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Focus on DNA at Bishop's retrial

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THE retrial of Bishop Earl Randolph Fraser continued in Magistrate's Court yesterday with a DNA expert presenting evidence for the prosecution.

Fraser, who is the head pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Temple, St James Road, is accused of having a sexual

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Slaying near school is year's 59th homicide

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A YOUNG man is dead after he was riddled with bullets by a drive-by gunman who left him lying in a pool of his own blood outside a home in the Sunshine Park area, a few blocks away from the Carmichael Primary School.

His death pushed the nation's homicide count to 59.

Police said it was just after 10am when 22-year-old Degario Knowles and another man were sitting on a wall

shots at Knowles who was reportedly shot in the hip, leg and back.

Knowles staggered several feet into a neighbouring yard, managed to hop a backyard fence before collapsing — leaving a large trail of blood behind him.

The gunman escaped in the green vehicle.

Police have launched an intensive investigation into the shooting and yesterday



BLOOD covers the ground where 22 year-old Degario Knowles was shot

of a house on Winward Isles Road when occupants of a green Honda Inspire drove up and opened fire on the victim.

As Knowles made a mad dash to escape the attack, the gunman — described as a light skinned male with a low hair cut — emerged from the backseat of the car and continued shooting.

Residents of the area said the brazen gunman then stood in the middle of the street and fired around eight

appealed for persons with information on the incident to come forward.

"Sometime around 10.45 am we got a call of gunshots heard in the Sunshine Park area, police officers responded to investigate. Once they got there they found Degario Knowles suffering gun shot wounds to the body. He was taken to hospital by ambulance and later pronounced dead," said head of the homi-

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Hundreds attend power plant meeting



ABACO teenagers waved banners they made at a public meeting about the new Bunker C-fuelled power plant that BEC is building on the island

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NEARLY 1,000 Abaco residents concerned about the Bunker C fuel power plant going up in Wilson City attended a public meeting in Marsh Harbour to put their concerns to government ministers and Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) executives.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham was among the packed audience at New Visions Ministry Church on Thursday as BEC chairman Fred Gottlieb, BEC general manager Kevin Basden, Minister of State in the Ministry of the Environment Phenton Neymour and Minister of the Environment Earl Deveaux stated their case for the \$150 million, 48 megawatt power plant in South Abaco.

Residents from the Abacos concerned about the environmental impact Bunker C could have on their health criticised officials for not informing them about the plant before they began construction last month.

Lawyer Fred Smith, representing residents of Abaco opposing the development, questioned officials about whether all the legitimate permits had been obtained before construction began.

Local group Friends of the Environment organised the meeting to encourage dialogue between residents and the Government as controversy stirred in the community.

A video exploring the potentially damaging impact of the heavy oil Bunker C (HFO) power plant was released on an internet video sharing site this week and had been viewed more than 9,000 times at the time of the meeting.

An internet petition to stop the development had also been signed by more than 900 people yesterday.

Mr Gottlieb, a prominent lawyer in Marsh Harbour, denounced the video as "propaganda" deliberately feeding people misinformation and took strides to refute the accusations made.

He said: "I do not have any problem with those who have legitimate concerns with regard to the plant that's to be built at Wilson City, but I have a problem with individ-

uals and groups who disseminate and circulate images designed to provoke an emotional response and create fear, anxiety, anger and hysteria.

"I personally take offence to the video that has been circulated and its misleading statements."

Mr Gottlieb said that as a resident of Abaco and a father, it is in his interest to choose the right investment for the area and continued development of the country's third largest, and fastest-growing, economy depends on a constant and reliable source of electricity.

Stopping the development would only be "an economic disaster for Abaco," he said.

A number Abaconians attending the meeting said they supported Mr Gottlieb in the decision to build a new power plant.

Officials maintain there is not enough room to expand the 27 megawatt facility in Marsh Harbour, and renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, waste or hydrokinetic power are not yet advanced enough to imple-

Embassy clarifies 'warning on crime'

By Ava Turnquest

US Embassy officials believe The Nassau Guardian exaggerated the importance of a statement placed on its local website, blowing a routine notice out of proportion.

The Guardian led its Friday edition with the headline: "US Embassy issues crime warning", but according to a senior embassy official, this headline might have given a misleading impression.

Jeff Dubel, Political Economic Public Diplomacy Chief, said the embassy is disappointed that The Nassau Guardian did not contact the Embassy before printing the story — as much could have been explained.

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BEC chair hits at protest video

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ment in Abaco. Information presented by the Bahamas Environment Science and Technology (BEST) Commission showed how wind in Abaco has an average of seven knots, too weak to power a wind energy farm. It also blows south east, meaning any gases emitted by the plant will go away from residential areas.

However, wind turbine design engineer and Abaco resident David Pitcairn said his research has achieved different results.

"I don't know where the wind data you have comes from but historical wind data shows 60 per cent of wind is blowing towards the west and northwest, and 16 per cent towards Marsh Harbour. So I found the slide you showed with the wind blowing to the south west misleading," he said.

"Also the average wind velocity is 18 mph, or 16 knots, which is considered class six in a scale of one to seven, not seven knots, which would be class two according

to your data."

Mr Pitcairn said he believes wind power is a viable option for Abaco and ought to be explored further.

Mr Neymour said BEC is investing in renewable energy research, but is not yet able to consider using renewable energy to power Abaco.

He said: "The Government is committed to financing and implementing a national alternative energy supply.

"These initiatives look not only at the short-term, but the long-term benefits for present and future generations, and they will not be seen overnight.

"In the interim conventional methods must be used with a view to mitigate impact on the environment and citizens."

Measures to prevent environmental destruction will be taken by ensuring regular maintenance of the plant and three mile pipeline to the tanker port, providing staff with proper training and support, and by appointing an environmental officer to oversee all such concerns.

Mr Deveaux assured Abaco-

conians BEC and the Government will "ensure the highest standard of environmental stewardship for the plant."

Those behind the project said they were surprised by the enormous turn-out because plans for a power plant had been in the pipeline since the previous, PLP, government was in power.

The original location at Snake Cay, north of Wilson City, was thrown out when concerns were raised about the sensitivity of the surrounding environment, a complex creek system on Abaco's east coast.

But environmentalists say the present site at Wilson City, in the Bight of Old Robinson, is intrinsically linked to the area of Snake Cay by a network of blue holes and could be just as damaging to the pristine area near the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park.

They said the public should have been consulted about the relocation and given an opportunity to express their concerns in an open dialogue before construction began.

Abaco resident John Heddon, a diesel mechanic, said: "This dialogue that's taking place tonight should have started two years ago. I agree 100 per cent that there is a lot of misinformation floating around in the community right now over this very issue and if you had opened the dialogue at the very beginning you could have avoided all of this."



BEC general manager Kevin Basden (right) takes questions from Abaco residents



NEARLY 1,000 Abaconians attended a meeting on the proposed BEC power plant

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returned to the Embassy via email to fernanderra@state.gov and poitierra@state.gov or faxed to (242)328-8251, addressed to the Human Resources Office no later than September 17th, 2009.



FROM L to R: INGA Burrows, senior technician at Kelso Medical Laboratory; Dawn Johnson, assistant laboratory manager of Kelso Medical Laboratory; Shakessa Fox, CSR, Kelso Medical Laboratory; Thelma Rolle, public relations manager at Princess Margaret Hospital, and Brent Lowe, laboratory manager of Kelso Medical Laboratory.

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THE Bahamas' Kelso Medical Laboratory donated \$1,000 to the 'Breathe Easy' campaign which has been launched to raise \$300,000 for ventilators to benefit critically ill newborns at the Princess Margaret Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

To date, the campaign has raised \$88,300.

Persons interested in making a donation towards the campaign should contact Tile King, The Tribune Media Group, Doctors Hospital, or the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation.

Cheques can be made payable to the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation.

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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Grand Bahama relinquishes crown



Garrell Hudson

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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New queen to be chosen by the end of week

FREEPORT – Six months into her reign, beauty queen Garrell Hudson has relinquished her Miss Grand Bahama 2009/2010 crown over what she described as “management issues.”

Ms Hudson, 19, won the title on March 29, and has made more than 30 public appearances throughout Grand Bahama and Nassau promoting her platform of youth empowerment.

Glen Davis, CEO and pageant director, issued a press statement on Tuesday, announcing that the organisation will crown a new queen at the end of the week.

The crowning took place yesterday

at the Garden of the Groves, where Nikki Severe assumed the title of Miss Grand Bahama.

Ms Hudson claimed that “insurmountable circumstances” led to her resignation – among them the “lack of professionalism” exhibited by some of the pageant’s managers.

The former beauty queen also claimed that she did not receive any of her prizes.

“The reasons for my withdrawal are many and varied and are by no

means due to the lack of interest or commitment to my community and country,” she said. “I was committed and compared to the previous queen who did 28 appearances during her 12-month reign, I have completed 32 appearances in just six months, and so I have done a lot of positive things involving the youth.”

Ms Hudson said she is presently enrolled at the College of the Bahamas and is pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in biology with a minor in

chemistry.

She said that her bad experience has not discouraged her from promoting her platform or entering other beauty pageants in the future.

Ms Hudson said she has received confirmation that she has a spot reserved in the Miss Galaxy competition, to be held early next year in Germany.

She is now seeking sponsors and is expected to be in Germany from February 24 to March 2.

In the meantime, Ms Hudson said she will continue to promote youth empowerment.

She has already established a youth programme at St Paul’s Methodist College, and hopes to launch other programmes at other high schools on Grand Bahama.

Ministry of Tourism to host swine flu work shop

THE Ministry of Tourism in conjunction with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) will hold a special two-day workshop and preparation exercise in response to the worldwide H1N1 pandemic.

The exercise’s goal is to evaluate possible scenarios and to ensure that organisations are prepared for possible developments, especially in regards to travel and tourism.

All sessions will take place on September 16 and 17 at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort.

Container port workers sent to hospital

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - A dozen container port workers were sent to hospital on Thursday evening after becoming ill as a result of exposure to chemical fumes from a docked cargo vessel.

The affected workers experienced symptoms of lightheadedness, skin and eye irritations and chest pains. They were taken to the Rand Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Hospital administrator Sharon Williams confirmed that 12 workers were treated for chemical inhalation.

She said the workers came to hospital around 9pm and were discharged by 10pm.

According to reports, several straddle carriers became ill while removing containers that had been off-loaded from the MSC Turchita.

The vessel arrived at the

container port around 5am on Thursday. Containers were off-loaded from the ship by crane and were being removed by straddle carriers to a designated stacking area when some workers fell ill as a result of strong fumes from the ship.

One worker said he was very concerned that proper safety protocols were not followed at the container port in regards to the incident.

“We were not hosed off before being sent to the hospital, and when we arrived there for treatment the nurses and doctors told us that they could smell the fumes on our clothing,” the worker said.

“We were told to go outside the hospital because there were concerns that we would contaminate the hospital, and we could not go home for a change of clothing.”

He said some persons arrived at the hospital between 5pm and 6pm, and another group arrived later at

around 9pm.

The worker said they were given medication and two days off from work.

He also complained that they were not initially accompanied to the hospital by the company’s safety or human resources representative, who arrived a couple hours later.

The Tribune attempted to reach container port official Godfrey Smith, Chief Operating Officer, but he was unavailable for comment. Corporate affairs officer Sherry Rodgers was also unavailable.

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crime BRIEF

24-year-old man charged with drug possession

A MAGISTRATE yesterday opted to impose a fine rather than a custodial sentence on a 24-year-old man who admitted he intended to sell drugs to help his seriously ill son.

Rashard MacIntosh pleaded guilty to the charge of possession of marijuana with the intent to supply to another.

According to the prosecutor Inspector Ercell Dorsette, police found MacIntosh in possession of 13 foil wraps of marijuana weighing 40 grammes.

MacIntosh admitted that he had been found in possession of the drugs and told the court that he was simply trying to earn money to help his son who was born with lung problems and is in hospital in the United States. He told the court that ever since he lost his construction job he had to resort to selling drugs. McIntosh said he has been sleeping in cars, having moved out of his mother’s home. His attorney, Christopher Plakaris, also pleaded for leniency, claiming that his client had made a bad choice.

Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethel decided not to impose a custodial sentence on MacIntosh and instead fined him \$1,500, half of which he was ordered to pay by 4pm yesterday.

Magistrate Bethel informed MacIntosh that he would have to pay the balance by September 30.



PICTURED from left to right, back row, behind the TG Glover Primary School students: Joanne Smith, president elect, Rotary Club of East Nassau; Brian Moodie, past president, Rotary Club of East Nassau; Kelly Ann Smith committee member, Rotary Club of East Nassau; Michele Rassin, president, Rotary Club of East Nassau; Cassandra Forbes, principle, TG Glover Primary School; Eileen Turner, vice-principle, TG Glover Primary School.

TG Glover Primary School welcomes school supply donation from The Rotary Club of East Nassau

REPRESENTATIVES of the Rotary Club of East Nassau visited TG Glover Primary School bearing gifts of school supplies and back packs for the children.

The supplies included 12 cases of back to school material for writing and craft supplies. The supplies will be used to stimulate students’ creativity and enhance their learning environment.

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Beyond all expectations

THOUSANDS upon thousands of college students returned to classes in Boston this week. None of them has a story like Taisha Sturdivant's.

She never knew her dad. When she was 6, her mother married a preacher's son. The preacher's son gave her mother many things, including HIV.

Taisha Sturdivant grew up around Four Corners, in Boston's Dorchester neighbourhood, on a dead end called Harvard Park that looked nothing like a park and was home to no one who went to Harvard. The gangsters sold their drugs and fired their guns and Taisha winced at the pop-pop-pop and kept her head down.

Her brother started running with a gang, and then one day he wasn't running anymore: He was standing, in a courtroom, in front of a judge, because he sold drugs.

"First time I was in a courtroom, I was 12. It was to show support for my brother," she said. "He's still incarcerated."

The next time she was in a courtroom, she was 15. She had received one of the fellowships named after the late federal judge David Nelson. The chief federal judge, Mark Wolf, was going around the courtroom at orientation, asking all the city youth how many of their friends had been murdered, and when he got to Taisha Sturdivant, she said, "Eighteen."

She keeps the list in her head. She remembers their names, their faces, where they fell.

She was 15 years old and her mother had just died of AIDS. She was on her own and treading water in the open ocean that was Four Corners.

"I could have gone either way when I was 15," she said. "I had a lot of behavioural problems in school. I used to get in fights."

She was at English High and didn't want to leave her friends. She didn't want to go to college; she didn't think she could get into college. But her mother wanted her to go to an alternative high school, Another Course to College, and when her mother died, she knew she had to go.

"It's something I did for her," she said.

A teacher, Jerry Howland, took a shine to her and started acting as if the only question was where Taisha Sturdivant would go to college.

She kept returning to the federal courthouse every summer, and the judges put her to work. She worked for Wolf and Nancy Gertner and Patti Sarris. And she worked for Reggie Lindsay, who knew what it was like to grow up poor and black and being expected to know your place.

By the time Taisha Sturdivant enrolled at Brandeis, many of the young people she grew up with were dead, in prison, or, like her sister, single parents living in the projects.

"No one I grew up with went to college," she said. "No one."

She doesn't think she's anything special.

"I got lucky," she said, sitting in Shapiro Campus Centre, where she works as a building manager when she isn't studying.

"I got some opportunities that others didn't. I met people who took an interest in me, who told me I could do anything despite everything in my background.

"I don't want to let these people down. I feel this pressure to succeed, for them as much as for me. It's not a negative pressure. It's more a motivator.

"I'm one mistake away from ending up like everybody I grew up with. That's enough motivation for me."

She is 20 years old, going on 40. She's a junior at Brandeis and she's been on the dean's list every semester. She writes poetry and knows a lot about the world. She spent last summer on the Mexican border, working with immigrants. She's going to Ghana in January, for six months, to put into practice some of her ideas on education.

She's going to finish up at Brandeis next year, go to law school, and then Taisha Sturdivant is going to change the world.

Believe it.

(This article was written by Kevin Cullen, a Globe columnist – c. 2009 The Boston Globe).

Pitbull an 'ideal dog' if cared for

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I am writing about the article in the paper, asking for the ban of these "Vicious Dogs."

I have heard this term being used about pitbulls for so long now and thought that I would say something.

My brothers and I have dealt with and owned pitbulls from a very young age. What many people fail to realise is that these dogs are some of the most loving, playful, and loyal dogs anyone can own. What people must also realise is that, all dogs, no matter what breed, have a natural killer instinct. People can do research for themselves on other dogs and they will see. Rottweilers, Chow Chows, all terriers, even the world renown faithful German Shepherd all have had instances where they have attacked or mauled people.

We as humans are a part of the animal kingdom. Animals are something like us when you look at it. They have feelings and they have character and personality.

You have to look at a dogs background too as to why they would attack a person.

How are they trained? How

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are they kept?

I have seen instances where guys have teased and beaten these dogs, they say, "To make them bad." But in reality, pitbulls don't need any aggravating to be "Bad." They have that natural killer instinct, that when aggravated, it will kick in.

If a dog is being used as a guard at an establishment, trust me, they know the difference between work and home. They know when they need to get out of their comfort zone and be alert. They just know.

The comment about chains that you can put on a horse is just ridiculous. Those guys who use those huge chains most of the time are for an aggressive look. I have seen a programme on Animal Planet called animal cops where there was an illegal dog fighting racket. These guys had chains...literally boat chains weighing 60lbs on a dog that was maybe between 80 and 100lbs. Apparently these chains are what fighters use

so that the dog's stance can be strengthened when they fight.

To say, ban the pitbulls, is a bit extreme. What would probably be best is to check out those homes where pitbulls are being kept. Check out the environment around them and how they are treated.

It seems as though the licensing laws for dogs isn't even used anymore.

Start fining people who don't have their dogs licensed. Create stricter laws for animal owners.

I will be honest. I don't have a dog right now. I have been searching for a different breed of dog for the past few months because I just wanted the experience of a new breed but I have yet to find one that lives up to a pitbull's standard. The pitbulls is the ideal dog. No huge health complications and they are just truly loving dogs who you know at the end of the day will protect and serve you until they die...That's just my opinion.

PATRICK T ROBINSON
II
Nassau,
September, 2009.

Bahamas falters on year-round tourism

EDITOR, The Tribune.

While the Bahamas' Minister of Tourism and his FNM government are groping about the country's Tourism industry which has, essentially, hit the bottom of the barrel and which has, indeed, collapsed for the most part, their Jamaican counterparts are in the news, recently, boasting about 70,000 brand new air seats, which they have secured for that country's upcoming winter season.

In Saturday's (September 5th) Freeport News, Jamaica's deputy director of tourism, Mr David Shields, was seen in a photo, at a press conference, briefing the media on that country's good fortune in securing commitments from airline and tour operators to bring an additional 70,000 passengers from a number of European capitals to Jamaica this coming winter season. They accomplished this feat (and it is a feat) last month, during the

world championships, held in Berlin Germany where Jamaica's athletic team picked up 13 medals, including seven gold, four silver and two bronzes. While the athletic team was performing on the field, winning medals in sports, the country's tourism team was in the boardrooms of airlines and tour operators winning medals in their tourism promotion.

I had high hopes for Mr Vanderpool-Wallace-albeit not very high I must admit, but hopes nonetheless being able to pull our tourism industry out of the hole which Neko Grant left it in, but it seems to me that Mr Vanderpool-Wallace, himself, has climbed down into that hole, from which he hasn't been able to climb out of, since he took the job, succeeding Grant. On a recent vacation cruise up the eastern seaboard of the United States and Canada, every port on the ship's itinerary was bustling with tourists. In Baltimore they were boasting of entertaining around 85 cruise ships for the season and in Boston, they claimed that 165 ships were scheduled to call at that port. It should be noted that the cruise season in these ports of call, is not year-

round, like ours, but probably only three to four months out of the year. We should be ashamed of ourselves.

We, who led the Caribbean in year-round tourism, have faltered and done so very badly. Our competitors, like Jamaica, have not wasted time in taking over where we have fallen on our faces and I say to them, well done. We have chosen, instead, to waste precious financial resources to purchase a three-story mansion in Atlanta. A Consulate in Atlanta is not such a bad idea, but did we have to do it right now when Americans are not taking vacations because they have more important things to worry about? Especially from that particular part of the USA where the ethnic make-up of the population are of those who traditionally travel less anyway? Who makes these asinine decisions anyway? Don't tell me, I know.

Watching this FNM crew govern is like watching a baby learn to walk; he falls down every two steps.

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LOCAL NEWS

Why you Vex?

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- **Disgusted, Nassau**

"I t behooves me. I visit a section of the (a government ministry) very often. While certain people are inside busting their



backsides trying to help people with their individual concerns, there are people outside under the tree having cocktails, possibly under the influence of alcohol because of the way they carry on.

"And to make the situation worse, if a supervisor asks them to help you do a little favour, they want to be rewarded monetarily to purchase more alcohol. I commend those few persons for doing such a commendable job (but) can't something be done about the rest?"

- **Concerned individual**

"I is vex since the government and most of the churches wants to legislate a crime to raping my wife. This will cause hardship to me 'cause I won't be able to go out 'sweetheart' with other women and come home playing innocent an' clean an still 'get some'. I can't make illegitimate children on the side an' come

home an' play the proper Christian slick husband to my wife even though she suspect but can't do nothing to deter me.

"I can't come home drunk an 'play fool', don't give my wife an' kids little or no money an' still 'get/take some'. I can't also continue to mentally abuse an' still rape my wife an' not be charged, an' still go to church without anyone finding out from the police. Man this law done causing trouble, but I is very thankful for some churches an' other men who knows about men problems and fighting this discriminatory

law."

- **Lover boy, Nassau**

"I happy because after two weeks of trying my hardest to wash myself with a lil' trickle of water, Water and Sewage finally get their act together and give me something to bathe with and wash my dishes. I wake up the other day and almost pass out with joy because I was able to brush my teeth in less than 10 minutes because I ain' had to wait forever for the water to fill my cup up.

"So my hats off to WSC for finally putting water in their paying customers' pumps, but Lord knows I shouldn't smile too much because when I go home today I might have a dry pipe."

- **Happy in Monastery Park**

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Drive for Bahamian food on hotel menus

By Llonella Gilbert

THE Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) has plans for more local produce to appear on menus of hotels, restaurants and other tourism-related businesses, Deputy General Manager Don Major said.

And, in facilitating that, BAIC is leasing farm land "at a low cost" to Bahamians interested in pursuing food production, he told the Bahamas Agro-Tourism Symposium on Thursday.

The symposium was put on by the Bahamas Agricultural Producers Association (BAPA) along with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, and the Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA).

The government, through BAIC, has leased land for food production in North Andros, Abaco, Eleuthera and South Andros, said Mr Major, head of the Business Advisory Services Department.

BHA president Robert Sands said he is satisfied that Bahamians are now producing high quality agricultural products.

"A number of producers have demonstrated success already in linking agriculture with tourism," he said.

"There are already some hotels and tourism-oriented restaurants which are purchasing whatever they can through local producers," Mr Sands said.

Mr Major said that BAIC has started working with partners to increase production



DON Major, Deputy General Manager, Business Advisory Services Department, BAIC. (BIS photo/Derek Smith).

by training farmers in best practices, and new techniques and technologies.

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for factories and processing operations.

In conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources, BAIC is also conducting courses in food processing.

Under the chairmanship of Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, BAIC has trained hundreds of Bahamians on all the major islands in the art of souvenir production using ingredients indigenous to the Bahamas.

"Tourists have made it known in no uncertain terms that they prefer Bahamian-made souvenirs when they come here," said Mr Major.

Lightning cuts power

A lightning strike was to blame for Thursday's power outage in the commercial area of Queen's Highway on Grand Bahama.

The Grand Bahama Power Company said lightning struck their distribution system which shut down services,

but repair crews were sent out immediately.

The GBPC crews worked "diligently" to resolve the problem and power was fully restored to all affected areas within two hours, the company said in a statement.

The GBPC apologised for any inconvenience caused.

NOTICE

The BBOSA (Bahamas Boat Owners Sailor's Association) will hold a very important meeting at R.M. Bailey School September 14 at 7p.m. for the selection of boats for North Eleuthera Regatta. All boat owners/member are asked to attend.

PET OF THE WEEK



RUSTY

While it is hard to believe that there could be a cat as handsome as this beautiful ginger tabby, prospective owners will be happy to learn that Rusty has a lot more to offer than mere good-looks.

Indeed, his sweet nature and charm are more than one can ask for. He just loves to cuddle and play and has never so much as thought of giving another cat a dirty look.

He was surrendered to the Bahamas Humane Society when the business he called home closed down and it is apparent that he sorely misses the companionship he used to enjoy with his former owners.

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LOCAL NEWS

Hodder: 'COB ready for university status'

BY DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREETPORT – The College of the Bahamas is already functioning at university level and is only now waiting on legislation that has been promised by the government, according to COB president Janyne Hodder.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, however, said that there is more than legislation standing in the way of COB attaining university status.

"We are committed to a University of the Bahamas, but there are many things that must be done before that can happen, including legislation," he said early this week while on Grand Bahama.

Mr Ingraham did not wish to elaborate on what the still missing preparations were,

but did say that money is one of the issues.

Ms Hodder, who was in Grand Bahama recently, told reporters that the institution is ready and has done what it needs to do to be recognised as a university.

"We are members of the International Association of Universities. We are about to become a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, and I actually stood on the board of the International Association of Universities."

"A number of students are going to study abroad for grants recognised by universities all over the world, and our degrees are recognised with full credit," she said.

She also noted that there are by far more students in university degree programmes

than in associate degree programmes at the college.

According to Ms Hodder, the college has also expanded its research activities.

"So as far as I am concerned we actually walk and talk university and that is the business we have been in, and that's what we have been doing," she said.

"We increased our quality assurance, we are members recognised internationally and what needs to happen now is we need to have legislation that recognises the changes we have made."

Ms Hodder said she was very pleased when the government made a commitment to creating legislation to move the college to university status.

"We are not in control of the timing of that legislation. You will remember the prime minister made a commitment to the creation and adoption

of that legislation in its budget speech and we were very happy to hear that.

"We heard further commitment in the House, so right now we are waiting to see what is the government standing on the adoption of legislation."

"But we are ready and we have done everything we need to do. We have been diligent; we are building facilities, we're changing, we're doing best practice for universities, we have new a network, a new building here (on Grand Bahama), and we have gone into international recognition for what we do, so I think we are there," she said.

While in Grand Bahama, the prime minister also responded to claims concerning Ross University's status in the United States.

Ross University is in its third semester here on Grand

Bahama since opening its new campus in January. In May, the first and second year medical students started their training at both the Rand Hospital and the Eight Mile Rock Clinic.

However, reports have recently surfaced that the medical institution was not recognised by the California Medical Board in the United States.

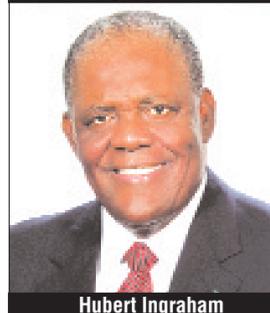
When asked for comments concerning the reports, Mr Ingraham stated that he had met with the principals of Ross University in Atlanta a few weeks ago.

"There is not an issue that is not solvable as far as I am aware, he said. I would expect that whatever the issue was would be dealt with in a matter of weeks."

Mr Ingraham said he is satisfied that Ross will continue to be an expanding presence in Grand Bahama.



Jayne Hodder



Hubert Ingraham

Bahamas Faith Ministries hosts financial seminar

TO address the global economic turmoil and its effect on the country, organisers at Bahamas Faith Ministries International (BFMI) hosted a two-day financial seminar.

Around 200 members of BFMI and persons from the community attended the event held at the Diplomat Centre.

Financial consultant and co-ordinator of the BFMI financial seminar Carl Albury underscored the importance of managing finances in difficult economic times like these. He added that the seminar comes at a time when persons must re-evaluate their financial situations.

"The purpose of the seminar was to ensure that our membership were organised in their financial management, to help those who were not to restructure their finances as best as possible according to their circumstances and at the same time make sure kingdom citizens are aware of their requirements of being good stewards of what has been entrusted to them," said Mr. Albury.

The main topics of interest and discussion for the participants were budgeting and debt management.

Mr Albury said that many persons going through financial struggles today in the Bahamas are in great debt and need to find solutions and make plans to dig themselves out.

"We also had lots of questions on real estate, whether to buy whether to sell. One of the things we wanted to insist (on was for) people to work toward not exceeding 35-40 per cent of income service ratio. We consider that moving into a risky environment. People must try and contain debt, inclusive credit cards," he said.

Seminar participants gave their feedback on the seminar.

"It was very informative. The speakers did an excellent job of explaining the basics and answering questions and while I've been to other seminars on finance, this one really opened my eyes and now I have a better understanding," said BFM



SOME 200 BFMI members and persons from the community attended the two-day financial seminar at the Diplomat Centre.

member Olivia Kelly.

Another member, Candra Gilbert, said: "It was so on target, the seminar gave us so much information and it was understandable. On top of that there were free individual consultations with financial firms who were present."

Topics at the seminar included budgeting and obligations management; the benefits of cash to assets for crisis management; savings, pensions, retirement planning and common mistakes and planning for life stages; credit and debt management; insurance; real estate portfolio; revenue development, and net worth financial management.

Participating corporate firms at BFMI's financial seminar were Family Guardian and Royal Bank of Canada.



FINANCIAL Consultant Carl Albury speaks on the power and importance of financial planning.



CHARLENE Storr outlines the importance of planning pensions and retirement.

Abaco businessmen donate to All-Age School

MAKING a presentation of books and school supplies to the students of the Moore's Island All-Age School, Osbourne Stuart — a native of Abaco, former teacher and school principal prior to his entrepreneurial endeavours — brought motivational and encouraging words in keeping with the assembly's theme: "Achieving Our Dreams Through Education in Literacy."

Highlighting the importance of an educational preparation, Mr Stuart said that developing a respectful attitude for parents, teaches and oneself is also a fundamental requirement for achieving success in life.

"I am a son of this soil and while I encourage you to succeed I believe that it is also very important to give back to the community that nurtured you," he said.

Demonstrating their interest in assisting



the next generation of Abaco leaders in realising their educational objectives, Mr Stuart and Perry Thomas, Adler Realty president and manager of Adler's Marsh Harbour office, both made the gift presentations on the grounds of the Moore's Island All-Age School and committed themselves to continuing assistance to the

school.

OSBOURNE Stuart, president of Adler Realty and Investment, and Perry Thomas, Adler's Abaco office manager, making a presentation of gifts to the students of the Moore's Island All-Age School during their prefects' assembly.

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LOCAL NEWS

Embassy explains website warning

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He said the notice was merely the posting of a tip to be on the lookout for possible criminal activity in western New Providence.

Under law, the US Embassy is required to pass on credible information to the public. The notice was not intended as a travel advisory nor did it allude to the level of crime in the Bahamas, Mr Dubel said.

"We have a 'no double standard' policy. This means that if we are privy to any information that might benefit our staff and Americans we must share this with the public as well. We were simply relaying information we received and encouraging the community to practice safer habits."

The notice warned residents of confirmed suspicious activity in the Cable Beach/Sandyport areas as reported and also included a general personal safety reminder urging all persons to maintain a constant awareness of their surroundings.

"Our website is local to the Bahamas and the notice was not circulated on a global scale. This is not an official statement intended to warn Americans against travelling to Nassau, travel advisories are a serious matter and completely different. This was just a simple tip for the community on information that we received."

The embassy accredits Bahamian police as their information source for the notice, which led to the Guardian's confusing article as the police have since denied supplying the embassy with any information furthering their crime notice.

Though Assistant Commissioner of Police Hulan Hanna told The Nassau Guardian that the police had no knowledge of the attempted muggings, the article also includes information from unnamed police sources that confirms the existence of similar incidents of that nature and in that area.

It is this conflict of information, the embassy assumes, that led Cable Beach residents also quoted in the article to label the police's response as a "cover-up."

The Cable Beach Police Station does not investigate robberies and reports made at the station are then forwarded to the Central Detective Unit.

Commissioner Reginald Ferguson suggests that this is probably where the embassy obtained information for its notice. He reinforces statements made by Asst. Comm. Hanna as there was no official notification to American officials, however he allows that it is likely through independent research the embassy could have received details of the incidents from police sources.

He advises that in situations like this it is imperative to formally contact the police, so that information gathered can be officially credited.

"We receive information from a wide pool of sources," said Mr Dubel, "the reference to the Bahamian police simply clarified that these incidents have been reported and they shared a consistent variable. The Nassau Guardian may have taken advantage of this situation to some extent and blew this out of proportion."

The notice can be seen on the US embassy's official Nassau website <http://nassau.usembassy.gov>

Interested Cable Beach residents or those with helpful information are welcomed to contact the Cable Beach Crime Association.

Smash 'drives' cars into nearby building



TWO vehicles collided on Dowdeswell Street this morning, smashing into a nearby building. Both drivers escaped injury

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

Police probe latest murder

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side squad ASP Leon Bethel.

"An intensive investigation has been launched into this matter - we are inviting persons in the area who might have been around to tell us something," he added.

ASP Bethel said it was too early to speculate on a possible motive but friends of the victim believe Knowles was followed to the area and may have been targeted in an act of retaliation.

One resident, who did not want to be named, said if it were not for intermittent rain yesterday morning innocent bystanders might have been struck during the shooting.

"The lil' children or one of us could have been here and got shot, only because rain came down no one was out here - usually we woulda been playin' dominoes," said the resident.

The other man was not hurt in the attack.

DNA expert testifies in Bishop's retrial

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relationship with a 16-year-old girl between July 2005 and February 2006. According to witness testimony, Fraser had offered to counsel the girl. He remains on \$10,000 bail.

Kevin Noppinger, director of the Florida-based DNA Labs International, testified yesterday that the DNA profile obtained from two carpet samples matched the DNA profile found on a cup from which Fraser reportedly drank.

Detective Inspector Matthew Edgcombe had testified that he collected the cup following an interview at the Central Detective Unit on April 13, 2006.

Evidence so far has revealed that on April 12, 2006, during the execution of a search warrant at Fraser's church office, pieces of car-

pet with suspected semen on them were removed by police.

Mr Noppinger told the court that Bahamian police had handed over pieces of carpet, a blood-stained card and a plastic cup for DNA analysis.

He said he cut fibres from the carpet and used the differential extraction method to identify the donor of the sperm cells.

Mr Noppinger said he was only able to obtain a DNA profile from two of the pieces of carpet and first concluded it was not that of the virtual complainant.

Mr Noppinger said he swabbed the mouth of the cup for skin cells and found that the DNA profile matched that found on the carpet pieces. He said all fifteen locations in the DNA profile found on the carpet fibres matched the one found on the cup.

During cross-examination by Fraser's attorney Wayne Munroe, Mr Noppinger admitted that the packages in which he had received the items had not been re-sealed until May 29, 2006.

Kristen Noppinger, president of DNA Labs international, told the court yesterday that on May 11, 2006, she received an envelope from Detective Corporal Sheria King and put her signature on

the envelope.

Prosecutors say they have eight more witnesses left to testify. The trial was adjourned to December 21 and 22.

Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions Franklyn Williams, Darnell Dorsette and Basil Cumberbatch are prosecuting the case, which is being heard before Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethel.

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41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002
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3.0350	2.8952	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8990	-1.39	-4.16		31-Aug-09
1.4857	1.4105	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4880	3.79	5.49		31-Aug-09
3.6090	3.0941	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.0941	-8.61	-13.59		4-Sep-09
13.0484	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.1136	3.93	5.67		31-Aug-09
101.6693	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	101.6693	1.10	1.87		30-Jun-09
100.9600	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
9.4075	9.0775	Fidelity International Investment Fund	9.3399	2.69	-1.41		31-Jul-09
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1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0319	-0.11	2.05		31-Aug-09
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'The Tank' will fight again

By BRENT STUBBS
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After spending the majority of the past year recovering from a hand injury, Sherman 'The Tank' Williams is going back into the ring to fight again.

His return, however, will be in Warsaw, East Germany, on October 10 when he is scheduled to fight in the 10-round co-main event against German Emmanuel 'Diamond Boy' Charro in a live television show.

Charro, listed at 255 pounds and 6-feet, 4-inches, currently sports a 12-0 win-loss record with seven knockouts. He's one of the top fighters from the Universal Boxing camp with an impressive amateur Olympic background.

"His size is not going to intimidate me," said Williams, who once again will come in as the shorter of the two fighters at 5-11.

"I'm always like David fighting Goliath. But my plan, as usual, is to

take the fight to him on the inside and try to beat his big body and use my signature overhand right and left hook."

Having had an extensive Olympic experience, Williams said it should mean that Charro will have a lot of wear and tear on him and he intends to exploit that.

"I think it's going to be a good matchup," Williams projected.

In preparation for the fight, Williams and his entourage will travel to Hamburg, Germany, on October 4 where they will go into a training camp and do some promotional events before fight night.

Williams, 37, has not fought for the year. He was originally scheduled to fight in January in Key West, Florida, but that fight had to be canceled because of the hand injury.

Since then, Williams has been taking it easy, making sure that the injury was properly healed. However, the last 6-8 weeks, he said he wasn't experiencing any pain.

"Since June, I've been hitting the heavy bags and I've had some very hard training," he said. "I feel good



SHERMAN 'THE TANK' WILLIAMS

and when they contacted me for the fight, I accepted it without hesitation.

Sherman Williams set to square off with German

"I really just want to get back into the ring. This guy is undefeated and although I've been on a brief lay-off because of the injury, I managed to still train and stay motivated."

Not having a fight since December 12, 2008, when he won a sixth round unanimous decision over American Andrew Greeley at the Bourbon Street Station in Jacksonville, Florida, Williams said he doesn't expect the inactivity to interfere with his performance next month.

"So far, I feel good. I know I'm not 100 per cent, but once I get back into the ring, I should be able to brush off the ring rust right away," Williams said.

On March 26, 2005, Williams fought in Germany for the first time. He went the distance, securing an

unanimous eight round decision over Ruslan Chagaev at the Erdgas Arena in Riesa, Sachsen.

But since then, Williams has spent considerable time in Germany training. In fact, he spent the entire month of June in Hamburg doing some promotional work.

"Germany is no strange place to me," he said.

This time when he goes back, Williams said he intends to outfit his entire entourage in Bahamian colours as he makes his way into the ring. "It's going to be a Bahamian night in Germany on October 10," he promised.

On Monday, Williams' manager Si Stern will outline his plans for Williams in the aftermath of the trip to Germany next month.

Former distance runner to take part in Olympic coaching course

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AFTER retiring from active competition in 1995, former distance runner Floyd Armbrister went into coaching and that same year he achieved his Level One Certification.

On Sunday, Armbrister will be heading to Jalisco, Mexico, to participate in a week-long Olympic Solidarity Coaching Course where the focus will be his speciality - distance running.

"I feel great. I'm excited about it because this is something that I've been long for a long time," said Armbrister, who was nominated for the course by the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations.

"That's why I went into track and field as a coach. I wanted to specialise in middle distance running. It has been 18 years now and after I got my level one certificate in 1995, I'm going on my second course to specialise in my events. So it's a great opportunity and I wouldn't miss it for the world."

While on the course, sponsored by the Bahamas Olympic Association, Armbrister will be learning the new techniques being implemented for the 400 metres up to the last long distance race, including the marathon.

"I'm going to go through an intense practice, theory and scientific training," Armbrister stressed.

During his tenure at CR Walker, Armbrister has been instrumental coaching a number of outstanding athletes, including Ramon Miller, who



ARMBRISTER

went to the 12th IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Germany, last month and made it to the semifinal, running a personal best of 44.99 seconds in the men's 400 metres.

On the female side, Armbrister has coached such athletes as Santisha Martin, who went to the Senior Central American and Caribbean Championships as a junior athlete. After graduating from college, Martin is back home and is employed with Scotiabank.

By participating in the course, Armbrister is hoping to gain some knowledge that he can bring back home and impart with the local coaches and athletes in a bid to help close the gap that the rest of the Caribbean has opened on the Bahamas in distance running.

"My main goal is to try and take some of these sprinters and convert them into their real areas of middle distance racing," Armbrister said.

"Everybody believes that once they are running 56 or 54

in the 400 metres that they are sprinters. But we need to get some of them to move up and compete in the longer distance events."

Whether it's through CR Walker or the club system, Armbrister said his ultimate goal is to be able to see a local athlete run some of the world class times that will enable him or her to be able to qualify for the World Championships or the Olympic Games.

And with the new stadium expected to be completed by 2011, Armbrister said he's hoping that someone will be inspired enough to try and achieve that feat for the 2012 Olympics in London, England.

When he returns home, Armbrister is hoping that he will also help CR Walker to increase their BAAA national cross country championship streak to 16 straight.

As for the track, Armbrister said his Knights will be going after their seventh straight and 13th overall Government Secondary Schools Sports Association title.

To his credit, Armbrister has also helped CR Walker to cart off four BAAA National titles before they stopped giving out the overall team trophy.

On the national level, Armbrister said he made a vow to the BAAA that when he returns home he will share his expertise with whoever wants to improve on long distance running.

He thanked the BOA, the BAAA and the CR Walker family for allowing him to take advantage of this course. "I won't let them down," he said. "Knowledge is power."



MARK KNOWLES AND MAHESH BHUPATHI

'We're ready to play'

MARK Knowles and his Indian partner Mahesh Bhupathi will have to wait another day to see if their second time around at a Grand Slam title will come through.

Knowles and Bhupathi, the number three seeds, were scheduled to play in the final of the US Open in Flushing Meadows, New York, yesterday.

But because of the heavy rains, their match against No.4 seeds Lukas Dlouhy of the Czech Republic and Leander Paes from India were among those canceled yesterday. Their match will now be played today, weather permitting.

For Knowles, who along with Bhupathi played in the final of the Australian Open in January where they lost to American identical twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan, it was long hard day waiting to play.

"It won't have any effect. We're ready to play," said Knowles when contacted by The Tribune yesterday.

"It's been a long hard day just sitting around waiting to play, but we managed to hit around indoors, so we will be ready to go."

Knowles, 38, who will be honoured by the Bahamas Government on Monday at Government House, will be going for his second US Open title, having won the

men's doubles with former partner Daniel Nestor in 2004.

Bhupathi, 35, is also seeking his second US Open title in his third appearance in the final. He and Paes were runners-up in 1999, but in 2002, he and Max Mirnyi won the title.

KNOWLES TO BE HONOURED

The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture has announced that touring tennis pro Mark Knowles will be honoured on Monday for teaming up with German Anna-Lena Groenefeld for winning the Wimbledon mixed doubles grand slam title in July in England.

Knowles and his family are expected to arrive home on Monday at 3 pm at the Lynden Pindling International Airport where he will be greeted by government officials and sporting dignitaries in a "welcome home" reception in the VIP Lounge.

Then on Monday at 1 pm, Knowles will be treated to a luncheon at Government House when Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham is expected to issue a National Proclamation and he will be presented with a special citation by Governor General Arthur Hanna.

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IAAF World Athletic Final gets underway

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THREE of the four Bahamian athletes who qualified will be in action today in Thessaloniki, Greece, as the IAAF World Athletic Final gets underway.

Chris 'Fireman' Brown will be out to redeem himself after he slipped to fifth in the men's 400 metres at the 12th IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Germany, where he ran out of lane five in the men's 400. His main rival will be back-to-back Olympic Games and World Championships champion LaShawn Merritt of the United States in lane four.

American World silver medalist Jeremy Wariner and Trinidad & Tobago's bronze



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CHRIS BROWN



CHANDRA STURUP

medallist are not entered. But David Neville, who dove across the finish line to snatch the bronze from Brown in an American sweep in Beijing, China, will be in lane seven.

Olympic bronze medalist Leevan 'Superman' Sands, who just missed a medal in Berlin with a fourth place finish, will be the second competitor on the runway in the men's triple jump.

The only other medalist from both the Olympics and World Championships entered is Phillips Idowu of Great Britain. He won the Olympic silver and came back to take the World title in Berlin.

And in the women's 200 metres, fresh off her bronze medal performance in Berlin, Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie will run out of lane six.

Included in the field is

defending champion Sanya Richards from the United States in lane seven and three-time World champion Allyson Felix, also of the US, in lane five.

Then on Sunday, Ferguson-McKenzie and veteran Chandra Sturup will both compete in the 100 in lane seven and eight respectively.

All three medalists from Berlin are entered with Jamaican champion Shelly-Ann Fraser in five, silver medalist Kerron Stewart, also from Jamaica, in six and bronze medalist Carmelita Jeter of the United States, in four.

Only the top eight athletes in the series of meets held during the year qualified for the championships, which is offering considerable prize money for all the competitors.

Rainstorm delays US Open

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kim Clijsters sat perched on the arm of a couch in the players lounge Friday, talking to friends.

Her semifinal against Serena Williams at the US Open was delayed by a persistent rainstorm that hit New York, so she was stuck waiting out the weather — one of the not-so-glamorous parts of the sport she has returned to this year with stunning success.

"That's tennis. That's life," Clijsters said. "It's nothing new. I'd rather be waiting here than sitting at home."

Tournament officials briefly sent staff out to dry the court in Arthur Ashe Stadium, but the mist and rain, part of a storm that rolled into New York late Thursday night, was persistent enough to make those efforts fruitless.

Still, contingency plans were being made.

No. 3 Rafael Nadal and No. 11 Fernando Gonzalez still had to complete their quarterfinal match, postponed Thursday night with Nadal up a set and leading 3-2 in the second-set tiebreaker. Yanina Wickmayer and No. 9 Carolina Wozniacki were on the schedule for the second women's semifinal.

Aware that they had to take advantage of any possible break in the weather, lest the schedule be disrupted even more, tournament organizers decided to hold all three matches simultaneously.

The conclusion of Nadal-Gonzalez was moved to Armstrong Stadium, with the Wickmayer-Wozniacki match relocated to the Grandstand.

Clijsters' surprising run to the semifinals came in her return to the US Open for the first time since 2005, when she won the tournament. She is coming back from a two-year break to have a baby, and brought her 18-month-old daughter, Jada, to Flushing Meadows for the Open.

Clijsters is 1-7 against Williams over her career, with all the matches coming before her retirement. This will be their first meeting since 2003.

Not much to scout for Williams, seeded second and looking for her 12th Grand Slam singles championship. Not that it matters much.



Kathy Willens/AP

WORKERS attempt to dry the court after play was suspended because of rain during a match between Spain's Rafael Nadal and Fernando Gonzalez of Chile at the US Open tennis tournament in New York...

"Two or three opponents here, I knew their game, but other than that, I haven't seen anyone's game," Williams said. "That's how I've pretty much played my whole career. I try to see what they do in warm-up and go from there."

The rain offered a welcome break for Nadal, who took an injury timeout early in the second set Thursday to have work done on an abdominal strain that has been bothering him throughout the tournament.

Nadal, the six-time major winner trying to complete a career Grand Slam, has been reluctant to talk about the injury. He doesn't want to let his opponents know his weaknesses. But the trainer poking and massaging his stomach during the medical timeout told the story.

As did his uncle and coach, Toni Nadal.

"In the first set, it was very, very bad," he said. "Now, it's a little better. It's difficult. We must win this set."

The rain meant the biggest — and only — winner from Thursday's singles was Juan Martin del Potro. The sixth-seeded Argentine made his second Grand Slam semifinal by beating No. 16 Marin Cilic 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 earlier in the day, when the wind was blowing hard in front of the rainstorm.

"The weather was bad," Del Potro said. "But it was bad for both players. I just need to be in focus in the beginning of the match until the last point and play my game."

Del Potro awaited the winner of the Nadal-Gonzalez match, while the other men's semifinal is set: No. 1 Roger Federer against No. 4 Novak Djokovic. Federer beat Djokovic at the U.S. Open in the 2007 final and 2008 semifinals, part of an overall 8-4 lead in the head-to-head series.

But the only time Federer has missed a final in the past 17 Grand Slam tournaments was after a loss to Djokovic, who won their semifinal en route to the 2008 Australian Open title.

South African runner has female and male organs, reports say

By CHRIS LEHOURITES
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — South African runner Caster Semenya's eligibility to compete as a woman is no clearer — even though reports say she has female and male organs.

Semenya, who won the women's 800-meter title at last month's world championship in Berlin, has had a gender test, and the results given to track and field's ruling body were leaked to Australian newspapers.

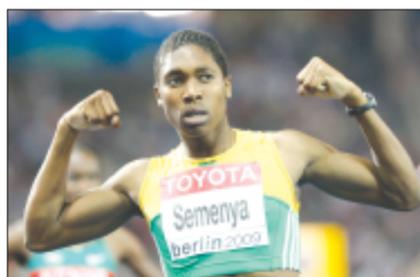
Former IAAF medical commission chairman Arne Ljungqvist would not comment specifically on the Semenya case, but he cautioned that a person's gender is not always easy to define.

"There is no simple, single lab test that can tell if you are a man or a woman. It is not black and white," Ljungqvist told The Associated Press by phone Friday from Sweden. "A person who carries a legal certificate showing that he is a man or a woman, then they are a man or a woman."

Semenya comes from a poor village in rural South Africa and first drew attention when she won the 800 title at the African junior championships. With her muscular build and deep voice, more questions were raised at the world championships.

The International Association of Athletics Federations confirmed that Semenya was undergoing a gender test on the day she won the gold medal in the 800 by a huge margin.

Australian newspapers reported that



Caster Semenya celebrates after winning the gold medal in the final of the women's 800m at World Athletics Championships in Berlin... (AP Photo)

Semenya has no ovaries and has internal testes, which produce testosterone. The IAAF didn't confirm or deny the reports, saying it was reviewing the test results and would announce its findings in November.

"There are many, many other reasons why a woman looks male," Ljungqvist said. "Probably the most common has nothing to do with intersex: production of steroids from the adrenal gland. Most of the women you see who look like men are not intersexed. Some men have a very womanlike body shape."

Another key issue is whether an intersexed person can make use of the natural male hormones they are producing.

"High levels of testosterone is not a relevant parameter. It's whether they can make

use of that testosterone," Ljungqvist said. "Most of them are insensitive to the testosterone because they do not have the receptors to use it."

Anne Fausto-Sterling, a professor of biology and women's studies at Brown University, said making use of testosterone to gain a competitive advantage depends on the level of intersexuality.

"Some give no advantage," Fausto-Sterling said. "You really have to know the specifics, and every individual is different."

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge, speaking a day before the Semenya test results were leaked, said the issue surrounding the South African teenager was a difficult one.

"On one hand there are so many different forms of normality in the human body and the human chemistry," said Rogge, a retired orthopedic surgeon. "You have all kinds of possibilities there. And it is very difficult to have the unanimous advice of various experts. It's not a clear-cut discussion."

Alice Domurat Dreger, a professor of medical humanities and bioethics at Northwestern University in Chicago, said it was not uncommon for someone to be raised as a woman even if they have both sets of sex organs.

"We are raised based on what adults think our sex is at our births," Dreger said on her Web site. "Various conditions can lead to a baby being born with female genitalia (labia, clitoris, vagina) and internal male sex anatomy (including testes)."

For people with Androgen insensitivity syndrome and 5-alpha reductase Deficiency "the baby has testes inside, even though she's clearly a girl," Dreger wrote.

Gender testing in sports is not new, but it has taken on a new twist. In the old days, it was simply to ensure no one was cheating.

"The gender testing as such is intended to make sure that men do not compete as women," said Ljungqvist, who joined the IAAF medical commission in 1981 and left in 2002 before taking over a similar position with the IOC.

At the 2006 Asian Games, 800 champion Santhi Soundarajan of India was stripped of her medal after failing a gender test. Perhaps the most famous case is that of Stella Walsh, also known as Stanislaw Walasiewicz, a Polish runner who won the 100-meter gold medal at the 1932 Olympics and was later found to have ambiguous genitalia.

"Such cases are extremely rare in a grown-up population," Ljungqvist said. "Usually intersexed people are diagnosed at birth."

Until the 2000 Sydney Games, the IOC tested all female competitors to make sure no one was cheating, but Ljungqvist fought to change the way that was done. A panel of experts remains in place to help resolve questions about someone's sexuality.

"Screening was based on the identification of a Y chromosome," Ljungqvist said. "This gender testing by chromosome was completely unscientific and therefore unethical. It took nine more years to get away from it."

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

ORLANDO
High: 88° F/31° C
Low: 74° F/23° C

TAMPA
High: 86° F/30° C
Low: 77° F/25° C

WEST PALM BEACH
High: 90° F/32° C
Low: 74° F/23° C

FT. LAUDERDALE
High: 88° F/31° C
Low: 76° F/24° C

MIAMI
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Low: 78° F/26° C

KEY WEST
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Low: 79° F/26° C

ABACO
High: 88° F/31° C
Low: 81° F/27° C

FREEPORT
High: 88° F/31° C
Low: 79° F/26° C

NASSAU
High: 88° F/31° C
Low: 79° F/26° C

ELEUTHERA
High: 89° F/32° C
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CAT ISLAND
High: 87° F/31° C
Low: 77° F/25° C

GREAT EXUMA
High: 88° F/31° C
Low: 77° F/25° C

SAN SALVADOR
High: 89° F/32° C
Low: 78° F/26° C

ANDROS
High: 89° F/32° C
Low: 78° F/26° C

LONG ISLAND
High: 90° F/32° C
Low: 77° F/25° C

MAYAGUANA
High: 90° F/32° C
Low: 76° F/24° C

CROOKED ISLAND / ACKLINS
High: 93° F/34° C
Low: 78° F/26° C

RAGGED ISLAND
High: 89° F/32° C
Low: 74° F/23° C

GREAT INAGUA
High: 93° F/34° C
Low: 76° F/24° C

Sunny intervals with a thunderstorm.
High: 88°
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114° F

A thunderstorm early, mostly cloudy.
Low: 79°
AccuWeather RealFeel
89° F

Partly sunny with a thunderstorm.
High: 88°
Low: 79°
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103°-87° F

Clouds and sun, t-storms possible.
High: 90°
Low: 79°
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98°-89° F

Some sun with a t-storm possible.
High: 89°
Low: 79°
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110°-86° F

Partly sunny, a t-storm possible.
High: 89°
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98°-89° F

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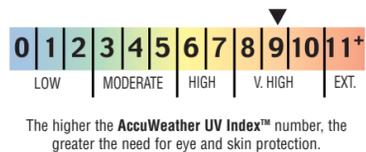
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Precipitation
As of 2 p.m. yesterday 0.80"
Year to date 28.45"
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	2:34 p.m.	3.3	9:08 p.m.	1.0
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	3:40 p.m.	3.4	10:11 p.m.	0.9
Tuesday	4:06 a.m.	2.9	10:18 a.m.	0.4
	4:41 p.m.	3.5	11:07 p.m.	0.6

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Sunrise	6:55 a.m.	Moonrise	12:09 a.m.
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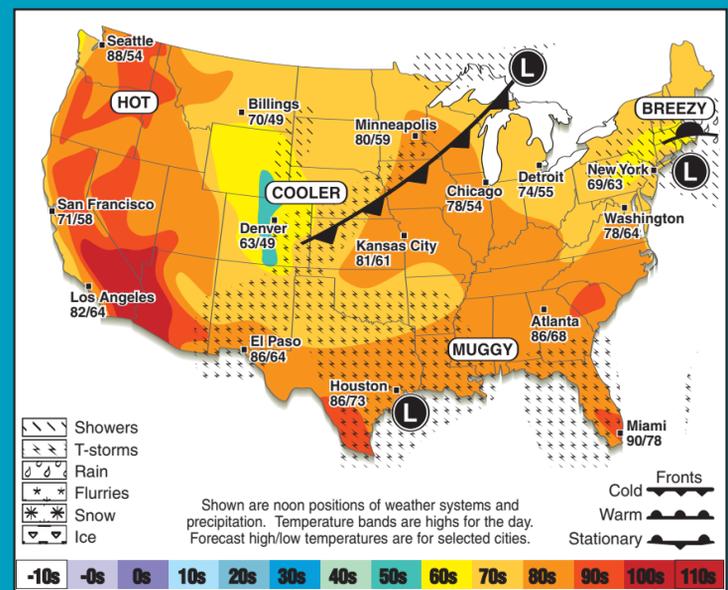
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Ankara, Turkey	73/22	55/12	t	72/22	51/10	sh
Athens	81/27	68/20	pc	79/26	66/18	s
Auckland	61/16	54/12	r	66/18	51/10	sh
Bangkok	92/33	79/26	t	91/32	77/25	sh
Barbados	86/30	77/25	sh	86/30	77/25	sh
Barcelona	75/23	64/17	s	73/22	64/17	sh
Beijing	82/27	55/12	s	82/27	55/12	pc
Beirut	81/27	73/22	s	79/26	73/22	s
Belgrade	82/27	60/15	c	79/26	59/15	c
Berlin	68/20	51/10	s	67/19	48/8	pc
Bermuda	81/27	73/22	r	82/27	73/22	c
Bogota	68/20	41/5	pc	68/20	43/6	pc
Brussels	61/16	48/8	pc	65/18	48/8	s
Budapest	81/27	59/15	c	81/27	54/12	pc
Buenos Aires	68/20	50/10	s	72/22	52/11	s
Cairo	96/35	72/22	s	92/33	72/22	s
Calcutta	94/34	83/28	sh	96/35	84/28	r
Calgary	75/23	45/7	s	68/20	44/6	s
Cancun	90/32	73/22	t	89/31	76/24	pc
Caracas	84/28	72/22	t	84/28	72/22	t
Casablanca	83/28	64/17	s	83/28	65/18	pc
Copenhagen	64/17	51/10	pc	67/19	47/8	pc
Dublin	63/17	45/7	s	64/17	46/7	s
Frankfurt	67/19	50/10	pc	70/21	48/8	s
Geneva	72/22	53/11	c	71/21	48/8	s
Halifax	68/20	55/12	pc	66/18	50/10	pc
Havana	88/31	73/22	sh	90/32	71/21	sh
Helsinki	61/16	46/7	sh	57/13	46/7	c
Hong Kong	91/32	82/27	sh	90/32	82/27	pc
Islamabad	99/37	71/21	s	103/39	73/22	s
Istanbul	75/23	65/18	r	73/22	62/16	pc
Jerusalem	88/31	63/17	s	79/26	60/15	s
Johannesburg	73/22	50/10	s	79/26	54/12	pc
Kingston	89/31	79/26	pc	87/30	78/25	sh
Lima	73/22	59/15	pc	73/22	60/15	pc
London	68/20	52/11	pc	70/21	48/8	pc
Madrid	82/27	63/17	c	82/27	63/17	pc
Manila	82/27	77/25	t	85/29	77/25	r
Mexico City	75/23	57/13	t	75/23	55/12	t
Monterrey	91/32	72/22	t	92/33	71/21	t
Montreal	75/23	55/12	pc	79/26	55/12	pc
Moscow	64/17	45/7	c	61/16	52/11	r
Munich	61/16	47/8	sh	68/20	44/6	pc
Nairobi	86/30	55/12	s	88/31	54/12	pc
New Delhi	77/25	73/22	t	82/27	75/23	s
Oslo	64/17	47/8	pc	63/17	42/5	c
Paris	70/21	51/10	s	72/22	47/8	s
Prague	66/18	47/8	pc	69/20	47/8	s
Rio de Janeiro	83/28	72/22	s	82/27	70/21	pc
Riyadh	103/39	75/23	s	104/40	76/24	s
Rome	81/27	61/16	s	77/25	61/16	s
St. Thomas	89/31	78/25	sh	87/30	78/25	s
San Juan	79/26	44/6	s	84/28	47/8	s
San Salvador	84/28	68/20	t	84/28	73/22	t
Santiago	73/22	46/7	pc	72/22	48/8	pc
Santo Domingo	90/32	73/22	pc	85/29	73/22	sh
Sao Paulo	79/26	62/16	pc	71/21	58/14	r
Seoul	77/25	59/15	sh	79/26	57/13	s
Stockholm	63/17	50/10	pc	59/15	46/7	sh
Sydney	86/30	59/15	s	86/30	61/16	s
Taipei	90/32	81/27	pc	92/33	83/28	pc
Tokyo	73/22	68/20	sh	81/27	66/18	s
Toronto	74/23	57/13	pc	77/25	55/12	s
Trinidad	84/28	64/17	pc	93/33	72/22	s
Vancouver	70/21	57/13	s	68/20	57/13	pc
Vienna	67/19	59/15	pc	68/20	53/11	c
Warsaw	72/22	51/10	pc	66/18	47/8	c
Winnipeg	74/23	57/13	c	79/26	58/14	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Prcp-precipitation, Tr-trace

MARINE FORECAST

	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
NASSAU Today:	SSE at 3-6 Knots	0-1 Feet	10 Miles	85° F
Sunday:	SSW at 3-6 Knots	0-1 Feet	10 Miles	85° F
FREEPORT Today:	SSE at 4-8 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	86° F
Sunday:	WSW at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	5 Miles	86° F
ABACO Today:	SE at 3-6 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	85° F
Sunday:	SW at 4-8 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	85° F

TODAY'S U.S. FORECAST



U.S. CITIES

	Today			Sunday		
	High F/C	Low F/C	W	High F/C	Low F/C	W
Albuquerque	78/25	58/14	t	80/26	59/15	t
Anchorage	59/15	48/8	c	58/14	47/8	c
Atlanta	86/30	68/20	pc	83/28	70/21	t
Atlantic City	70/21	59/15	sh	81/27	60/15	pc
Baltimore	73/22	60/15	pc	82/27	60/15	s
Boston	65/18	58/14	sh	78/25	60/15	pc
Buffalo	70/21	54/12	pc	73/22	56/13	s
Charleston, SC	88/31	68/20	pc	86/30	68/20	pc
Chicago	78/25	54/12	pc	79/26	58/14	pc
Cleveland	72/22	52/11	pc	75/23	53/11	s
Dallas	80/26	68/20	t	79/26	66/18	t
Denver	63/17	49/9	t	77/25	53/11	pc
Detroit	74/23	55/12	pc	78/25	58/14	s
Honolulu	89/31	74/23	s	88/31	74/23	s
Houston	86/30	73/22	t	89/31	74/23	t
Indianapolis	82/27	57/13	pc	81/27	59/15	pc
Jacksonville	85/29	72/22	t	88/31	71/21	t
Kansas City	81/27	61/16	c	80/26	61/16	pc
Las Vegas	104/40	76/24	pc	99/37	76/24	s
Little Rock	78/25	68/20	t	75/23	67/19	t
Los Angeles	82/27	64/17	pc	76/24	64/17	pc
Louisville	84/28	62/16	pc	82/27	63/17	pc
Memphis	82/27	68/20	t	79/26	70/21	t
Miami	90/32	78/25	t	91/32	76/24	t
Minneapolis	80/26	59/15	t	84/28	61/16	s
Nashville	86/30	63/17	pc	82/27	65/18	pc
New Orleans	84/28	76/24	t	88/31	77/25	t
New York	69/20	63/17	r	78/25	66/18	s
Oklahoma City	78/25	64/17	t	77/25	59/15	t
Orlando	88/31	74/23	t	88/31	75/23	t
Philadelphia	70/21	62/16	sh	81/27	64/17	s
Phoenix	100/37	82/27	pc	100/37	80/26	s
Pittsburgh	72/22	52/11	pc	76/24	54/12	s
Portland, OR	94/34	58/14	s	81/27	56/13	s
Raleigh-Durham	87/30	62/16	pc	86/30	62/16	s
St. Louis	84/28	65/18	pc	82/27	65/18	pc
Salt Lake City	82/27	58/14	s	85/29	64/17	pc
San Antonio	86/30	69/20	t	87/30	67/19	pc
San Diego	75/23	67/19	pc	73/22	66/18	pc
San Francisco	71/21	58/14	pc	73/22	58/14	pc
Seattle	88/31	54/12	s	78/25	54/12	s
Tallahassee	85/29	72/22	t	88/31	71/21	t
Tampa	86/30	77/25	t	89/31	77/25	t
Tucson	94/34	71/21	s	92/33	72/22	pc
Washington, DC	78/25	64/17	pc	82/27	62/16	s

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THE SCENE

OUT & ABOUT

IN THE 242

LOCATED AT THE ATLANTIS RESORT on Paradise Island, Aura attracts a crowd of Bahamian party-goers, tourists, business travellers and international celebrities. With a stylish interior design, international guest DJs spinning the best of all musical genres, VIP table service and hip patrons, Aura is a real party experience. The upscale club attracts a fashionable set out to have a fantastic time.

Gabrielle Union, Shakira, Tommy Lee, Jermaine Dupri, Lil Wayne, Sammy Sosa and Kid Rock are just a few of the celebrities who party at Aura when in the Bahamas. So if you want to party in style, put on your fab new outfit, have some pre-party drinks at Nobu and then sashay upstairs into Aura to party until morning.

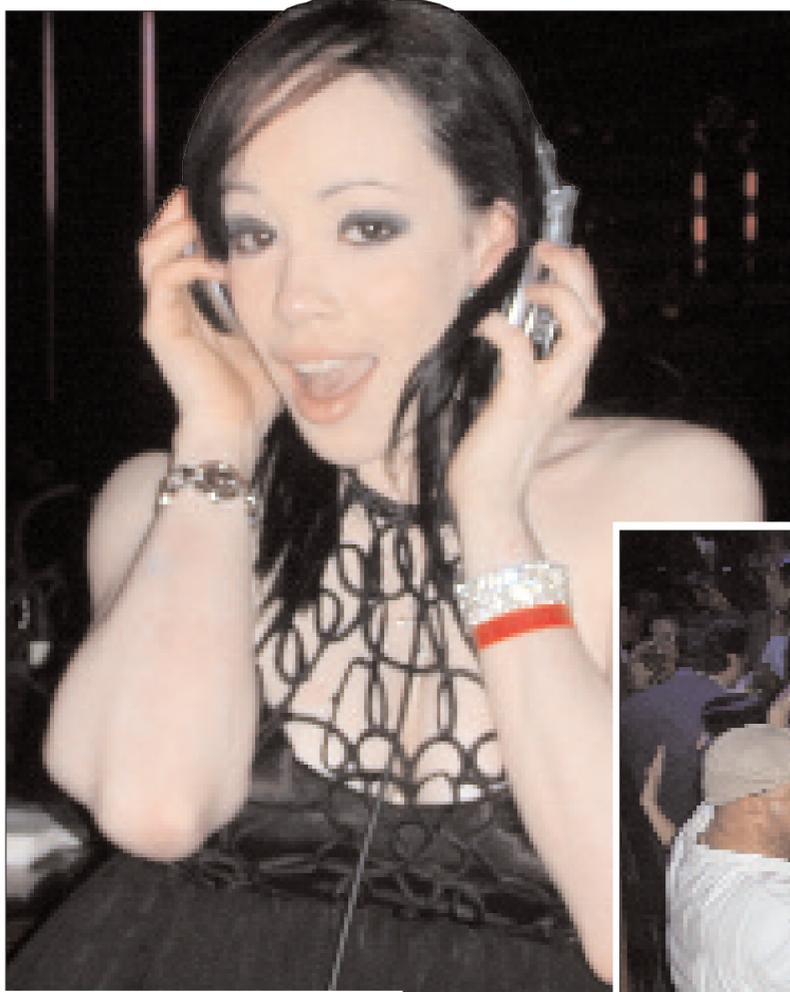


ENJOYING THE NIGHT LIFE

Photographer Farreno "F.Dot" Ferguson with Lawyer Simone Smith.

GOOD TIMES IN GOOD FRIENDS

Clockwise from the left Heike Wollenweber CEO of Axis-S Media, Mark Russell (newbreed and more 94 fm), Cina Sweeting of Doctor's Hospital and Allysan Knowles.



DARCEL ON THE WHEELS OF STEEL

London fashion designer Darcel De Vlught at aura.



PARTY ANIMALS

THE PARTY crowd at Aura heats up the night.

TUESDAY ON A FRIDAY

TUESDAY White, account executive at Atlantic Medical strikes a pose.



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