in three runs and scoring as many times, while Foster Dorsett was 2-for-5 with two RBI and a run, Dennis Davis 2-for-6 with a homer, six RBI and two runs and Randolph Coakley 1-for-4 with two runs.

Foster Dorsett got the win and Val Munroe was saddled with the loss.

In a losing effort, Tyrone Brown was 4-for-5 with six RBI and three runs, Brian Cartwright 3-for-5 with two RBI and a run, Raymond

Rolle 2-for-4 with a RBI and three runs and Troy Bodie 20-for-4 with three RBI and a run.

Dozer Pros 18, BTC Vibes 6

Godfrey Willie was 2-for-3 with a homer, a RBI and four runs, Kwith Moss 3-for-3 with a homer, four RBI and three runs and Nat Porter 3-for-3 with a RBI and two runs.

Roberto Goodman was the winning pitcher and Steven Hepburn was the loser.

Kirkwood Ferguson was 2-for-3 with a RBI, Thomas Sears 1-for-1 with a RBI and run scored, Marvin Lloyd 1-for-2 with a RBI and run and Joe Stubbs 1-for-1 with a run.

Truckers 24, Corner Boyz 4

Philip Culmer went 3-for-4 with two homers, driving in six runs and scoring four times, Charles Rolle was 4-for-4 with a homer, three RBI and four runs, Ronald Seymour 4-for-4 with a homer,

five RBI and four runs and Richard Bastian 4-for-4 with three homers, six RBI and four runs.

Alfred Munnings was the winning pitcher and Harold Fitzgerald got the loss.

Jason Sweeting was 1-for-2 with a RBI and a run, Greg Smith 2-for-2 with three RBI and a run and Damien Robinson 1-for-1 with a run.

BTC Vibes 17, Unique Giants 13

Marvin Lloyd and Joe Stubbs were both 5-for-5 with Lloyd hitting a homer, driving in three runs and scoring four times, while Stubbs had two RBI and scored three times in the win.

Greg Ferguson was 2-for-5 with a RBI and two runs; Dan Bourne was also 2-for-5 with a homer, three RBI and two runs and Kirkwood Ferguson 1-for-5 with a homer, two RBI and a run.

Steven Hepburn picked up

the win on the mound and Wesley Forbes was tagged with the loss.

Forbes helped his own cause by going 3-for-3 with two RBI and three runs, McNeil Albury was 2-for-4 with a homer, two RBI and two runs, Jeff Randall 2-for-5 with a homer, two RBI and a run and Harry Gardiner 1-for-3 with two RBI and three runs.

Cabinet World 27, Da Boyz 22

Sherman Ferguson was a perfect 5-for-5 with a homer, three RBI and five runs, Ricardo Brown 4-for-6 with three RBI and four runs, Stephen Robinson 3-for-5 with a homer, three RBI and four runs and Gary Hanna 3-for-5 with three RBI and three runs in the win.

Val Munroe was the winning pitcher and Alvin Lightbourne suffered the loss.

In a losing effort, Andy

Percentie was 4-for-6 with a homer, four RBI and four runs, Gershlyn Wilkinson 3-for-4 with two homers, four RBI and three runs, Shayne Albury was 2-for-5 with two homers, four RBI and two runs and Dominic Elliott 2-for-5 with a RBI and three runs.

KC Construction 15, William Construction Jets 14

Roosie Archer was 3-for-4 with a RBI and two runs, Andrew Stubbs 3-for-4 with two runs, Prince Huyle 2-for-3 with a RBI and run, Lopez Huyle 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs and Dave Adderley 1-for-2 with two RBI and a run.

Johnny Armbrister was the winning pitcher and Arthur Johnson got the loss.

Delano Small went 2-for-3, Trevor Bethel 1-for-2 with a homer, a RBI and a run, Martin Burrows 1-for-3 with a RBI and run and Danny

Stubbs 1-for-3 with a RBI.

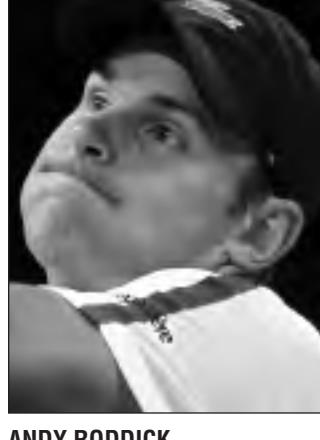
William Construction Jets 14, KC Construction 12

Elgin Smith was 4-for-4 with a homer, five RBI and four runs, Mike Smith 2-for-3 with a RBI and run, Arthur Johnson 2-for-2 with a run and Danny Stubbs 2-for-2 with two runs.

Stubbs also got the win on the mound. Johnny Armbrister was tagged with the loss.

Prince Hutler was 2-for-4 with three runs, Lorenzo Carter 2-for-2, Kelson Armbrister 1-for-3 with a homer, two RBI and a run, Roosie Archer 4-for-5 with two runs and Diego Saunders 2-for-4 with a homer, two RBI and three runs.

Note: The NPOTSA is scheduled to continue with another full slate of games at the Archdeacon William Thompson Softball Park on Saturday and Sunday.



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MARK KNOWLES CELEBRITY INVIT.

MARK Knowles is pleased to announce the annual Mark Knowles Celebrity Tennis Invitational is set to be held December 1-4 at the Atlantis resort by presenting sponsor MDC-Partners and organised by the Mark Knowles Management Group (MKMG).

This year's featured players are Andy Roddick, Xavier Malisse and Sabine Lisicki with some additional stars to be announced at a later date.

The organisers plan to hold a Pro/Am doubles tournament for platinum sponsors, a Pro Exhibition and an opportunity for top Bahamian junior tennis players to interact with the visiting pros.

BSC SOFTBALL OPENING

The Baptist Sports Council is slated to begin the 2011 Bishop Neil C Ellis Softball Classic Saturday on the wholesalers field at Baillou Hills Sporting Complex. Three games will officially kick off the season.

In the 19-and-under opener at 10am, defending champions Macedonia will play runners-up Temple Fellowship. In the co-ed division, defend-

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ing champions Golden Gates will play against runners-up St Paul's at 11am.

Following a brief opening ceremony, the final game will be played in the men's division between Mt. Tabor and Temple Baptist.

The league is being held this year in honour of Bishop Neil C. Ellis, senior pastor of Mt. Tabor Full Gospel Baptist Church, who is a former executive officer and former player in the BSC's softball league.

CYCLING TOUR DE NEW PROVIDENCE

THE Tour de New Providence will be held over the weekend of October 29-30, starting and finishing at the Clifton Heritage Park parking lot at Clifton Pier.

There will be a race for the competitive cyclists and non-competitive cyclists. Prizes

will also be presented to the oldest and youngest participants.

For more information, interested persons can visit musgrovebarron@hotmail.com or call 425-1057.

REV. BACKFORD CLASSIC

THE Baptist Sports Council's Rev. Enoch Backford Track and Field Classic is scheduled for Saturday, October 22 at the Thomas A Robinson. Competition will be held in the under-7, under-9, under-11, under-13, under-15, under-17 men and women divisions. For further information, interested persons can contact BSC director Brent Stubbs.

TRIATHLON

THE 25th annual Conchman Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. It will comprise of a one-kilometre swim, a 25k bike ride and a 5k run. Interested persons can register by logging onto the Facebook Event Page, e-mail organiser Bert Bell at bertbell@coralwave.com or calling him at 727-5886 or 727-5381.

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BAISS SOFTBALL: SENIOR BOYS

QC Comets vs. St Anne's Bluewaves

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FIELD PLAY: The Queen's College Comets faced the St Anne's Bluewaves in the Bahamas Association of Independent Secondary Schools senior boys action on Tuesday. Highlights of that game can be seen here.