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Man faces NINE child sex charges

A MAN was arraigned in Magistrate's Court yesterday for allegedly having sexual intercourse with nine young boys.

Navardo Johnson, 29, was charged with nine counts of alleged sexual intercourse with a minor and one count of indecent

assault. Court documents allege that Johnson assaulted the boys between January, 2007, and August, 2009. It is claimed the youngsters were between the ages of seven to 14.

Johnson, who was charged before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One,

Bank Lane, Nassau, had no lawyer present and was not allowed to enter a plea.

The prosecutor in the case objected to bail on the grounds there may be more alleged victims who may come forward, and argued that Johnson may interfere with witnesses.

Johnson, of Hatchet Bay, Eleuthera, was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison in Fox Hill.

The case was transferred to Court 10 and adjourned to October 16 for a fixture date and a bail hearing.

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Is this the right way to treat our pets?

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TRIBUNE EXCLUSIVE

THIS is starved and sickly pit bull pot-cake Lola. Just hours after this photograph was taken at the government dog pound ... she was killed.

Lola was one of 45 dogs collected by the canine control unit this week and euthanised yesterday morning in time for their carcasses to be collected by environmental health services for disposal, as they are every Friday.

Lola was one of tens of thousands of

strays who roam the streets of Nassau without food, water or shelter, to their great suffering and at a risk to public health.

Staff at the canine control unit say their numbers are increasing as the poor economy and high rate of unemployment has left owners unable to care for their pets,

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LOLA, who was put down yesterday afternoon.

Former union president upset by office manager's 'despair'

ESTRANGED former president of the Airport Airline and Allied Workers Union Nelerene Harding says she is disturbed by reports that an office manager who served under her leadership is on the verge of suicide and pleading for assistance for her daughter after being caught up in the middle of union infighting.

In yesterday's *Tribune*, 29-year-old Krystal Barry told how she and her daughter Rayven's quality of life has plunged since she lost her job at the union earlier this year

following a dispute between executives.

Former Secretary General Anthony Bain claims he is now president of the union, in place of former president Nelerene Harding, following years of intra-union strife.

Ms Barry claims she is owed around \$26,000 by the organisation for her five years of service, but has got nothing as the Department of Labour claims it cannot act to settle the matter until it knows who

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Christie 'against any move to oppose Moss nomination'

PLP leader Perry Christie yesterday said he would be against any amendment to the party's constitution that would support any effort to oppose leadership contender Paul Moss from nominating to challenge him.

"I would not support any effort to oppose his nomination on a technical point. I've heard about some attempt to stop Moss from running but God almighty, when the day comes that Perry Christie would have to rely on technical intervention (to remain leader of the party), by God, I should go," he told *The Tribune*. Mr Christie was responding to claims from some

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REMINDER: As Monday is Discovery Day, there will be no Tribune until Tuesday.

Bahamasair probes claims of passengers left stranded

BAHAMASAIR is investigating claims that the downsizing of flights into San Salvador has left ticketed passengers stranded.

In a letter sent to *The Tribune*, frustrated traveller Garnell Williams — a resident of San Salvador — complained that her return to her hometown has been delayed several times because the airline has started using smaller planes on its routes to the family island.

Ms Williams, who is staying with relatives in New Providence, said she missed

her scheduled flight to the island on Sunday and has no guarantee of getting home this week because all of the remaining flights into the island are full.

"My only recourse is to go to the airport every day on stand-by. I've done that, but so far without success," said Ms Williams, who added that she has to bear the cost of round-trip travel by taxi to the airport from the Fox Hill area.

"Right now Bahamasair

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LOCAL NEWS

WORKER'S PARTY TO STEP UP PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT

Hundreds expected to take part in 'pro-hanging march'

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Tommy Turnquest

HUNDREDS of capital punishment supporters are expected to flood the streets this Discovery Day holiday for a "pro-hanging" march.

Members of the Worker's Party along with relatives and friends of murder victims will agitate for government to resume the execution of prisoners on death row and deny bail to those accused of violent crimes.

This comes at a time when the fear of crime is spreading among law abiding citizens and "crazed criminals" are roaming the streets, said Rodney Moncur, leader of the Worker's Party.

"The working class of this country is being denied the

freedom from fear of earning a decent wage and enjoying it. We are living in fear of taking our earnings home without being robbed and killed on the way and we are being denied the inalienable right and freedom to enjoy the fruits of our labour as criminals attack us in the stores, on the streets, on our doorsteps and even in the sanctity of our homes," said Mr Moncur in a statement released yesterday.

"The soaring crime rate is a clear indication that this nation is spiralling out of control. The escalating incidence of mindless criminal activity

is symptomatic of the fact that this country is in a free-fall into the abyss of hell, mayhem and violence. All the indications suggest that we are heading pell-mell towards being a failed state," said Mr Moncur, who organised several similar marches last year.

Rulings

National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest has maintained that rulings by the Privy Council have changed how the Bahamas can carry out capital punishment.

In 1993, a Privy Council ruling decided that the death penalty can not be carried out if the prisoner in question has been on death row for more than five years; as a result the sentence is automatically com-

muted to life imprisonment.

In 2006, the country's mandatory death sentence was abolished by the UK judicial body as a breach of human rights.

David Mitchell, executed in January 2000, was the last person to be hanged in the Bahamas. According to published reports, the Bahamas has hanged 50 men since 1929; five of them were hanged under the Ingraham administration; 13 were hanged under the 25-year rule of the Pindling government; and the remainder were executed between 1929 and 1967.

None were hanged during the Christie administration, between 2002 and 2007.

According to published reports, there are 17 people on death row at Her Majesty's Prison, Fox Hill.



TRIX: PET OF THE WEEK

TRIX is a stunning one-year-old spayed tortoiseshell female with striking green eyes. She is strong-willed, talkative and loves to be in the middle of everything. Whether it be a box that is about to be filled, a ladder that is about to be climbed or a purse placed on a table for just a moment, this inquisitive lady cannot help but investigate.

She was surrendered to the Bahamas Humane Society under protest by a schoolgirl who happened upon her one day as she waited to be picked up from school.

While the girl was disappointed her parents would not let her to keep her new friend as a pet, Trix is very grateful that the family decided to put her up for adoption at the BHS instead of simply releasing her into the wild.

Due to her social and trusting nature, it appears that Trix had

been owned before being found, but was unfortunately either lost or abandoned. Please help her out by providing her with a new, permanent home.

Trix is just one of many beautiful adult cats with lovely personalities on offer at the BHS - in fact, the shelter is running well over full capacity.

They have all been either spayed or neutered before being put up for adoption and are also up to date with their vaccinations. The BHS is imploring the public to help its staff save more lives through adoption.

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"I vex because I purchased a microwave from a major appliance store in January. This is October and the microwave is not working.

"They claim that they had a technician check it out and it was hit by a power surge, but nothing else in my house was hit by a power surge. I think the microwave was faulty. I spent \$650 for the microwave on a special order and they refuse to fix or give me a new one, saying that the warranty doesn't cover power surges."

- Frustrated

"I vex because police are allowing some drivers to cover their licence plates with 'protective' plastic covers that completely prevent the number being seen! This makes no sense to me; why are these people allowed to drive on the road? Suppose they knock me down, commit a crime, or do one hit-and-run. What I gone tell the police? That a black car with plastic over the licence plate do that drive by and almost kill me? The slackness in this country got to stop, starting with some lazy,



reach my post office box at the main post office? If the people there don't want to work, I say fire them all and give the job to someone who is willing to do the job. There is no excuse for laziness."

- Fed Up

"I vex because half the time when I go to drop mail off at the Shirley Street Post Office mail slot, there are a bunch of raggedy vagrants sprawled all over the stairs. I don't even get out of my car! This has been going on for years, has no one in charge noticed?"

- Vex at the lack of security

"I vex at what is go on at these gas sta-

fat, dumb police who can't enforce the simplest laws."

- Concerned Citizen

"I'm more than vexed. Why does a letter post-marked September 22 take until October 1 to reach my post office box at the main post office? If the people there don't want to work, I say fire them all and give the job to someone who is willing to do the job. There is no excuse for laziness."

- Fed Up

tions, how they make the attendants come in and pay for the gas while you in there trying to get something out the convenience store. I been to one gas station on Thompson Boulevard one night round 11 pm - they had five people inside the cashier's cage but in spite of that they was unable to serve any customers because they allowed the pump attendants to come from outside, cutting in front of the line to pay for gas first. I wonder if they ever heard of customer service?"

- Sick and tired

"I am happy for the Bahamianisation progress my Haitian neighbours are making, because when they moved into the neighbourhood, people called them Augustine, then months later their friends started hailing them as Justine and now they are being called Johnson."

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LOCAL NEWS

Christie accuses some PLP members of 'sensationalising' party business

FORMER prime minister Perry Christie said some members of his party feed the press sensational and "inaccurate" information about the affairs of the PLP.

Speaking with the media outside of Gambier House on Farrington Road Thursday night, Mr Perry Christie strongly denied that the party leadership is attempting to deny anyone the right to challenge him at the upcoming PLP National Convention, a stance he reiterated yesterday (see story, page 1). "It is not true that we intended as an organisation to cause any resolution to be put here this evening that may have resulted in a candidate not being able to contest the election.

"My goodness me, I have always believed that I am supported by the majority of the



Perry Christie

people that vote in the PLP election. I believe that," he said.

Mr Christie added that he has no doubt the person set to challenge him, attorney Paul Moss, is a "credible candidate".

However, he questioned how Mr Moss could even think of doing such a thing, when he is a new member of the party and hasn't even made a speech in the PLP's hall.

"But that is how it is. The constitution allows it to happen. He claims to have support. He is representing St Cecilia, therefore the constitution will allow him to contest the election. It means that I will be challenged by him.

"It is also for me to say that it is quite possible that another or others will exercise their right as they complete the explorations they are now making to determine whether I should be challenged," he said.

With this likely to be the only convention the PLP will hold before the next general election, Mr Christie said that it will be a "defining one" as many members will use this opportunity to "test themselves".

"As I indicated to ZNS in an interview, that has some serious consequences. Because when you contest me you are

saying that I really should leave public life. And if you do so without even speaking to me you are saying that I should do so in the most undignified manner. It therefore means I must protect myself and make judgments as to what is best for the organisation as we go forward," he said. However, Mr Christie said he has some good news for the party.

"The good news is I am going to win. The good news is I am going to be the leader of the PLP, and the good news is I will be competing for the prime ministership of the Bahamas.

"And I believe the most important point I can make is that my party will be fully in support of me moving forward even unto the point when we name the many candidates who will be coming in for the first time," he said.

PM under pressure over Abaco power station

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The attorney for Abaco residents disgruntled about the heavy fuel burning power station being built in their midst has called on Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham to "put his money where his mouth is" when it comes to climate change and cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Fred Smith, a partner at law firm Callendar's and Co and attorney for a group of residents that oppose the Wilson City power plant, yesterday "commended" Mr Ingraham for his comments to the United Nation's Summit on Climate Change but suggested that if he is truly committed to preserving this country and the world's environmental future, Mr Ingraham would cause a rethink of the Wilson City power plant project and enact an environmental protection act that calls for limits on pollutants.

In a pre-recorded message to the September Summit, attended by hundreds of world leaders and diplomats on September 22, Mr Ingraham described the "serious threat that climate change poses to our economic viability, social development and territorial integrity."

He said the world, and particularly low-lying states like the Bahamas, face "serious challenges" as a result of climate change and called on countries to come to a global accord in Copenhagen, Denmark in December that will involve "ambitious, legally binding targets" to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to it.

Mr Ingraham told leaders that the Bahamas is

"committed to collaborating with the family of nations to ensure our own survival, and the survival of humankind in a sustainable development model for Planet Earth."

But while commending the prime minister for his comments "which clearly appreciate the imminent danger to the very existence of the Bahamas" that climate change poses, Mr Smith said it is hypocritical for him to state such a commitment whilst supporting the construction of the Wilson City plant and failing thus far to follow through on his party's commitment, as outlined in its 2007 election manifesto, to enact laws to protect the environment.

Many Abaco residents and others have objected to the power plant on the basis that it will be powered by burning Bunker C fuel, which many fear will cause long-term damage to the sensitive surrounding environment, partly through the release of air pollution.

"We cannot on the one hand be promoting cleaner air environments whilst at the same time building power plants that are the worst polluters," said Mr Smith yesterday.

He said not only should the government rethink the plant, but it should ensure that an environmental protection act is passed which puts limits on emissions by both the government and private industry, among other things.

"Rather than waiting or promoting international conventions to help protect the Bahamas as a small island developing nation," the Bahamas should "help itself by creating a proactive and environmentally sound energy policy," said Mr Smith.



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Is the era of big government fading?

WASHINGTON — In his State of the Union address a little over 13 years ago, President Bill Clinton proclaimed “the era of big government” was over. After a year of butting heads with the new Republican majority in Congress, Clinton signaled a willingness to change course and acknowledge the message voters had sent in the 1994 mid-term elections: time to trim the sails of Washington’s ambitions.

Yet when President Obama addressed his first joint session of Congress earlier this year, many believed big government was back.

Economic turmoil, coupled with the new power trifecta in Washington — Democratic control of the House, Senate and presidency for the first time since 1993 — breathed new life into Leviathan’s lungs. The lack of aggressive remedies in Washington, the new president complained, became an “excuse to transfer wealth to the wealthy.” And during the Bush years, he asserted, “regulations were gutted for the sake of a quick profit.”

The Democrats’ resurgence coupled with economic distress meant nothing was safe from Washington’s reach. Banks, energy companies, health care, the automobile industry and even CEO pay, to name a few, would now come under the control of White House czars and activist lawmakers in Congress. “Move fast,” Democratic operatives warned. A good crisis is a terrible thing to waste.

It took about two years for the curtain to fall on Clinton’s era of big government. Obama’s may have ended sooner. A growing body of evidence supports this contention.

Voter cynicism about the consequences of Washington on steroids is one example. A new survey by Democratic pollster Geoff Garin, widely reported by the media last week, underscores this point. When asked “who” was helped most by recent government economic policies, a majority said “large banks” (62 per cent) and “Wall Street investment companies” (54 per cent). Only 10 percent responded “my family/myself.”

Some say these data suggest the government should do even more. “Politically,” The New York Times wrote, “the poll does a nice job of capturing one of the central challenges for the White House and Democrats in Congress. Voters do not think elected officials have done enough to mitigate the damage from the recession.”

This assessment misses the point. It’s not that they haven’t done enough. They’ve done too much — or at least the wrong

things. Independent voters, who supported Obama in 2008, are the best indicators here. The NBC/Wall Street Journal survey regularly asks a similar question: “Should the government do more/Does it do too much?” In February 2009, independents answered, “do more” by a slim 46 per cent to 44 per cent margin. By September 2009, those desiring “more government” had slipped to a 21-point deficit (35 per cent to 56 per cent).

Beliefs about regulation of business and industry are also moving in an unexpected direction. Given the financial meltdown and charges that regulators were asleep at the switch, you might expect voters to support more rather than less government intervention. Surprisingly, American attitudes, especially among swing voters, have shifted towards less intervention. Last September, for example, on the eve of the economic collapse, 38 per cent of independents responded that there was too much regulation of business and industry. One year later, those numbers have risen to 50 per cent.

Growing doubts about Washington’s ability to solve the nation’s health care problems are another indication.

Several polls released in the last week, including those by Fox News and Rasmussen, indicate support for the government’s capacity to address this critical issue has reached a new low.

Americans don’t deny the problem, just Washington’s ability to fix it.

The prospects of bigger government are stirring other worries. Rasmussen, for example, also reported last week that for the first time in two years, voters now place concerns about “government ethics and corruption” slightly ahead of the economy. As Washington tries to expand its role, Americans’ suspicions about wrongdoing by public officials goes up as well.

Taken together these indicators suggest deep and growing unease with the size, scope and direction of government in Washington — especially among swing voters. Obama’s saturation media coverage, reminding people he and the Democrats in Congress are in charge and unchecked is part of the reason. Deeply divisive and highly partisan congressional leaders like Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., are another.

Change in Washington may require an intervening election next November.

Yet many Americans already are calling for the end of big government ... again.

(This article was written by Gary Andres — C.2009 Hearst Newspapers).

Why banning turtle catching is misconceived

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The Government is failing to realise that The Bahamas is a plural society, with both Black and White citizens, each having a separate culture. The Black citizens were raised on farm produce and the seafood products, and the sea turtle are some of those sea products. Banning the catching of turtles is not the answer, “Education is the answer.” Let the people know that whenever they find the nest, leave some or all of the eggs.

While our White citizens prefer foods that are imported, (meat, poultry, ham, eggs, etc.) foods that are chemically laden, which may very well cause cancer, our Black citizens prefer sea foods, including the turtle. When you ban the catching of the turtle, you are telling me, a Black person and some Whites, to eat the imports that are laden with chemicals. You are also saying to me, “It’s my way or the highway.”

Turtles are not our national anything. The Marlin is our national fish, yet every year,

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foreign people come here and slaughter them/all in the name of sport, and nothing is said about it.

When a Marlin is hooked, it takes about six to eight hours before that fish is landed. Could you imagine the blood lost, the pain, the agony, the fright that fish goes through and finally death? These are the things you campaigners should be seeking to ban.

It is wrong to desecrate our National flag, it is wrong to kill our National bird, the flamingo, so why are the campaigners not fighting for a ban on the destruction of our National fish? Turtles are not our National anything. Let’s make sense. Let’s wipe the slate clean. You want to ban the turtles, then let’s ban the slaughtering of our National fish. We must stop allowing foreigners to dictate to us what we should pass laws on. It will only sow seeds of criminal behaviour among our

people.

It seems that we took advice from a few White men in England (the Privy Council) not to hang anyone. As a result, look at what is happening in our country today. Criminals are killing as though it’s a 9am - 5pm job. We are now taking more advice from a few campaigners, some foreigners and maybe some Bahamians who want a ban on the catching of sea turtles, where there is already a closed season and an open season for them, so why a total ban? Remember, when you ban something, you swing the door wide open for black market operations, which will lead to greater problems. And it will happen.

I trust that the Hon. Minister of Fisheries will rethink this ban, take the matter higher and cause there to be a reverse decision. To those who want to eat the chemically laden imports, fine, but as for me, I love turtle meat, and I will eat turtle meat.

CAPT BAIN
Nassau,
October, 2009.

My worthless credit card

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I got a Prepaid Visa credit card from Bank of The Bahamas International (BOB) in August 2007.

Of course, at the time I did not expect to be able to use it on the island of (South) Andros or anywhere else in The Bahamas for that matter because most Bahamian businesses, at that time, did not have internet websites that offer online purchasing services; thus, any intent on using the credit card required that one walked into the actual place of business to exact transactions.

Of course, I could not (and still cannot) use the card at any Automated Teller Machines (ATM) in South Andros because even though BOB has been here for over 15 years there are still no ATMs here. The card did, however, come in handy for making online purchases from other countries and I found it exceptionally convenient for foreign travels.

I used the card to purchase tickets and make hotel reservations, rent cars, get food and purchase all sorts of other stuff, including CDs, printing supplies and clothing. I was in love with my Prepaid Visa Credit Card.

Fast forward two years later and I am not as excited with my credit card anymore, but the problem with that is that it is not the card or BOB’s fault. I am frustrated because I still cannot use the card online to do business with the majority

of Bahamian companies. Sure, I can purchase tickets from Bahamasair but South Andros is not one of Bahamasair’s destinations. I can make hotel reservations online but only to the fancy and more expensive properties on the Cable Beach strip and Paradise Island.

Until recently, I could pay my phone bill and purchase phone cards online but the Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited (BTC) had to shut the system down because crooks and shysters compromised the process; so that little convenience was stripped away and there’s no telling when it is going to be reinstated. Today, the BOB Visa Prepaid Credit Card that should help to make my life easier on the Family Island is a worthless piece of plastic where I need it to be most worthwhile.

Is it asking too much if I want to be able to go online to pay my utility bills (telephone, electricity and water)?

In this day and age Family Islanders who shop wholesale in New Providence should be able to go online to websites from the different major food-stores and wholesale outlets to purchase grocery, cleaning and other supplies and have them shipped to the mail boat of their choice.

The same goes for other businesses that sell computers, furniture, building supplies and other essentials.

I should be able to go online to a Commonwealth Bank web-

site and use my credit card to pay on my loan account that I have with them or to a Family Guardian website to pay my insurance premiums.

It would be convenient if I could purchase my airline tickets on Western Air or Performance Air through the internet rather than having to go to the airport.

Should establishments decide to put such mechanisms in place this would provide new jobs and profits for persons and businesses that provide internet technology (IT) services. Sales and marketing companies would make money because information about the availability of such services and how can they be utilised must be advertised.

Businesses that employ such mechanism will benefit from their investments particularly once the general public of credit card holders in the Family Islands get the hang of it.

Banks will see an increase in credit card applicants particularly those persons interested in enjoying the convenience of having prepaid credit cards and, of course, they will also not have to worry about default on credit card payments because cardholders will only be able to spend what monies they put on the card.

This would also give cardholders a new sense of control in their spending habits.

Of course, this will require that BTC and any other company responsible for internet infrastructure improve their services and expand to those areas where such services are lacking.

It is high time that the Government, business establishments and banks work together to help improve our financial systems while simultaneously engineering ways to guarantee that family islanders reap the benefits of taking advantage of modern conveniences such as prepaid credit cards.

Employing mechanisms to ensure the continuous tenable growth and development of interisland commerce will help in our mission to encourage Bahamians to spend at home and move our country closer to financial sustainability, particularly in difficult economic times such as what the world is now experiencing.

I might not live in New Providence or Grand Bahama, but that is no excuse for me being disadvantaged. I want to live easy and I would like to be able to use my BOB credit card at home in South Andros from behind a computer screen to pay the bills, get the things that I need and have my grocery shipped on the Captain Moxey.

Besides, what is the point of having a credit card if it is not convenient to me on the island where I live? And, then again, in The Bahamas in the 21st Century, is that too much to ask?

MARVIN R Z GIBSON
The Bluff,
South Andros,
October, 2009.

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LOCAL NEWS

McPhee: Police promised me 'a deal'

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREPORT — Murder accused Wilfred McPhee Jr took the witness stand in his defence on Thursday, telling the Supreme Court that police promised him "a deal" if he signed a statement about the death of Corporal Eddison Bain.

Co-accused Edwin Bauld Jr did not take the stand.

The two men are on trial for the robbery, kidnapping and murder of Bain, whose body was discovered in a ditch near the Casuarina Bridge on October 22, 2007.

McPhee, 26, told the court that he had not known Bain was a police officer.

During questioning by his attorney Mario Gray, McPhee said the statements taken by police during their investigation were not true.

He claimed he never read his statement and only signed it because Sgt Darrell Rolle had offered him a deal.

McPhee said he was beaten and threatened by police and denied his right to speak with an attorney and his family.

According to McPhee's version of events, Bauld told him on October 19 about a plan to rob his own cousin (Corporal Bain) of money. Bauld then went over the plan with his girlfriend, Gahnise Campbell at the Royal Islander Hotel. The two accused then dropped off Gahnise in Bauld's tan Lumina to Kwan Yin to meet with Bain. He and Bauld then went to the Island Seas Beach and hid in the bushes to wait for them.

McPhee said when they spotted Bain and Ms Campbell, they came out of the bushes and accosted them.

"We told them to get down, and I told Gahnise that I was going to rape her, but I didn't mean it - I wanted it to look good," he said. McPhee said he had wrapped a towel around the tree branch, pretending it was a gun.

He said Gahnise ran to the Lumina and waited for them. McPhee said Bain complied

with their demands, and they put the victim in the back seat of his own car, a 1999 Honda Accord.

He said Bauld took Bain's wallet, removed the ATM card and choked Bain until he disclosed his pin number.

McPhee said he drove the Lumina while Bauld drove Bain's vehicle, then they met at the Boulevard Service Station, after which he followed Bauld in Bain's car to Casuarina Bridge.

The witness told the court Bauld then took Bain out of the vehicle.

He said Bain told them that he was a police officer, was soon to be married and was looking forward to a bright future.

McPhee said Bauld put Bain in a hole.

He said Bain was still alive when they left.

Bauld is represented by Brian Hanna. Acting Justice Jethro Miller is presiding over the trial. Vernal Collie and Erica Kemp of the Attorney General's Office are prosecuting.

Hispaniola leaders aim to eradicate malaria

OUANAMINTHE, Haiti

FORMER President Jimmy Carter travelled to Hispaniola on Wednesday to meet political leaders, health workers and malaria victims in hopes of jump-starting efforts to eradicate the disease in the Caribbean, according to the Associated Press.

The battle against the mosquito-borne disease in the Dominican Republic and neighbouring Haiti has been frustrating, with health officials complaining of a lack of cooperation between both country's governments.

Carter said on his visit to Ouanaminthe and to Dajabon in the Dominican Republic, just across a river border separating the two countries, that he hopes to expand a \$200,000 pilot project established in those towns by the nonprofit Carter Centre to

curb malaria's spread.

The project's funding runs out early next year, but Carter said he hopes governments, non-profit health groups and private foundations will pick up the tab for a broader effort.

"One of the most important developments has been the new cooperation between the two countries," Carter said while touring a Haitian hospital that treats many malaria victims. "And for the first time in history, they are targeting the complete elimination of the disease instead of just treating sick people."

Ridding this corner of the world of the disease, he said, would also eliminate the threat that it could spread to nearby islands, including Jamaica and the Bahamas.

An estimated 30,000 people in Haiti and several thousand more across the border suffer each year from malaria,

which causes high fevers and flu-like symptoms that kills more than one million people each year, mostly in Africa.



FORMER US President Jimmy Carter, center, applauds next to his wife Rosalynn Carter during their visit to the La Bomba neighborhood in Dajabon, Dominican republic, on the border with Haiti, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009.

Ramon Espinosa
AP Photo

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11.80	9.90	AMIL Foods Limited	1.75	1.75	0.00		0.127	0.000	9.1	0.00%	
9.30	5.90	Bahamas Property Fund	10.75	10.75	0.00	921	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%	
0.89	0.63	Bank of Bahamas	5.90	5.90	0.00		0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%	
3.49	3.15	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.37	2.14	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00		0.125	0.090	25.2	2.86%	
14.20	9.93	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00		0.055	0.040	43.1	1.63%	
2.88	2.72	Cable Bahamas	9.93	9.93	0.00		1.406	0.250	7.1	2.52%	
7.50	5.26	Colina Holdings	2.72	2.72	0.00		0.249	0.040	10.9	1.47%	
3.85	1.27	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	5.54	5.54	-0.02	2,700	0.419	0.300	13.2	5.42%	
2.85	1.32	Consolidated Water BDRs	3.14	3.12	-0.02		0.111	0.052	28.1	1.67%	
8.20	6.60	Doctor's Hospital	2.05	2.05	0.00		0.625	0.080	3.3	3.90%	
12.50	8.80	Famguard	6.60	6.60	0.00		0.420	0.240	15.7	6.64%	
11.71	10.00	Finco	9.30	9.30	0.00		0.322	0.520	28.9	5.59%	
41.11	10.00	First Caribbean Bank	10.00	10.00	0.00		0.631	0.350	15.8	3.50%	
1.00	1.00	Focol (S)	4.11	4.11	0.00		0.332	0.150	12.4	3.65%	
0.45	0.27	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
9.02	5.49	Freeport Concrete	0.27	0.27	0.00		0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%	
12.00	9.95	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00		0.407	0.500	13.7	8.94%	
10.00	10.00	J. S. Johnson	9.95	9.95	0.00		0.952	0.640	10.5	6.43%	
		Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		0.156	0.000	64.1	0.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing bases)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	7.92	8.42	14.00		-2.246	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
8.00	2.14	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%	
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date			
1.4038	1.3344	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4038	3.72	5.20			31-Aug-09			
3.0350	2.8952	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8300	-3.75	-6.75			30-Sep-09			
1.4932	1.4146	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4932	4.15	5.56			2-Oct-09			
3.6090	3.0941	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.0941	-6.61	-13.59			31-Aug-09			
13.1751	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.1751	4.42	5.86			30-Sep-09			
101.6693	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	101.6693	1.10	1.67			30-Jun-09			
100.9800	93.1992	CFAL Global Equity Fund	96.7398	0.35	-4.18			30-Jun-09			
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Dec-07			
10.5884	9.0775	Fidelity International Investment Fund	10.5884	5.88	5.88			30-Sep-09			
1.0757	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0757	3.86	5.30			30-Sep-09			
1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0305	-0.24	0.22			30-Sep-09			
1.0709	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0709	3.24	4.54			30-Sep-09			
MARKET TERMS											
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Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
NAV - Net Asset Value											
N/M - Not Meaningful											
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British American Financial Breast Cancer Tip

About Stage III Breast Cancer

Stage III breast cancer is divided into stages IIIA and IIIB.

In Stage IIIA, the cancer is smaller than 5 centimeters and has spread to the lymph nodes under the arm, and the lymph nodes are attached to each other or to structures, and/or the cancer is larger than 5 centimeters and has spread to the lymph nodes under the arm.

In Stage IIIB, the cancer has spread to tissues near the breast (skin or chest wall, including the ribs and the muscles in the chest), and/or the cancer has spread to lymph nodes inside the chest wall along the breast bone.

You can survive breast cancer. Early detection through regular breast self-exams and a regular program of mammogram and physical exams are crucial steps that every woman should employ.



Hilda Forbes

The Tribune observes Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2009

LOCAL NEWS

CANONIZATION OF BLESSED DAMIEN (JOSEPH) DE VEUSTER (1840-1889)

A life devoted to helping lepers

By FRANCIS NORONHA

OCTOBER 11, 2009, represents the day of the Canonization of Blessed Damien at the Church of Santa Maria del Carmelo in Transpontina in Via della Conciliazione 14, which is near St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy.

A great crowd is expected at this very large Church when Fr. Alfred Bell, the Postulator-General of the Order of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, will conduct the service. Henceforth, the world will refer to

St. Damien de Veuster, an individual who spent his life helping the lepers, and finally succumbed to the disease himself

Hawaii (like The Bahamas) conjures up visions of an idyllic paradise, with golden sunshine, dark blue skies, green islands with exotic flowers, long stretches of white beaches, swaying palm trees, sparkling clear water and soft island breezes. Described as the Paradise of the Pacific, Hawaii comprises about eight major islands, including Molokai (the Friendly Island which is about 38 miles long and 10 miles wide), as well as numerous rocky islets, reefs and shoals.

On April 15, 1889, over 50,000 people from all over the world converged on Molokai, not as tourists in search of sun, sea and sand, but in honour of the hero of Hawaii, Fr. Damien, who reserves a permanent place in world history as the individual who confronted and spotlighted the ageless international scourge of leprosy, contracting the disease and finally dying on Molokai on April 15, 1889. Today, due to modern medicine and technology, leprosy does not represent the horrible spectre that it was from the earliest days of mankind.

Hawaii has experienced a turbulent history. Captain James Cook landed on the islands in 1778 (named them the Sandwich Islands after the fourth Earl of Sandwich), and was killed by the local people in a riot on his return in 1779. Hawaii was a kingdom, and the last to rule was Queen Liliuokalani who, among her numerous accomplishments, composed the hauntingly beau-



(AP Photos/Hawaii State Archive) A FILE PHOTO provided by the Hawaii State Archive shows Father Damien two months before his death in 1889 at the leprosy settlement in Kalaupapa, Hawaii.

tiful farewell song "Aloha Oe". United States settlers fomented a revolution in 1893 when the Queen was deposed, and set up a provisional government, which, after associations with the USA, became the 50th State in the Union on August 21, 1959. From the dawn of history, leprosy has been regarded as a loathsome disease, and was regarded with terror as it has been highly contagious and incurable from the earliest days of mankind. A papyrus in a Berlin museum mentions leprosy as an abomination over 6,000 years ago; other documents mention its existence in China in 2000 BC and in Japan in 1500 BC; and the Bible and the Talmud refer to leprosy. The disease is mentioned in the Old Testament, and the New Testament records Jesus curing the ten lepers. Leprosy colonies are often named Lazaretto after the leper Lazarus who in the Bible sat at the gate of the rich man.

Leprosy was spreading over the world at the time of the birth of the sixth child of Francois and Catherine de Veuster on January 3, 1840, in Tremeloo, Belgium. At the ceremony, the baby Joseph raised his clenched fist, and the godfather, a military man, interpreted it as a salute and an omen that the boy would become a soldier.

Joseph enjoyed a happy childhood in the beautiful, peaceful hamlet of Tremeloo, where his pious parents ensured that he received his early education in Flemish at the knee

A BAHAMAS CONNECTION

In The Bahamas, there are three dedicated priests who belong to the same order as Fr. Damien, namely the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. They are Fr. Martin Gomes, of St. Joseph's Church, and Fr. Michael Kelly, of Our Lady's Church, both on the island of New Providence; and Fr. Patrick Fanning, who is in charge of all the Catholic Churches on Long Island.

of his mother. The few books in the home were mainly religious, a favourite being "The Lives of the Saints".

Kind and generous but also strong and exuberant, Joseph engaged in adventurous pranks which often landed him in trouble. He also tended the family flock of sheep, and helped the local smith with his work, including the digging of graves — a task he would perform often in later years.

Two of Joseph's brothers and a sister entered the religious life, and at age 19 Joseph followed his brother Pamphile into the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (often known as the Picpus Fathers after Picpus Street where the order started), assuming the name Damien after the saint and physician.

After ordination, Fr. Pamphile was selected as a missionary to Hawaii, but contracted typhus, a debilitating illness which was ravaging Louvain. As Damien had fervently begged to become a missionary, he was selected to replace his brother as a missionary to Hawaii.

In 1865 King Kamchameha V of Hawaii issued a decree that all incurable lepers must be banished to Kalawao settlement on the island of Molokai, so Friendly Island became Death Island. Families were disrupted through this forced separation — husbands from wives, parents from children, relatives from loved ones — but in many cases those unwilling to be separated joined their banished ones, being fully aware that they would never be allowed to leave the colony.

In Honolulu Bishop Margaret spoke movingly to a few priests about the heart-breaking plight of the lepers on Molokai who lived out their lives in abject poverty and overwhelming hopelessness, with no priest to comfort them. After a pause, Fr. Damien's strong voice rang out: "Please send me." He had passed his own death sentence.

Fr. Damien arrived at the leper colony of Molokai, and

was presented with a harrowing picture of misery, sorrow and broken spirits, and Dante's banner over Hell could have been strung over the settlement with the words: "Abandon Hope, all ye who enter here."

Author John Farrow describes the lepers: "Where had been, there were craters of pus; and there were gaping cavities, disease-infected holes, that merged with rotting mouths, where noses should be. Ears were pendulous masses, many times their natural size, or were shriveled to almost nothing. Hands were without fingers and some arms were merely stumps. Feet and legs were equally repulsive, and bodies of most of these repulsive creatures were bloated and pitted, shrunken and swollen, but never of a normal shape. They were a pitiable revolting sight, their wounds and sores being entirely undressed or covered with filthy matter — soaked rags." A vile odorous strong stench generally accompanied the diseased and rotting flesh.

Prayer

Fr. Damien had to overcome his strong repugnance by intense prayer. Surveying the small primitive filthy huts affording shelter to the hundreds of lepers devoid of hope or purpose in life, disregarded and disowned by humanity, he knew that God had invited him to a special vocation. Ancient Egyptians described leprosy as death before death, and author R.L. Stevenson, who visited the colony many years after numerous improvements had been made, described it as "a pitiful place to visit and hell to dwell in."

A heart-breaking visit to every settlement filled Fr. Damien with great sadness, and he spent his first night (and many subsequent nights) in prayer under a tree near the small abandoned wooden chapel. His first task was to officiate at a leper's funeral when four lepers carried the body wrapped in pieces of old matting to the shallow ditch (the grave) in the open cemetery

where wild, hungry dogs prowled at night, often uncovering the graves and devouring the corpses.

Fr. Damien coped with the gigantic, overwhelming task by constant prayer and perseverance and determination to do the will of God despite overwhelming obstacles. He encouraged the apathetic, listless, doomed people to believe in God and in themselves, which resulted in new neatly-constructed homes, a church, a school for the children, the cultivation of crops, recreational facilities and other amenities.

Fr. Damien simultaneously tackled the human problems of promiscuity, prostitution, gambling, illicit manufacture of alcohol and pagan superstitions. He also built up a sense of family and community; he encouraged self-help programmes; he visited the lonely and sick, cajoling medical supplies from the Hawaiian Board of Health; he comforted the sick and the dying; he buried the dead, often constructing the coffins and digging the graves himself; and, most of all, he made the lepers aware that they were children of God. Greatly loved and revered, he was given the affectionate name of Kamiano.

However, Fr. Damien suffered moments of loneliness and discouragement when his dedication was misunderstood by civil authorities and even by people inside the Church. Called strong-willed and obstinate because his intense determination was focused on the welfare of his beloved lepers, Fr. Damien was often impatient with the bureaucracy of Hawaii's Board of Health and he made endless demands on the Church authorities.

He himself led a very simple, austere life, and his only hobby was a pipe which he sometimes smoked to overcome the stench of the odours of rotting flesh.

Fr. Damien disliked personal publicity but was glad when good Queen Liliuokalani decided to visit Molokai. At the celebrations the Queen stepped on the platform to address the people, and she surveyed the disease-ravaged people, and was silent. She endeavoured to speak, but was overcome with emotion as her eyes filled with tears and her lips trembled, so a member of the royal retinue said a few words to the gathering. The Queen toured the island and, visibly moved, informed Fr. Damien that she could not believe that anyone would stay on the island of his own free will. He replied: "It is my work. They are my parishioners." The Queen replied softly and emotionally: "Your parishioners — and my people."

Thereafter, Queen Liliuokalani exerted all her influence to ensure that Fr. Damien was supported by the authorities in the country, and this eased his burden a great deal.

Fr. Damien was 45 years old when he celebrated Mass one Sunday morning in 1885. He always commenced his sermon with "My brethren". This Sun-

day there was a dramatic change when he looked around, paused and started with: "We lepers..."

He had finally and inevitably contracted the fatal disease. For four long years Fr. Damien bore the scourge of leprosy which slowly eroded his muscular frame. The realization that his time was running out only spurred him on just as a sprinter makes his final spur on the last lap of the race.

In 1886 Ira Dutton (of Stowe, Vermont, USA, who changed his name to Joseph when he joined the Catholic Church) went to Molokai to assist Fr. Damien. As leprosy took its toll of Fr. Damien, he was overjoyed to see that leprosy was gaining international attention, and a lazaretto was established on the island by three Franciscan Sisters, led by Mother Marianne, a most extraordinary individual, whose devotion to education in Utica, leadership qualities in Syracuse and subsequently at St. Joseph's Hospital made her well-known in the country. She led six Sisters to travel 6,000 miles to Molokai where she devoted the rest of her life to the lepers.

Fr. Damien's death on April 15, 1889, plunged Hawaii into intense sorrow in a world where leprosy was now well-known. The priest who disliked publicity was now an international figure. Newspapers everywhere poured tributes to the priest who had sacrificed his life for the untouchables of society.

Fr. Damien's last resting place, in accordance with his wishes, was under the same tree where he had spent his first night on the island. At another memorial site there was a granite cross above a white marble tablet with the words: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The Belgian King 47 years later requested the USA President for the return of the remains of Fr. Damien to his native country. On January 27, 1936, the remains were dug up, and as the coffin was transported to Belgium the lepers mournfully sang the beautiful farewell song "Aloha Oe" while the people on the island wept and were inconsolable.

The remains of Fr. Damien now rest in the Chapel of the Picpus Fathers in Louvain, Belgium. Robert Louis Stevenson, who had valiantly and vigorously defended Fr. Damien against his detractors predicted that within a century Rome would raise Damien the Leper to her altars as a Saint of the Church. The London "Times" described the priest as "one of the noblest Christian heroes." The Hawaiian Legislature selected the priest in 1967 as one of the state's two outstanding citizens to be honoured by statues in the Statuary Hall in Washington, DC, USA. Memorials to Fr. Damien exist in countries around the world, and many people around the globe bear the name Damien. The peasant from the village of Tremeloo has forcefully impacted world history.

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Darling pleased with CAC performance

By BRENT STUBBS
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Prepares to compete at World Championship

ALTHOUGH he didn't win his professional card at the Central American and Caribbean Bodybuilding Championships, James 'Jay' Darling was pleased with the two gold medals he captured for the Bahamas.

Now he's even more enthused about making the long trek to Doha, Qatar at the end of the month to compete in the Worlds Men's Bodybuilding Championships.

Darling, the national men's champion sponsored jointly by Pro-Lab, Natrol and Bally Total Fitness, was one of 11 athletes who represented the Bahamas at the CAC Championships last weekend in Georgetown, Grenada.

The Bahamas ended up third behind champions Barbados and runners-up Trinidad & Tobago.

"The trip was good. Everyone was in good spirits heading towards the trip," Darling said. "But it was disappointing that we had an athlete that didn't show for whatever reason. Other than that, it was a good show."

This year's championships attracted more than 200 athletes from 19 countries, the largest entries in quite some time.

Doubling up in the men's masters and the middleweight divisions, Darling said the masters turned out to be more competitive for him than it was for the middleweight.

"Most of the guys in the masters were medallists in their respective weights, so I had both the super heavyweight and heavyweight, who were both silver medalists and I had

to beat them to win the masters," he said.

Darling, who picked up his tenth gold medal at the championships, missed out on his bid to secure his pro card when he went into the pose-down.

The overall title went to Barbados' light heavyweight champion Martinus Durrant.

"When I go off, I go to do the best I could do," said Darling, when asked if he was disappointed that he didn't win the title. "I gave it my everything."

"I had the feel that I won it, but it wasn't meant to be. It's a judges' sport, so I won't let that stop me. I'm still preparing to head to the World Games at the end of this month, so I will try again."

Through his sponsors, Darling said he was able to stay focussed and was able to perform at his best in Grenada. But he said that's behind him and he's now concentrating on Doha.

"Over there I was on my game. My diet was down and nutrition was fairly decent," he said. "Over there, I had a large following from Barbados, Trinidad, Grenada and Bermuda."

"I had a lot of positive feedbacks from the judges too. So if there is anything that I think I would need to look at is dropping to a lighter weight division so I could come in a little more leaner."

Although he felt he was in the best

condition he could be at the championships, Darling said as long as he doesn't win the ultimate title then he's going to be disappointed in his performance.

"It's always good to achieve the maximum best. Unless you achieve the maximum best, I think there's always going to be room for improvement," he said. "So in that regard, I'm not that disappointed."

But the Royal Bahamas Defense Force Officer said he's not going to let that dampen his spirits as he prepare for the World's.

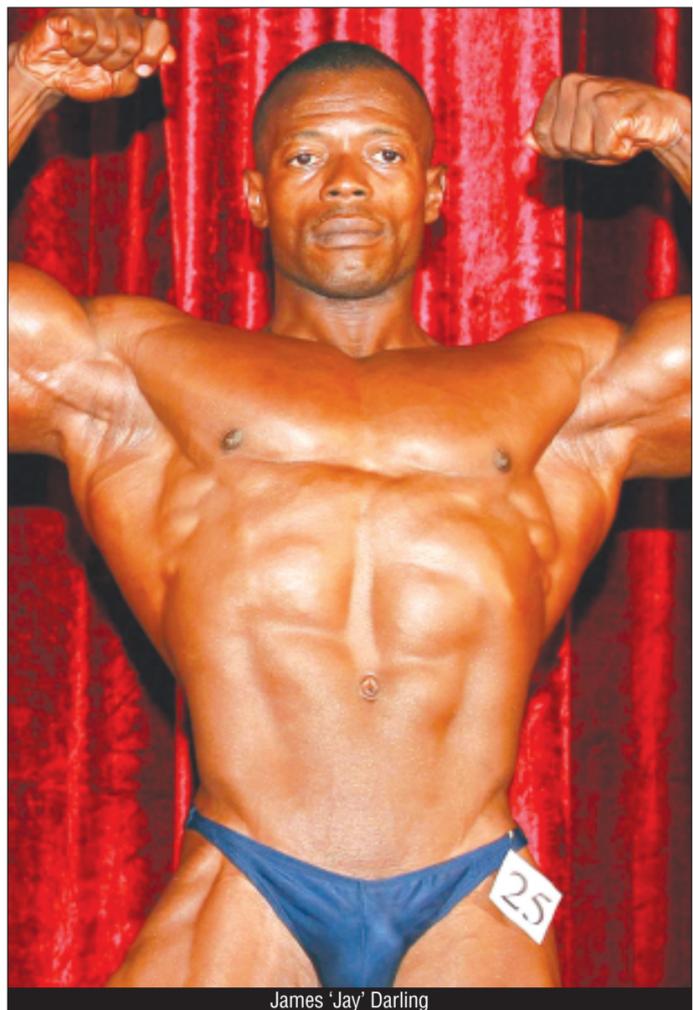
"Pro Lab is sponsoring me as much as they can, but I still need some financial assistance with my accommodations over there," Darling said.

"I'm hoping the government will assist in this because I'm going to be carrying the (Bahamian) flag and I really want to do well over there."

Darling, along with heavyweight Teddy Gray, are scheduled to leave town on October 29 and return home on November 7.

It will be his first appearance in the World's because when he was scheduled to travel to the Czech Republic in 2006, he had to stay home due to his job commitment.

"This one, everything looks great. I'm in good condition and I want to represent my country and to represent them very well," Darling stated.



James 'Jay' Darling

BAIN PASSES TENNIS CERTIFICATION COURSE



FOR a long time, local tennis players have been seeking the assistance of a proper fitness training programme. Marion Bain has stepped up to take care of that situation.

Recently, world famous tennis fitness and strength coach Pat Etchebry conducted a fitness programme where Bain was one of the 10 students to successfully pass the certification course.

Above Bain is shown receiving her certified certificate from Etchebry.

Roberts wins third Junior Open title

JUSTIN Roberts claimed his third consecutive singles title yesterday when he defeated number two seed George Semander of Aruba 6-1, 6-0 in the Boys 14-under singles final in the Curacao Junior Open 09.

Roberts also added the Boys 14-under doubles title as he and partner Victor Gurevich of the United States defeated the top seeded team of Timothy Blok and Geroge Semander of Aruba 6-4, 6-4.

In the latter match, the score was not as close as it looked as Roberts and Gurevich led 5-2 in each set before suffering a slight let-down allowing their opponents to cut the deficit to 5-4, only to eventually prevail 6-4.

This is the final COTECC Boys 14-under event for Roberts in 2009 as he now sets his sights on two of the toughest junior tournaments in the United States - the Eddie Herr International Junior Championships and Junior Orange Bowl.

Both tournaments are held in Florida in December with a strong contingent of junior players coming from Europe, Asia, South America and Australia.

• Here's a look at the results from the Curacao

Junior Open:
BOYS 14-UNDER SINGLES FINAL

No.1 Justin Roberts def. No.2 George Semander of Aruba 6-1, 6-0.

BOYS 14-UNDER DOUBLES FINAL

No.2 Justin Roberts (Bahamas)/Victor Gurevich (United States) def. No.1 George Semander/Timothy Blok (Aruba) 6-4, 6-4.

GIRLS 18-UNDER DOUBLES FINAL

No.2 Victoria Rodriguez (Mexico)/Simone Pratt (Bahamas) def. No.1. Carmen Blanco/Barbara Rodriguez (Venezuela) 6-3, 7-6 (2).

Simone Pratt (BAH) captures her first ITF Girls 18-under doubles championships at the Curacao Junior Open when she and partner Victoria defeated the No.1 seeded team from Venezuela in straight sets 6-3, 7-6 (2).

Pratt currently has a ITF World Ranking of No.1080, which will go up as a result of winning one round in singles and claiming the doubles title.

Pratt has plans to play the Eddie Herr and Junior Orange Bowl in an attempt to win her first major singles title.

Knowles, Roddick in China Open semifinal

MARK Knowles and Andy Roddick played their semifinal match at Open today in Beijing, China. The Bahamian-American duo were scheduled to face the team of Lukas Dlouhy of the Czech Republic and Phillipp Kohlschreiber of Germany.

Both teams are unseeded.

The winner will play the winner of the other half of the draw that features number two seeds American identical twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan against the French team of Julien Benneteau and Jeremy Chardy.

The final is set for Sunday.

Next week, Knowles is expected to be reunited with his regular doubles partner Mahesh Bhupathi of India as they play in the Shanghai Open.

Bhupathi is coming off a groin injury that he sustained playing Davis Cup for India. That forced Knowles to team up to play with Roddick in this week's tournament.

SPORTS

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IN BRIEFEagles' Vick to
star in 8-part
TV series

■ FOOTBALL
NEW YORK
Associated Press

MICHAEL VICK will be giving the public an inside look at his life during an eight-part television series scheduled to debut on BET next year.

Tentatively titled "The Michael Vick Project," the cable show will follow the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback as he tries to redeem himself after going to prison for 18 months for his role in operating a dogfighting ring. DuBose Entertainment, which is co-producing the series, and BET officially announced the show Friday.

"I think it's important to show our youth and our kids that you face adversity but you're not responsible for falling, you're responsible for getting up," Vick said earlier this week. "I'm very remorseful about what happened and what I did. I just don't want other people to go down that path. I'm trying to make it right and repair past damages. That's all I want to show."

The show is part reality TV, part documentary, chronicling Vick's rise from a difficult childhood to becoming a star at Virginia Tech, the No. 1 overall draft pick of the Atlanta Falcons in 2001, and at the time the highest paid player in the NFL.



SERBIA'S Novack Djokovic returns the ball to Spain's Fernando Verdasco in the quarter finals of the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing Friday, Oct. 9, 2009. Djokovic won the match 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.



SPAIN'S Rafael Nadal celebrates his victory over Russia's Marat Safin in the quarter finals of the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, China, Friday, Oct. 9, 2009. Nadal won the match 6-3, 6-1.

Nadal, Djokovic reach semifinals at China Open

■ TENNIS
BEIJING
Associated Press

RAFAEL NADAL moved into the semifinals of the China Open on Friday by defeating Marat Safin 6-3, 6-1.

Nadal outplayed the former top-ranked Russian from the start and remains on track to meet Novak Djokovic in the final Sunday. Djokovic defeated Fernando Verdasco of Spain 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.

"I think I played a really good match," Nadal said. "I'm happy about

my level."

Safin plans to retire at the end of this season, and thanked the fans for their support.

"I haven't been practicing for a long time and I can still hit some balls, so it's a really nice feeling to get on the court," said Safin, who won the inaugural China Open title in 2004.

On Saturday, Nadal will face Marin Cilic of Croatia, who defeated Nikolay Davydenko of Russia 6-4, 6-4. Djokovic will face Robin Soderling of Sweden, who defeated Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Djokovic was broken by Verdas-

co three times in the second set. But the fourth-ranked Serb regained his form in the third set and took advantage of his Spanish opponent's 19 unforced errors in the match.

"I had ups and downs," Djokovic said. "Verdasco used his chances in the second set when he broke. I saved energy at the end of the second set for the refreshing start of the third and I was fortunate to do so."

Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia became the first woman to qualify for the semifinals, stopping Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia 6-3, 6-3.

Kuznetsova will face Nadia Petro-

va of Russia, who defeated Peng Shuai of China 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2.

"I'm very happy to get through even though I didn't really start out playing well, but I really picked it up by the second and third sets," said Petrova, who eliminated Serena Williams in three sets on Thursday. "It's always difficult to come out the next day and put on the same performance."

Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland topped fourth-seeded Elena Dementieva of Russia 7-5, 6-3. She will meet Marion Bartoli of France, who defeated Vera Zvonareva of Russia 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

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FORMER New Zealand rugby player Jonah Lomu plays with children at Ruggbyklubben Speed in Copenhagen, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009. The International Olympic Committee will decide on Friday, Oct. 9, if rugby is to become an Olympic discipline.

Golf, rugby make Olympic roster for 2016, 2020

■ OLYMPICS
COPENHAGEN
Associated Press

ALL those beautiful beaches and Tiger Woods, too!

After more than a century on the sidelines, golf will return to the Olympics at the Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro. Rugby, last played in 1924, is coming back as well.

Both were reinstated for the 2016 and 2020 games after a vote Friday by the International Olympic Committee. They are the first sports added since triathlon and taekwondo joined the program for the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Each sport received majority support in separate votes after leading athletes and officials from both camps gave presentations, including a taped video message from Woods and other top pros. Woods has indicated he would play in the Olympics if golf were accepted for 2016.

"There are millions of young golfers worldwide who

would be proud to represent their country," Woods said from the Presidents Cup in San Francisco. "It would be an honor for anyone who plays this game to become an Olympian."

Golf was approved 63-27 with two abstentions. Rugby was voted in 81-8 with one abstention.

"We were ecstatic and wanted to jump on the table, but we sort of restrained ourselves," former New Zealand rugby great Jonah Lomu told The Associated Press. "It was just fantastic for the game."

Golf will stage a 72-hole stroke-play tournament for men and women, with 60 players in each field. Rugby will organize a four-day seven-a-side tournament — instead of the more traditional 15-a-side game — for 12 men's and women's teams.

"I think it's fantastic, an unbelievable day for the game of golf," Jack Nicklaus said. "The impact is going to be felt all over the world, which is what I've always felt about

the game. The game is a mature game in many countries, but it never had the opportunity to grow in many others. People of all walks of life will be inspired to play the game of golf, and play for sports' highest recognition. For all sports, that has been a gold medal."

The venue and schedule for both sports in Rio de Janeiro has yet to be decided. The golf tournament will not necessarily be played Thursday through Sunday, bid leader and PGA Tour vice president Ty Votaw said.

"It might be Wednesday to Saturday," Votaw said. "Or it might be that the women's competition is first, and the men's is second. ... All of those things need to be worked out over the next seven years."

British bookmaker William Hill immediately made Woods the favorite in Rio, giving 6-1 odds that he will the gold medal. It gave the same odds for any player from Britain or Ireland winning.

LOCAL NEWS

Former union president upset by office manager's 'despair'

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really leads the organisation. In the meantime, the depressed economy has thwarted her efforts to get another job and she has found herself in despair, wondering how she will support herself and her 11-year-old daughter Rayven, a junior national tennis champion.

Confirming her story, Director of Labour Harcourt Brown described Ms Barry as an "innocent bystander" caught up in the middle of union squabbles.

Yesterday Ms Harding, who was voted president of the union in 2006, said she wanted to make it known that she "exhausted all means" to try to ensure Ms Barry got what she was due — even formally signing off on a payout of \$21,000 to the former employee for her years of service in an official meeting with labour officials shortly after Ms Barry lost her job in January of this year and filed a trade dispute.

But, said Ms Harding, the bank refused to disburse the funds given the uncertainty over the leadership of the organisation, and union treasurer, Susan Palmer — who is allied with current purported president Anthony Bain — allegedly refused to provide her signature to approve the transaction.

On Thursday, Mr Bain claimed Ms Barry is owed nothing as she lost her job due to "poor behaviour" — something Ms Harding vehemently denied, saying Ms Barry was a committed worker.

Ms Harding charged that Mr Bain and Ms Palmer's refusal to pay Ms Barry goes against the will of the AAAWU membership, who had "unanimously" agreed this summer that the union should continue paying Ms Barry, and several others who lost their jobs at around the same time, until the dispute between executives is resolved.

This did not happen. The former President also supported statements by Mr Brown, contacted about the matter on Thursday, when he said that hundreds of the union's 510 members are in favour of an election taking place to finally decide the leadership of the union.

Presently Mr Bain has an injunction against any election going ahead, although Mr Brown and Ms Harding say the last executive term expired in June. The Department of Labour filed an appeal against the injunction earlier this week in the hope that elections will go ahead and the deadlock on resolving the payment issue can finally be ended.

Christie 'against any move to oppose Moss nomination'

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political sources that certain individuals are seeking resolutions to amend the party's constitution, blocking anyone who is not a sitting MP — such as Mr Moss — from nominating to run for party leader at its upcoming convention.

Sources alleged the attempt, along with another proposed to disallow someone who has not previously declared his/her intentions to run for a post from nominating at the convention, was one intended to "stack the deck" against any opponent of Mr Christie ahead of the party's convention on October 21.

Yesterday Mr Christie said "rumours" that he was behind a move to block Paul Moss or any other would-be challenger in this way are being "put out by people who intend to cause mischief." "There was never any attempt by any of the established party to block anyone," he said.

Mr Christie noted that although it has "come to the attention of those of us who are in leadership of party that it is possible by our constitution for someone to join party and two weeks later declare they're running for leader," if a resolution was passed to allow the National General Council to vote to disallow the same, a vote in favour of the move "should not be considered."

"Ordinarily there ought to be some preconditions that require someone to be a member in good standing and otherwise qualified to hold the position (of leader). Clearly there's consideration in that area, but if such a resolution would pass it ought not to be considered. In other words I myself would oppose any attempt to prevent someone from running who is duly qualified to run. Right now the only one who has declared his intention to do so is Paul Moss. I would not support an effort to oppose his nomination on a technical point," added Mr Christie.

Meanwhile he said in principal he would support another proposed amendment to the party's constitution — that anyone who is to run for a post in the convention must declare their intentions ahead of time — but "not for this convention."

"I support any kind of proposal that advances the internal workings of democracy inside the PLP," he said, suggesting that such a stipulation would give people more time to find out about the person they are voting for, and whether they have "the qualities of a leader."

"What I have said to people who assemble in the NGC (National General Council) is that we must become more accountable. People are looking at us and we should have reflected in our business how the country does its business," added Mr Christie. The PLP leader said he is committed to "evolving rules to ensure people are free to contest elections and contest elections that are fair."

"That must be the commitment of the party — to have free and fair elections, so people are able in unfettered way able to exercise the right to vote for the candidate who is right to lead the party," said the PLP leader. He said that by Monday or Tuesday it is likely that people should know which proposed amendments to the party's constitution will be voted on at the convention.

Bahamasair probes claims of passengers left stranded

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cannot guarantee me a seat home this (week). What I find further irritating is that this week is a very busy one for San Salvador as it is the Discovery homecoming celebration. This means that more people will be travelling home," she claimed in the letter. Ms Williams also said the cost of inter-island travel, around \$204 for a round-trip San Salvador ticket was too high considering Bahamians can travel outside of the country for less money. When contacted for comment yesterday, Bahamasair Managing Director Henry Woods says he read the letter — which was also published in a local daily — and sought to verify the merits of the complaint.

He said he could not confirm whether any ticketed passengers had been affected by the airline's "economic downsizing" but added that preliminary investigations did not support the complaint.

He said it was company policy to ensure that ticketed passengers are "always protected" and the airline's agents are instructed not to overbook flights.

"The load has been extremely light, the economic conditions have decreased our numbers and in this time of depression we have had to make certain adjustments.

"But our Booking and Load Control Unit — I've taken this up with them on more than one occasion — and they have given me assurances that if a passenger had a confirmed booking they will fly. It's a different story if a person just shows up with no reservation and that might have been a situation where a person could not be accommodated," Mr Woods told The Tribune yesterday.

He explained that smaller planes, 19-seaters, have been used for San Salvador flights on Tuesdays and Wednesdays because of lagging sales.

When asked about the higher cost of domestic flights, Mr Woods said the "highly competitive" airline industry was driving the prices. He added that many times international operators are faced with lower operating costs and could offer cheaper rates to their destinations.

REMINDER:

As Monday is Discovery Day, there will be no Tribune until Tuesday.

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LOCAL NEWS

Is this the right way to treat our pets?



THE COLLARS of the dogs who have been surrendered to the pound and later killed, have been stuffed into these holes by staff members, creating a haunting memorial to the unfortunate animals.



POUND manager Kirkland Glinton speaks to Tribune reporter Megan Reynolds outside the pound yesterday.



CAGES for capturing birds.



LOLA in her cage.



MR GLINTON shows a syringe on a pole, which is used by staff to tranquilise aggressive dogs.



MR CAREY talks about the challenges facing the pound.



VET AND ADMINISTRATOR at the pound Dr Godfrey Springer.



DIRTY BROWN WATER put out for the dogs to drink

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and driven dogs away from their masters' homes. Each week around 50 dogs and perhaps a dozen cats are collected in traps by some of the nine staff at the canine control unit government dog pound in an area of the Botanic Gardens, Chippingham.

The unwanted animals are locked in the 45 dark and tiny cement cells in pairs before their pitiful lives are brought to an end.

Legislation requires the animals to be kept alive for at least four days to give owners an opportunity to collect their pets, but as the majority of dogs are brought to the pound at their owner's will, it is an unlikely outcome for the poorly-treated pets.

Their dying days are spent crammed in a kennel, some with broken limbs, flesh wounds, mange, and if they are not already infested with ticks and fleas, they will be within 24 hours of staying at the pound.

A lack of funding, resources, and a body of staff a third of the size of what it should be, means the care for the dogs is minimal.

These wandering potcakes, pit bulls, and pit bull-mixes like Lola, have no space to roam. They rely on the food and rusty water provided twice a day by the supervisor and five wardens who run the dog pound.

Those who arrive at the pound suffering from serious injuries or illness are put to sleep almost immediately, as are motherless puppies never given a chance at life.

Freezes

Their bodies are stored in three deep freezes until Friday morning before their bodies are collected and disposed of.

Criticisms of the inhumane way animals are treated at the pound have been highlighted in *The Tribune* since a 14-year-old visitor wrote to the newspaper to share with the public the horrors he had seen. A live dog locked in a kennel with a dead dog, faeces covering the floors of the kennels, and animals locked up without food and water.

His complaints sparked public outrage and the formation of an activist group demanding better conditions at the pound which now has more than 500 members.

But in the first ever public tour of the facility, *The Tribune* found it is the culture of cruelty to animals bringing dozens of neglected and poorly treated dogs and cats to the pound week after week.

When *The Tribune* visited the pound yesterday, supervisor Kirkland Glinton said the 45 dogs and seven cats collected this week, all killed yesterday, is average.

Department of Agriculture and Marine Resources veterinarian Godfrey Springer euthanises the animals with assistance from staff.

He said: "It's not easy for me as a vet to put animals to sleep but it's a public health issue; it's creating a risk to public health and as a country we have to remove the disease element from the population."

However their work has little impact on the number of stray dogs wandering throughout New Providence, as Dr Kirkland said as soon as 50 dogs are collected and killed, another 50 will be found wandering in the same areas the following week.

What is required is responsible animal ownership, Dr Springer said. He told *The Tribune*: "We have to create a culture of people who love animals."

"We need responsible animal ownership. Dogs are living things, they need to be fed and watered, and to be housed in a comfortable home. They need to be seen by a veterinarian at least twice a year.

"They should not be tied up so the rope around their neck cuts into their skin, and they should not be roaming into neighbours' yards or in the streets."

■ **What are your views on dog cruelty in the Bahamas? Who's to blame? And read more revelations next week.**

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