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# Armed thugs attack jitney

## Homicide team in new look at Preston death

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Preston Ferguson's death. The father-of-one found dead in his company truck on the side of the road in Ocean Addition East, near the Forest, Great Exuma, on August 2, was initially thought to have died on impact when the vehicle

A HOMICIDE investigation team led by Assistant Commissioner of Police Raymond Gibson visited Exuma last week to look into the circumstances surrounding

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## Passengers fear for their lives in Baillou Hill Road incident

**By AVA TURNQUEST**

A JITNEY driver and his passengers scrambled for their lives after two armed thugs attacked their bus.

The incident happened as a 21A was overtaken by another 21A in the area of Family Guardian on Baillou Hill Road. Two men jumped off the bus which was overtaking, and proceeded to attack the other vehicle.

Using hammers, the thugs smashed the back and two side windows, showering terrified passengers with broken glass.

Witnesses also claim they heard gunshots fired which forced the bus occupants to dive for cover on the glass-covered floor.

Police at the nearby Grove Station received a frantic 911 call from the jitney driver but reports confirm there was no physical evidence of any weapons being discharged.

Though no one sustained any bodily harm, passengers were left shocked as they tried to make sense of what happened.

"There was glass everywhere, it's in my clothes, my hair," an eyewitness told *The Tribune*.

"We heard gunshots and everyone just got down. There was a lot of screaming and crying. We thought we were all going to die."

Police said the incident, which happened at about 6.30pm on Thursday, is being investigated.

The two men are helping them with their inquiries.



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PASSENGERS and the driver of this 21A jitney scrambled for their lives during the incident.

## Mitchell: PM's comments on PLP leadership are fiction

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MP FOR Fox Hill Fred Mitchell has branded Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's comments on the transition of leadership within the PLP as "invented fiction".

Speaking to Parliament during the debate on several bills on Thursday, Mr Ingraham poked fun at members on the opposite side ridiculing the PLP for being a shadow of its former self. He also suggested that Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell and West End and Bimini MP Obie Wilchombe were appointed to the Senate by PLP leader Perry Christie at the behest of an ailing Sir Lynden Pindling.

Yesterday Mr Mitchell released a statement which sought to clear up the Prime Minister's "jokes".

"While, we can all have good laugh once in a while in the midst of a very tense political situation, the Prime Minister's version of the facts must not go unchal-



lenged. His reported comments could leave the uninitiated with the impression that he says is true," Mr Mitchell said.

"Suffice it to say, the Prime Minister does not have direct knowledge of any of the events that transpired with regard to the transition of the leadership of the PLP from Sir Lynden (Pindling) to Perry Christie and therefore he cannot be an authority on the

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## Woman's body found in sea is identified

THE body of a woman found floating in the sea behind an apartment complex in Cable Beach has been identified by police.

Jennie Gosbell, 44, of Hertfordshire, England, is believed to have drowned shortly before her lifeless body was discovered by a jet-ski operator on the morning of October 8.

Ms Gosbell was alone on holiday and stayed at various places in New Providence, the last being the Blue Water Resort, Guanahani Village, in Cable Beach.

Police say she went swimming off the resort beach when she drowned. Her body was found floating in front of the Carefree apartment building next door to the Blue Water Resort at around 9.30am.

Murder has been ruled out of the investigation.

Ms Gosbell's mother flew to Nassau from the United Kingdom to identify her daughter's body last week. She returned to England yesterday.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Justice review application filed by nurses union

THE Bahamas Nurses Union has filed a judicial review application over Labour Minister Dion Foulkes' decision not to conduct a poll for a strike vote.

Attorney Obie Ferguson, who represents the Nurses Union, has filed the application before Senior Justice Jon Isaacs.

"The minister has refused to conduct a poll for the Nurses Union to determine whether or not the workers want to participate in industrial action," said Mr Ferguson.

"The minister has also taken the position that because the agreement was not regis-

tered, the union isn't able to file a trade dispute and that any dispute that the worker's file is considered to be invalid.

## Dispute

"Therefore on that basis, he is saying that for the union to be able to file a trade dispute the industrial agreement must be registered and in this case it is not registered.

"We are contending that the union does have that right under Section 30 subsection

3 of the Industrial Relations Act.

"The court will make a determination on whether he (the minister) has the authority to determine whether the non registration of a union's agreement means that the union cannot file a trade dispute."

A full hearing of the application is scheduled for November 6 at 9am.

The dispute between the Government and the BNU began in May when Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham revealed that the Government would be postponing health insurance for public nurses in view of a deteriorating economic situation that

meant spending cut backs were necessary across the board.

## Protest

After a long protest by nurses, who said they need the insurance as protection against the financial burden of seeking treatment for work-related illnesses to which they are regularly exposed, Government said it could offer them insurance in 2010 or before if it was feasible and would pay for the cost of any work-related illnesses in the meantime.

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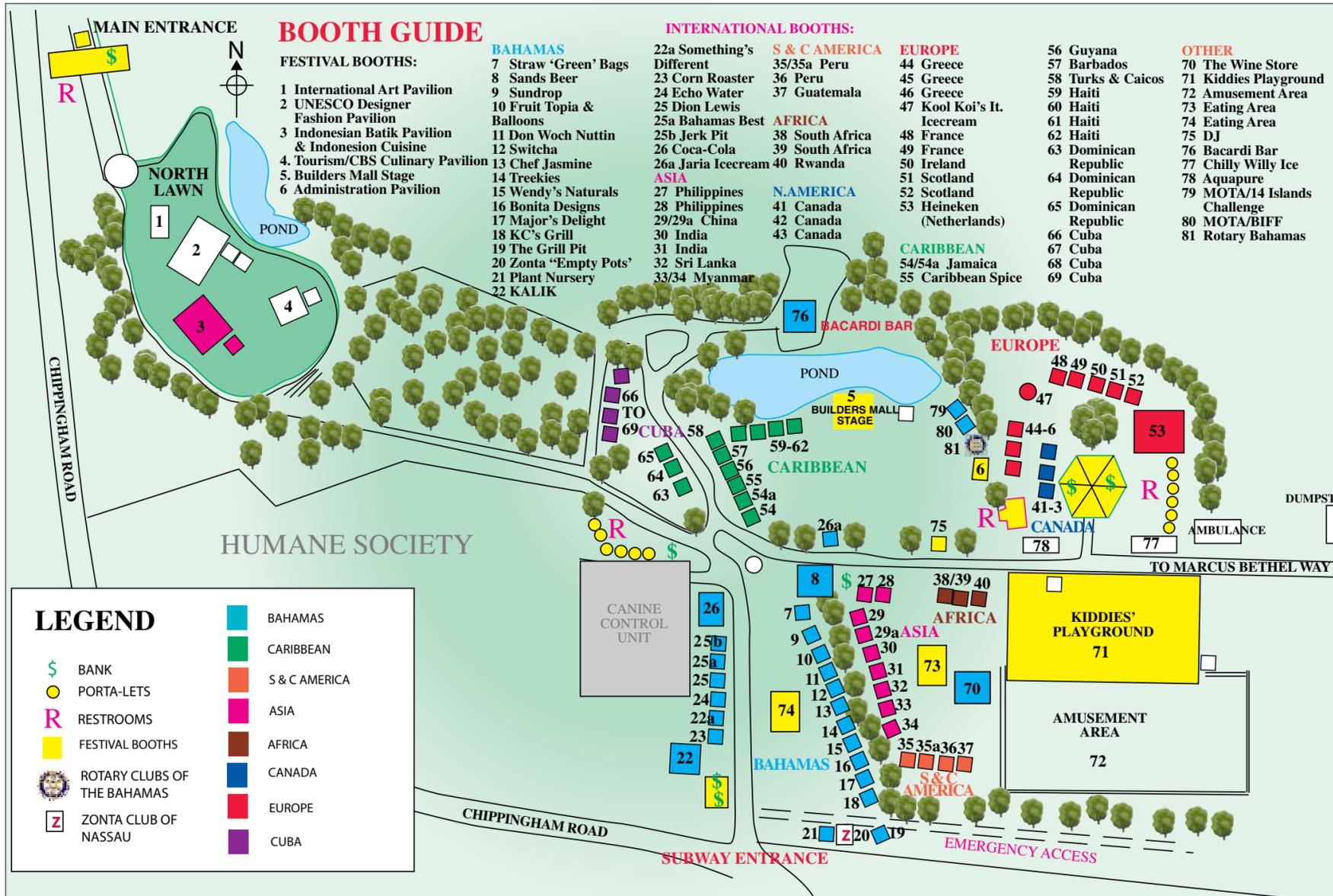
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# CULTURAL FESTIVAL TIME

## BOTANICAL GARDENS HOSTS 2010 EVENT

THE 14TH Annual International Cultural Festival takes place this weekend at the Botanical Gardens near Arawak Cay. Open from 10am-6pm on Saturday and Sunday, the festival will feature international booths, fine wines and native brews, plants, beverages and crafts as well as music and entertainment. Check out the map below for a guide to everything that will be taking place.

Pictured here is the busy scene at the festival site yesterday with stalls under construction ahead of the big event.



LOCAL NEWS

# PLP expects 'largest convention turnout'

**"We look forward to three days of stimulating dialogue about the future of our country and we invite all Bahamians to join us by attending our evening sessions or by watching or listening via television or radio."**

PLP Chairman Glenys Hanna-Martin

By ALISON LOWE  
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THE PLP expects its upcoming national general convention to draw the "largest turnout in recent times in the life of the party", according to its national chairman.

Answering recent critics of the party's internal workings, Glenys Hanna-Martin described the party's electoral process which will be exercised at the convention as "highly democratic" and said "delegates properly elected through a transparent process will come and vote and no one will hold guns to their heads."

"There will be canvassing on all sides but at the end of the day people will exercise their franchise," she said.

Ms Hanna Martin invited all PLPs and all Bahamians to participate in the "exciting" convention.

Set to begin Wednesday October 21 and come to a close on the evening of Friday, October 23, the event will see races for the leader, deputy leader and chairman post, among others.

In addition, discussions will be ongoing throughout the three days on issues of national and party importance.

"We look forward to three days of stimulating dialogue about the future of our country and we invite all Bahamians to join us by attending our evening sessions or by watching or listening via television or radio," said Mrs Hanna Martin during a briefing on the convention held at PLP Headquarters yesterday.

Set to take place at the Wyndham Nassau Resort, the chairman said the party expects that delegates from "across the length and breadth of the

Bahamas" will convene for the convention, representing every island and each community.

Just under 2,000 stalwart councillors and party officers are expected to attend, whilst there is the potential for around 450 voting delegates to register - 11 from each of the 41 constituencies.

The chairman revealed that the convention's theme is "Towards a secure future for our people", chosen by party leader Perry Christie "to signal a vision for the PLP in pursuit of the further development of our people and our country."

"This convention takes place at a critical time in the life of our people and our country," she told the press and party stalwarts during the briefing.

## Challenges

"Today our country is besieged by numerous social and economic challenges which now threaten the quality of life of our people," added Mrs Hanna Martin, who is being challenged at the event for the post of chairman by "at least" three others - former MP Keod Smith, current vice chairman Kenred Dorsett and Ricardo Smith.

Outlining the schedule for the convention, Mrs Hanna Martin noted that the first related event will be the traditional prayer breakfast at the Wyndham on Sunday morning at 7am.

The doors of the convention will be thrown open officially next Wednesday, and nominations for all available party posts will take place from 3pm onwards.

Asked whether she expects anyone else to run against PLP leader Perry Christie, who is presently being challenged by



MP for Bain and Grants Town Bernard Nottage, and party member Paul Moss, Mrs Hanna Martin said those who have announced their intention to run for the post could be joined by others who decide to nominate on the day.

"You have to wait until the last moment it seems... whoever nominates at that moment is thrown into the mix."

In order to nominate you must simply be a member of the party, but like Mr Christie, Mrs Hanna Martin added that "as the party evolves" some of its members believe there should be "more fulsome criteria" to be met by those who wish to nominate, "particularly if you run for a very senior office in the party".

That is almost certainly a reference to the intention of Paul Moss, who only recently joined the party and is not an MP, to run against Mr Christie.

On Wednesday evening, Cynthia "Mother" Pratt, who demits office as deputy leader after 12 years during the convention, will deliver the keynote address.

Voting for party officers will take place from 9am until 3pm on Thursday.

On Friday, the convention will close at around 7pm with an address from the leader elect and deputy leader elect. The chairman noted that while a



PLP LEADER Perry Christie chose the convention's theme, "Towards a secure future for our people."

leader elect must take "fifty plus one" per cent of the votes - more than half of all cast - all other party positions can be won by a simple majority.

## Sessions

Noting the topics which will receive attention during the convention's sessions, Mrs Hanna Martin said attendees will "examine critically the issues which affect the internal organs of the party and explore ways in which to further strengthen the infrastructure of the party", as well as healthcare, education, the economy, immigration and Grand Bahama in particular.

As for her own security as chairman, Mrs Hanna Martin said she feels confident that the party will "make the right decisions that will prepare it for the way forward in our country" when it comes to selecting who should hold the post, adding only that she feels "confident" based on the response as she moves about the country. Rather than being a hindrance, her job as an MP if anything gives her an extra platform on which to raise the party's profile, she said.

# Nottage gets backing from COB professor

PLP Leadership hopeful Dr Bernard Nottage picked up the endorsement of COB political science professor Felix Bethel, and high praise from former leadership candidate Philip Galanis at his official launch on Thursday.

Describing Dr Nottage as the "best man" to carry the PLP against the FNM in a general election, Mr Bethel said that the party's current leader, Perry Christie is "yesterday's" leader.

"Bernard Nottage is the man for now. I believe that Nottage in terms of his experience, his information base, his tool kit, and his brain, Nottage is clearly the leadership material that this country needs in these troubled times.

"I believe that his work in the CDR as he enunciated it shows clearly that he has a vision for the development of our country. He has an idea of development which is well suited for getting the Bahamas out of the current crisis and I am absolutely convinced of that," he said.

As a former PLP leadership challenger, Mr Galanis offered to reserve his outright endorsement of Dr Nottage until he publishes a column early next week. "I really liked Dr Nottage's speech," Mr Galanis told *The Tribune*.

"His presentation was outstanding because it focused on issues, it focused on the problems that we have to face as a country principally and it also addressed some of the issues we have to settle as a party as we go into convention. One of the things I am happy Dr Nottage did not do was attack or say anything negative toward Mr Christie. I think that is the most appropriate thing to do. I think



DR BERNARD NOTTAGE

he is going to stay on message and I think it is important for him to stay on message to speak to what his plan is, and what his objective is, and his objective is to build the party and organise it in such a way so that we can form the government," he said. When asked if he was willing to go on the record and endorse Dr Nottage for the leadership of the party at this time, Mr Galanis said that he will indicate in his column on Monday who he will be endorsing for all offices at the October 21 convention.

"But today let me say for the record that Dr Nottage is the best person I have seen who has offered himself thus far," he said.

At the same time, another challenger for the leadership of the party, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell, addressed members of the PLP's Fox Hill branch at Sandilands Primary School, saying he wanted to have a full and frank discussion about the possibility of his running for the leadership post.

"Branch members advised Mr Mitchell that they will support whatever he wishes to do. We asked Mr Mitchell to conclude certain internal arrangements before he makes any further announcements. We believe that a free and fair race in our party at all levels will strengthen our party and its democracy.

"We do not believe that such a race will damage the party or the career prospects of who wins or loses. We thanked Mr Mitchell for acting with respect and decorum with regard to our party and its present leadership and we know that he will go on to prove to be for our party and our country a fine example of good leadership," the branch office said.

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# Former MP cautions PLPs ahead of upcoming event

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THE battle in the Progressive Liberal Party's upcoming convention will undoubtedly be slated around who will lead the party going forward in either the leader or deputy leader positions.

But former PLP MP for Exuma George Smith has cautioned PLPs to also use this time to concentrate on other matters of great importance within the party.

Above the self-aggrandisement and promotion, there is always a need for the party to prepare itself to face and win the next general election, Mr Smith said.

He told *The Tribune* the PLP must also examine the crucial issues including: "Quality healthcare through National Health Insurance, full support for the security forces in minimising crime, strengthening the judiciary in terms of personnel and facilities, raising the national results in education and giving financial support for scholarship programmes."

He added: "There must also be an effective, meaningful, and achievable programme for the motivation and empowerment of the youth of the party, with the country preparing them for meaningful participation in the affairs of the party and national life.

## George Smith says party must examine crucial issues

"Additionally there is the need for the PLP to build a strong economy. Attracting investments that generate national wealth, and making economic empowerment of Bahamians a linchpin of the party's economic policy."

Along with these objectives, Mr Smith said the party must foster greater appreciation and protection of the country's culture, history and environment.

"The party must also promote pride in being Bahamian and celebrate love of homeland," he said.

Mr Smith, in his capacity as a former MP of long-standing within the party, has also created a guideline of qualities a candidate must possess in order to be placed in high office within the PLP.

He has listed 16 qualities and attributes he believes a good candidate should possess if they seek to have a rewarding and productive political career.

- These are:
- 1 Education, formal or otherwise
  - 2 Good and sound judgment
  - 3 Common sense
  - 4 Honesty
  - 5 Integrity
  - 6 Humility
  - 7 A clear vision of the way forward and the ability

to articulate it clearly so people buy into it

8 The ability to inspire people to pursue noble objectives

9 The ability to bridge the generational gap

10 The willingness to show reverence for those of our citizenry who are in their twilight years

11 The heart to inspire the young to dream greatly and to meet the future boldly

12 The heart to sympathize with the least fortunate among us

13 A reasonable understanding of the world along with a great knowledge of the Bahamas and the capacity to discuss both

14 The possession of the

necessary shrewdness to avoid being the cause of heartache or unnecessary disappointment to voters

15 The ability to understand the value of treating people the way they would like to be treated

16 Commitment - the willingness to stay the course.

Mr Smith said: "Commitment is perhaps the most important quality.

"The willingness to expose yourself to scorn, abuse and betrayal and still stay in the arena, because you are committed to fight for a cause greater than yourself."

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## Beijing's air is getting cleaner

BEIJING — This city's network of arterials, five ring roads bisected by nine more freeways, is barely two decades old, but it already is sclerotic. Roughly 4 million vehicles clog Beijing roads, seven times the number about 15 years ago. On any given day, another 1,500 new vehicles join the crush.

So it is no surprise that Beijing has some of the worst air pollution of any big city on earth.

No, the surprise is this: Beijing's air is actually getting cleaner.

China may have a hard-earned reputation for long-neglected and fearsome environmental problems, from poisoned rivers to chemical-belching smelters. But the nation's capital, Beijing, is trying hard to clean up its dirty air.

The results show up not only in recent pitch-perfect October days, but in the data that for years have presented a bleak picture of pollution here. Through September, the government counted 221 days in which the 0-to-500 pollution index — the lower the number, the better — was below 101. It was the greatest number of "blue-sky days," as the city calls them, since daily measurements were first published in 1998.

At the same time, the city has recorded only two days with dangerously high air pollution. That is the lowest number in a decade, and fully 17 days fewer than were logged in the same period in 2000. Outside experts caution that the city's measurements are not just imprecise — they do not measure the tiniest particulates that are most damaging to lungs, for instance — but potentially misleading.

The government index is a 24-hour average of readings from monitors citywide. In contrast, a single monitor operated by the U.S. Embassy in downtown Beijing, where traffic is heavy, consistently reports less healthy air conditions than the official index.

And Beijing's air remains far from pristine by any measure. The average concentration of particulates in city air during 2008, for example, was six times the ideal standard recommended by the World Health Organization. Indeed, Beijing has yet to meet the WHO's interim air standards for developing countries — or even the less-stringent standards posted by China's national government.

Yet if the air remains bad, experts say, the trend toward clearer skies is both steady and undeniable.

"For those of us who have been monitoring air pollutants for about 10 years, we see a clear reduction in pollution," Zhu Tong, a professor and air pollution scientist at Peking University's College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, said in an interview.

In the past decade, in fact, authorities have moved against air pollution problems with a tenacity that some environmentalists in developed nations, pitted against industry lobbyists and balky political machinery, can only envy. Consider: Since 1999, the city has ratch-

eted up its new-car emissions standards from nonexistent to the level of Euro IV, the same clean-tailpipe requirements that are now enforced across the European Union nations. The rest of China will move to Euro IV next year.

With the switch to Euro IV, Beijing environmental officials last year ordered a 90 percent reduction in the sulfur content of gasoline and diesel fuel, as well as significant new cuts in polluting compounds like benzene and aromatic hydrocarbons in gasoline.

Nor is that all. More than 4,100 of the 20,000 city buses run on clean-burning compressed or liquefied natural gas — the largest such fleet in the world. The Beijing subway system, currently about 125 miles of tunnels and overhead tracks, is undergoing a breakneck expansion that will nearly triple its length in the next five years.

Nor is that all. Before last year's Olympics, the government imposed a regimen based on even and odd license-plate numbers that effectively banned half of all private automobiles from the road on weekdays. Officials — and the public — liked it so much that a modified version, banning one in five cars, is now a permanent rule.

The city also bans heavy trucks from entering the city during the day; after dark, the 18-wheelers can be seen lining up on suburban freeways, waiting for permission to enter. The oldest, dirtiest automobiles — called "yellow-label" cars, after the sticker glued to their windshields — are banned from the center city altogether.

And in July, 11 national government ministries took a leaf from the Obama administration's Cash for Clunkers program and began offering rebates of \$440 to \$880 to people who trade in old high-pollution cars and trucks for new ones. Officials estimate that the program will sweep about 2.7 million dirty autos from the roads nationwide.

Impressive as all that is, it may not be enough. While Beijing's air is cleaner now than in the recent past, the improvements have been largely, though not totally, offset by a sevenfold increase in the number of vehicles since 1993.

Many of the easy cleanup measures, like improving fuel quality and banning the dirtiest vehicles, have already been made. Future improvements will be harder to attain — and yet the flood of cars onto the streets is only growing.

The government insists that it is winning the race. Because older autos emit as much as 30 times the pollution of new ones, officials say, scrapping a relatively few clunkers makes room for many new replacements. Moreover, improvements in gasoline and diesel fuel quality have lowered pollution from all vehicles, including the older ones.

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# A tribute to Vince Ferguson

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I SAW where the funeral for Mr Vince Ferguson was held today (October 1), and feel I must add my tribute to all those who have already done so.

Growing up I always was interested in sports, and played quite a few. With the exception of one or two that I did excel in, I was always just good enough to make the team, but not stand out.

Let me share two stories about Mr Vince Ferguson, and his methods of teaching.

When I was about 15 years old, I played on the Queen's College High School Soccer Team with a goalie whose family (if I remember correctly) was from Jamaica, and his name was Hugh, (can't remember the last name). The thing I do remember is that he played for two years and never allowed a goal to be scored against him.

Because my nature was not to be "told what to do" if I thought the person was offensive, I got into more than one "disagreement" with my school teachers, to the point where it was "suggested" by the Principal that maybe I belonged elsewhere.

So in the middle of the school year, I transferred to St Augustine's College where I first met Mr Ferguson.

My first "experience" with Mr Ferguson was over the school tie.

Every Friday all young gentlemen were supposed to come to school in their bright red St Augustine's tie. Of course, considering myself a "rebel" now, I choose not to wear the school tie at any time.

Hearing how hard a disciplinarian Mr Ferguson was by other students, every Friday I did my best to avoid him, until...

It was right before the bell was to ring ending the morning break, when I accidentally "bucked" into Mr Ferguson, who asked me immediately why wasn't I wearing my school tie on Friday as I am supposed to. I mumbled something about "forgetting," to which he said I was to come to his office at lunch time and I had better have my tie on.

The rest of the morning was filled with apprehension, with

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me racking my brain, what to do, what to do??

I had been caned once in my life and didn't relish the thought of going through that experience again.

Right before I was to go to his office, I went to the restroom, and there, on the floor, pushed into the corner with the rest of the trash, was a St Augustine's boys tie. True it had holes in it, and lot's of dirt spots, but it was a tie. I quickly picked it up, tied it on my neck, and walked confidently to his office.

When he saw me, the veins in his head and neck started sticking out, and his lips and eyes narrowed. He clenched his teeth and seethed "What is that Mr Lee?" Feeling a bit nervous, I explained that he said I must have a tie when I came to his office, and since I walked to school, and was unable to get out (they used to lock the back road, to keep intruders out during the day) this was the best solution I could come up with. He sat for what seemed like eternity, eyeing me up and down and finally said "Mr Lee, let this be the last Friday that you ever come to St Augustine's College without your tie..." And it was...

The other story I have about Mr Ferguson was also from that same time. As I said before, I used to play soccer for QC. Well one afternoon while walking towards the back gate, Mr Ferguson drives up in his Volkswagon Beetle and asks me why I was not going to soccer practice as he knew I played. I told him I was not interested in playing on the SAC team and was on my way home, besides the season was just about finished. He said regardless, he wanted me at practice. I didn't go.

The next time practice was scheduled I was almost on Prince Charles Drive when he pulled up in his car again, this time turning it sideways to block my path. He got out and demanded that I go back and join in practice. Seeing that he was persistent, I gave up and started attending practice.

I think there were two games left then for the Championship. My "forte" in soccer was only in striking the ball towards the net, I was neither a good dribbler, nor a "magician" at ball handling. So I was not surprised when I spent the last two games on the bench (besides I had just joined the team). But I did start to wonder why Mr Ferguson made me join.

Then came "Championship Day." SAC was tied with QC for wins in the regular seasons, but led in some statistic like goals scored or whatever, which gave us the edge. All we had to do was tie QC and the High School Championship was ours.

The game started, and suddenly in the first half, QC scored to make it 1-0. I knew with Hugh in the net for QC and not having given up a goal in two years, "that was that."

Suddenly it was half time, and Mr Ferguson yelled "Mr Lee, get ready to go in as a inside forward." I did what I was told.

No more than two minutes into the second half, the outside winger got the ball and crossed it in front of their goal. I had been following the play up, and dashed forward striking the ball towards the goal with a sharp left foot volley. I watched as Hugh leapt towards the ball, then realised (to my utter amazement) that it was indeed passing his outstretched hand and it made a loud "clang" as it hit the metal netting inside the goal. I took a deep breath, and shook my head. The game was tied!!

The game remained that way and at the end we were High School Champions.

As we met as a group afterwards, Mr Ferguson only said that "when we play as a team, with everyone having and knowing their part, we can be victorious."

These stories indicate the type of teacher and person Mr Ferguson was. Yes he WAS a disciplinarian, but he knew that with the tie episode he had scared me enough to

1) Make me "creative" enough to find some kind of tie, and

2) By doing so, was sure I would always wear my tie on Fridays. (And I did...)

And regarding the persistence he showed in demanding I join the soccer team, then leaving me on the bench, only to bring me on to end up scoring the goal which proved to be decisive, showed me what a genius the man was. He had seen me play at QC, he knew what I could do, and not do. It might have been out of desperation, (after QC went up 1-0 and everyone knowing that nobody had ever scored against Hugh) that he brought me on, but in looking back it was a cool, calculated and educated guess he took because he knew if there was one thing I had was a strong leg and that was probably the only way a ball could get past Hugh that day. (It was not that I had great soccer skills).

It showed me the brilliance of the man.

I saw Mr Ferguson a few times around town since those days forty years ago, he was always cordial, said hello, and (once in a while) would shake my hand, and give me that wry little smile of his.

So, today we honour the man, he was so much more than just a teacher, and he meant so much to so many.

May God Bless and receive you at his side Mr Vince Ferguson.

WILLIAM LEE  
Nassau,  
October 1, 2009.

## Recent demolition of church

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I SHOULD be obliged if you will kindly publish the below information. It relates to the recent demolition of the church on The C W Saunders' Highway.

"I am a retired banker who worked in that industry for nearly 23 years. (Retired in the early 1990's). During my tenure at the bank I worked my way up to being an Assistant Manager and was eventually given partial responsibility for the mortgage portfolio of the bank. My duties involved liaising with the lawyers of the bank to ensure that documents presented for credit facilities were acceptable with no legal misgivings. I recall that when clients presented documents involving Nassau Village and Malcolm Allotment, the lawyers returned those documents to us without an opinion because they were unable to establish who were the original owners of lands in those areas.

With regards to the recent demolition of the church in the Nassau Village area on property purported to be owned by Arawak Homes Limited, I wish to raise the question as to when and how did Arawak Homes acquire the Nassau Village land?

NAY LOUISE  
Nassau,  
September 25, 2009.

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## NOTICE

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Notice of Extraordinary  
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Please be advised an Extraordinary General Meeting of West Winds Property Owners Association Limited (WWPOA) will be held on Tuesday, October 20th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the evening at the Pavilion, West Winds.

LOCAL NEWS

# BPSU president seeks to cut work hours

By ALISON LOWE  
Tribune Staff Reporter  
alowe@tribunemedia.net

## Mould problem affects two government ministries

THE President of the Bahamas Public Service Union is set to recommend to government next week that around 400 staff at two government ministries affected by a mould problem be allowed to cut their daily working hours.

John Pinder told *The Tribune* that he was hoping a resolution could have been found by the end of this week to the issue of where employees of the Ministries of Education and Youth, Sports and Culture could be relocated.

The staff are upset over a mould problem at their Thompson Boulevard headquarters, which many believe is making them sick. They

briefly walked off the job in protest at the situation at the end of September.

According to health experts, although the presence of mould in indoor environments is generally not harmful, it can lead to eye, nose or throat irritation, a runny nose, sinus congestion or increased asthma attacks or allergic reactions in certain people – most commonly the elderly, pregnant women, infants and young children, people with allergies, chronic respiratory illness and/or chemical sensitivities and

those with weakened immune systems.

While some light appeared to be on the horizon for the government and the staff in late September when it was revealed that a Wyndham hotel tower which had been marked for demolition next year could potentially house them until the mould problem at their original headquarters could be addressed, the discovery of a mould problem there too has set back those plans.

Minister of Education Carl Bethel said yesterday that a

report he had seen on the matter after returning from a week abroad provided “definite evidence of mould” in the Cable Beach building.

However, he said the Wyndham hotel tower has “not been ruled out” as a potential temporary home for the two government ministries.

Mr Bethel said a “final determination” on the matter should be made early next week.

He noted that the difficulty for the Government is in finding a building which will allow the ministries, in particularly

the Ministry of Education, to function properly.

“The ministry is very large, very diverse in its operations and very complex.

We have to make sure that all of the different endeavours of the ministry fit together properly in a space because it’s impossible to spread the ministry all over the place.

“You have to have it possible for vertical and horizontal integration of all of our activities

and so that limits our options,” he added.

Mr Pinder said that the

BPSU “sympathises” with the trouble the government has faced in finding a site that could adequately contain the operations of the two ministries but given the fact that there is no resolution as yet the time has come for the government to consider offering staff the opportunity to work “flexi-time.”

Such an arrangement would see staff coming in for an average of five hours a day rather than eight, so as to “minimise exposure” to the mould at the Thompson Boulevard site.

THE BAHAMAS HUMANE SOCIETY PRESENTS

## PET OF THE WEEK



CLIPPER

• While this two-year-old beauty may appear daunting in size, underneath Clipper’s powerful build lies a real softy. In fact, this 110lb Dobberman and Rottweiler mix was surrendered to the Bahamas Humane Society not because he was aggressive or unwanted, but because he was being beaten up by his fellow canine family members. Due to his turbulent past, he is a bit cautious with new people at first, but his affection and loyalty are unlimited once one gains his trust. Please consider giving this gentle giant a new and secure home as he surely deserves it.

## crimeBRIEFS

### New trial set for accused drug lord

A NEW trial for accused drug lord Melvin Maycock Sr over his alleged escape from a police holding cell is set for December 9.

On Thursday, Senior Supreme Court Justice Jon Isaacs granted Maycock’s release from prison on \$80,000 bail.

Maycock, 43, was ordered to sign in at the Central Police Station every day as a condition of his release.

Maycock is accused of escaping from a holding cell at the Elizabeth Estates Police Station in February 2008 by switching places with his son Melvin Maycock Jr.

Maycock Sr was captured four months later following a high speed chase. The initial escape trial had been heard before Magistrate Guillimena Archer however she has recused herself from the case.

On Thursday, Roger Gomez Jr, one of Maycock’s attorneys, noted that his client had spent more than a year in jail which is the maximum penalty on an escape charge. Maycock Sr had been on remand for 15 months. His new escape trial is set to be heard in Court 5, Bank Lane.

The alleged inhumane con-

ditions under which Maycock had been kept at Her Majesty’s Prison since June 2008 played a major part in Senior Justice Isaacs’ decision to grant Maycock bail.

In August Senior Justice Isaacs had ordered that the condition of Maycock’s detention improve after his lawyers filed a constitutional motion on his behalf.

Attorney Craig Butler, who also represents Maycock along with T’Shura Ambrose, filed another application on Monday, claiming that the judge’s orders had not been followed.

That hearing has been adjourned to October 26.

Maycock still has a drug possession case pending. That case has been adjourned to November 17.

He is also facing extradition to the United States on drug charges. His extradition is being appealed.

US prosecutors requested Maycock’s extradition in June 2004 on allegations that he is the mastermind of the Caribbean arm of a multinational drug gang. Thirteen other men, including Melvin Maycock Jr, who is charged in the same indictment as Maycock Sr, were freed on bail in 2006.

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Dr. Richard Marks  
Author of ERY

## Enriched Relationships For Youth

The Christian Counselling Centre (CCC) and the Ministry of Education are sponsoring a training seminar free of charge for public school teachers, youth workers, ministers, and any one that works with youth. The Enriched Relationships for Youth curriculum will be offered by CCC on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20-21, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Dr. Richard Marks, the author and Executive Director of Enriched Relationships will offer his two day training at Calvary Bible Church on Collins Avenue in Nassau.

In addition, Dr. Marks will be speaking in the 11am service on October 18th, 2009 at Calvary Bible Church. The topic that he will address is “How to deal with broken relationships”. And on Monday October 19th, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm Dr. Marks will run a workshop at Calvary Bible Church on “Communicating without strangling”.

\*\*\*All interested persons are invited to attend\*\*\*

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1.71	1.03	AML Foods Limited	1.15	1.17	0.02	1,000	0.127	0.000	9.2	0.00%
11.80	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	10.75	10.75	0.00		0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%
9.30	5.90	Bank of Bahamas	5.90	5.90	0.00		0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%
0.89	0.63	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00		0.125	0.090	25.2	2.86%
2.37	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00		0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%
14.20	9.93	Cable Bahamas	9.93	9.93	0.00		1.406	0.250	7.1	2.52%
2.85	2.72	Colina Holdings	2.72	2.72	0.00		0.249	0.040	10.9	1.47%
7.50	5.26	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	5.83	5.83	0.00		0.419	0.300	13.9	5.15%
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.93	2.94	0.01		0.111	0.052	26.5	1.77%
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	2.05	2.05	0.00		0.625	0.080	3.3	3.90%
8.20	6.28	Farmguard	6.28	6.28	0.00		0.420	0.240	15.0	3.82%
12.60	8.80	Finco	9.30	9.30	0.00		0.322	0.520	28.9	5.59%
11.71	10.00	FirstCaribbean Bank	10.00	10.00	0.00		0.631	0.350	15.8	3.50%
5.53	4.11	Focol (S)	4.11	4.11	0.00		0.332	0.150	12.4	3.65%
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.45	0.27	Freeport Concrete	0.27	0.27	0.00		0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%
9.02	5.49	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00		0.407	0.500	13.7	8.94%
12.00	9.95	J. S. Johnson	9.95	9.95	0.00		0.952	0.640	10.5	6.43%
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		0.156	0.000	64.1	0.00%

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

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	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.00%
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date
1.4038	1.3341	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
1.4946	1.4210	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4946	4.25	5.18			9-Oct-09
3.6090	3.0941	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.0941	-8.61	-13.59			31-Aug-09
13.1751	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.1751	4.42	5.85			30-Sep-09
101.6693	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	101.6693	1.10	1.67			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
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	3.85	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

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LOCAL NEWS

# WHY YOU VEX?

"I is vex 'cause a all dis daytime talk (on) dat news show, dis call-in show et cetera, et cetera, yadda, yadda, yadda, 'bout crime, hanging, 'tiefing, rape, shootin', cars following you after work an' while all dis actual crime happening' during da nighttime yinna can't find no police patrolling da neighbourhoods at night.

"Get real minister, an' have da police works at night. People is just fed up dat the police could talk about 'zero tolerance' during da day an' nighttime crime increasing wid no police at night. Crime don't only happen during 9am to 5pm when it seems almost all da police works ya know,"

— Rocket Scientist

"I vex at all these chap up roads all over Nassau that almost buss my tyre open day after day. I am a single woman almost afraid to drive at night for fear my tyre will blow in one of them big pot holes — that no one in the Ministry of Works seems to see — that will leave me stranded on the side of the road for some deviant to take advantage of.

"This government need to get it together, how long

does it take to lay some pipes and properly patch up a road?

All they is, is a bunch of excuse makers and wind blowers."

— Sick of the city streets

"I vex that da PLP getting all rile up over the race for leader and deputy leader when at the end of the day things still ga be the same in their party because it's mostly the same tired, old people running. That party need some new, fresh blood — the kind of blood what ain' been in office already grabbing all the cookies and crumbs out the jar but focused people who ain' scraping their wallets and only looking to make a buck!"

— Political Observer

"I vex that even though leaders in the United States are saying it looks like the recession is just bout over, but my pocket still crying every time I go in the food-store to get some groceries. Things still tough and rough man — no wonder people out there robbing and tiefin'. How else the poor, uneducated man ga' make it on this lil' island?"

— Broke and busted

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First & Third Sunday ..... 11:30 a.m.
- \* POWER CREW Church(Ages 10-11 yrs.)  
Second & Fourth Sunday ..... 11:30 a.m.
- \* Evening Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

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FAMILY ISLANDS ADMINISTRATORS are pictured with Mr Woodside and senior government officials.

Leisha Henderson/BIS

# Island Administrators told to be accountable and responsible

AN INFORMED citizenry has come to expect greater accountability, transparency and fair play in the conduct of their affairs, Minister of State for the Department of Lands and Local Government Byran Woodside said.

Based on the government's commitment to accountability and transparency, he said, a conclave was held last year for Family Island administrators to inform them of the establishment of an internal monitoring unit.

"The internal monitoring unit was born out of the need to address those Family Island administrators who were not carrying out their fiduciary duties," he said at the opening of the two-day annual conference for Family Island Administrators at the British Colonial Hilton.

"The Auditor General and the Financial Secretary have indicated that too many Family Island Administrators have operated in contravention of



the Financial Administration and Audit Act," he said. Some have used the salaries of locally employed officers to carry out capital works

without the authority of the relevant central government agency, Mr Woodside said.

He explained that some have used revenue intended for the Consolidated Fund as a recurrent account.

"Further, and most egregious, is the habit of cashing rubber cheques within remittances and much worse in the revenue account," he said.

Mr Woodside admonished those who head districts to "cease" these practices and warned all in Local Government that such behaviour will not be tolerated on his watch.

He said once he is made aware of an infraction, "the necessary action will be taken".

Some administrators have taken a "malingering and in many cases, a defiant stance relative to the work of the internal monitoring unit," the minister noted. Less than quarter of the districts have sent in accounts since February 2009.

"The most common weakness in the submissions received is the preparation of bank reconciliation statements," Mr Woodside said. "Most of the accounts did not have them."

"Even though it was agreed that the authorised payment form was to be used, many districts have scanned the form into their computer system and produced a computerised version."

In the central government accounts, many payments are being made without the authority of central government agency heads, Mr Woodside said.

During the workshop the role of Family Island administrators will be examined "to ensure that they are aware of how important their leadership is in boosting local economies while encouraging communities to take advantage of economic opportunities."

# Elections reveal not many interested in Local Govt leadership positions

NOT many persons are interested in offering for leadership positions at the Local Government level, last year's round of elections revealed.

"Persons have been elected unopposed and in a few cases, to ensure a quorum for the administration of townships and councils, we have had to appoint persons," said Minister of State in the Department of Lands and Local Government Byran Woodside.

He was speaking during the annual Conference for Family Island Administrators at the British Colonial Hilton.

The lack of involvement in Local Government "speaks loudly to the need to encourage citizens to become active par-

ticipants in this very important aspect of our democratic governance," Mr Woodside said.

Involving young people in Local Government can be a "critical avenue" to getting them engaged with society and increasing their leadership skills, he said.

Therefore, discussions are planned for the launch of a pilot Local Government Junior Council (LGJC) Programme.

"It will be a network of Bahamian youth, performing a civic duty of service through youth presentation in the affairs of Local Government," Mr Woodside said.

Participants will work on empowerment skills and will be given the tools to

become well-rounded role models who appreciate the opportunities for future careers available in Local Government, he said.

The programme will aim at: promoting partnerships between participating schools and Local Government; providing opportunities for young persons to participate in and achieve an understanding of the operations of Local Government; and providing a forum for young persons to voice their issues and views to all levels of government and the community.

Success will depend largely on a shared commitment between the community and the Department of Local Government, Mr Woodside said.

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LOCAL NEWS

# OAS chief wants trade talks between Latin America and the Caribbean



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SECRETARY General of the Organisation of American States José Miguel Insulza wants renewed trade discussions between the Caribbean and countries in Latin America.

Mr Insulza said he is not calling for the resumption of talks over the controversial Free Trade Area of the Americas but recommended that countries in the Americas come up with ways to improve trade relationships.

"I think that we have to restart the discussions (for) some economic matters such as trade that have been paralyzed for a long time. I'm

not saying I'm calling at this moment for reinstatement of the FTAA discussions... but we have to find ways to improve and increase trade relations among us," he said at a press conference held at the Cabinet Office yesterday.

Mr Insulza added that his organisation has also been petitioning for stronger capital resources for the Inter-American Development Bank.

"We have made a strong request in support of the IDB, to increase the capital of the IDB. By the way, part of the capital of the IDB is also co-ordinated with the Caribbean Development Bank. And because we think that for many countries, the need for resources to stimu-

late the economy is very high and we have limited resource, we hope to have success in this matter of increasing the funds for the IDB," he said, flanked by Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette.

Mr Insulza also said he hopes to help foster sustainable tourism among member states, improve security within the Americas and communicate the role of the OAS to member states.

He made several courtesy calls on public officials, including visits to Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette, Governor General Arthur Hanna and Opposition Leader Perry Christie, during his first visit to the Bahamas.

## JOSE MIGUEL INSULZA

JOSE MIGUEL INSULZA was elected OAS Secretary General on May 2, 2005, and took office on May 26. The Chilean politician has an accomplished record of public service in his country. At the beginning of his five-year term as secretary general, he pledged to strengthen the organisation's "political relevance and its capacity for action."

A lawyer by profession, he has a law degree from the University of Chile, did postgraduate studies at the Latin American Social Sciences Faculty (FLACSO), and has a masters in political science from the University of Michigan. Until 1973, he was professor of political theory at the University of Chile and of political science at Chile's Catholic University. He also served, until that year, as political advisor to the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and director of the Diplomatic Academy of Chile.

He became involved in politics during his student years and served as vice president of the Chilean Students Association, president of the Centre for Law Students of the University of Chile, and president of the Union of Universities Federations of Chile.

In the early 1970s, Mr Insulza played an active role in Salvador Allende's Popular Unity government and, following the coup that brought General Augusto Pinochet to power, he went into exile for 15 years, first in Rome (1974-1980) and after that in Mexico (1981-1988). In Mexico City, he was a researcher and then director of the United States Studies Institute in the Centre for Economic Research and Teaching. He also taught at Mexico's National Autonomous University, the Ibero-American University, and the Diplomatic Studies Institute.

Mr Insulza was able to return to Chile in early 1988 and joined the Coalition of Parties for Democracy, which won the plebiscite against the Pinochet regime in October of that year and that has been victorious in all democratic elections in the country since 1990.

A member of the Socialist Party, he has held a large number of high-level posts in coalition governments.

Born on June 2, 1943, Mr Insulza is married to Georgina Núñez Reyes and has three children: Francisca, Javier and Daniel.

# Homicide team in new look at Preston death

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he was driving swerved off the road and hit a utility pole.

But his family believe the accident was staged and police should not rule out murder as a cause of death.

They claim police officers failed to impound the vehicle, neglected to interview persons of interest, did not confiscate his clothes or the possessions, and did not check his phone records after his body was found.

A number of articles published in *The Tribune* attracted the attention of seasoned New York investigator Detective Sergeant Nathaniel Santine III who condemned Bahamas police for the "incompetence" displayed in their "botched" investigation.

However, Mr Gibson told *The Tribune* yesterday he is now leading an investigation into Mr Ferguson's death, and returned from a visit to Great Exuma with his team from the Criminal Detective Unit last week.

He said: "We had a team travel to Exuma and to look at some

additional inquiries, and we hope to make a decision very soon in this matter."

Although the death could be reclassified as a homicide "very soon", Mr Gibson said he was not able to release any further details yesterday.

Mr Ferguson worked as a landscaping supervisor at Grand Isle Villas and was the youngest of 12 children. His family maintain he was well liked in the community and a number of people were willing to assist with police investigations.

The Ferguson family have won the overwhelming support of the public in calling on Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest to get to the bottom of what happened in Exuma on the morning the body was found, and a personal commitment to see the officers in question punished severely if found guilty of negligence.

Mr Turnquest has so far responded on all occasions with the double mantra that the matter is still under investigation and that he is unwilling to second-guess the police.

## Police probe into death 'botched'

Detective backing family of Preston Ferguson

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### Government employees may be relocated to hotel tower

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## INSIGHT

The stories behind the news

# Can any of us trust that justice will be done?

By PACO NUÑEZ  
Tribune News Editor

W hat happened to Preston Ferguson on a dark, lonely stretch of road on Great Exuma...

...and under pressure, he and his colleagues...

...they exist in a state of confusion...

...the police investigation...

...the death certificate...

...the police officers...

...the family members...

...the investigation...

# Mitchell: PM's comments on PLP leadership are fiction

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subject.

"He certainly has no first-hand knowledge of my part in it. He should therefore desist in this folly. What he says is exactly how we took it in the House, a good

joke," he said.

On Thursday Mr Ingraham verbally jabbed at the PLP leader suggesting he made several appointments within the PLP at the request of the dying Sir Lyden: "You (referring to Mr Christie) had no inten-

tion of making either Fred Mitchell or Obie Wilchombe a senator.

"He (Sir Lyden) filled those two seats when he got you elected, so when you became leader you only had two appointments to make because the other appoint-

ments had been dealt with up at the hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, where West End and Bimini took Fox Hill on that man's sick bed and made an appeal which you had to honour.

"Now having been given this great request by the

leader it is your job to hold on to it, not let it go - he gave you all the tools. He gave you an arsenal for order over this country to bring them together, crush them. It's an insurrection," said the nation's chief.

Mr Christie became the

leader of the PLP after a hotly contested race for the post between himself, current MP for Bain and Grants Town Dr Bernard Nottage and former politician Philip Galanis in 1997 after Sir Lyden retired from politics.

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**Deanne Duncombe**

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## TALKING TRACK WITH DEBBIE AND CHANDRA

### Ferguson-McKenzie excited about new training camp

By BRENT STUBBS  
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**T**HIS past season, Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie made a decision to change coaches. Next season, she intends to only run her 200 metres specialty in major international meets.

In an candid interview with The Tribune on Thursday at the St. Anne's High School Heritage Day, Ferguson-McKenzie said she is encouraged to go on because she certainly enjoyed her best season in a long time.

"When you look at the 200 and even the 100, all of my times were so respectable," said Ferguson-McKenzie, who captured a bronze medal in the half-lapper at the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

"In the 200, I wanted to run 21 seconds. I didn't, but I came close to it. But I have a feeling that in the next 3-4 seasons that I'm going to continue to run, it's going to come."

Based on her performance this year, Ferguson-McKenzie said she's done some things that she never envisioned she would have been able to achieve and that has inspired and motivated her even more.

But although she has not totally abandoned the idea of running the century, Ferguson-McKenzie said she will only line up to run the 100 on the circuit. But when it comes to the major events like the Commonwealth Games, World Championships or Olympics, her focus will only be on the 200.

"I think every time I have faith in the 100 metres that it's going to happen, it doesn't happen," said Ferguson-McKenzie about winning that elusive medal in the straight away race that has eluded her.

"It doesn't hurt me in the 200, so at this point, I have decided that I will only run the 200 at a major championship. At all of my major championships where I've gotten a medal, I got it in the 200. So I'm going to focus on the 200 a little more."

Home for some much needed rest, Ferguson-McKenzie said she's eager to get back to the United States where she can start her first off-season training in her new environment in November where she hopes to "get stronger, healthier and faster for next year."

"I'm in a very nice environment. I love it. You have Olympic gold medalists and World Championships champions, so when you hang around that type of people, you can't help but being great as you follow in their footsteps. So I'm loving it. Come whatever may, I'm ready for it."

Last year after the Penn Relays, Ferguson-McKenzie parted company with coach Amy Beem at the University of Miami in Coral Gables and she headed to Orlando,

Florida where she joined the training camp of coach Lance Brauman.

Among those who was in the camp was Jamaican sprinter Veronica Campbell-Brown, who beat out Ferguson-McKenzie for the silver in the 200 behind American Allyson Felix at the World's in Berlin, Germany.

But on Wednesday, Campbell-Brown had confirmed rumours that she and Brauman has severed ties. Brauman was responsible for helping Campbell-Brown to secure back-to-back Olympic Games gold medals in the 200.

In an interview with the Jamaica Observer, Campbell-Brown said she had a great run with Brauman over the last six years, but she just felt it was time for a change and she and her husband will now be working with Atlanta based-coach Anthony Carpenter.

At the time of the interview, the news had not broken yet that Campbell-Brown and Brauman had split up. But Ferguson-McKenzie said she was looking forward to going to training camp in November.

Looking back at her season, Ferguson-McKenzie commented on what she described as her high and low points.

For the high, it was ascending the podium at the World's with veteran Chandra Sturrup, quarter-miler Christine Amertil and rising young star Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson with their silver medals.

"This was our first time winning a medal since 2001, which was basically almost nine years since we got the bronze medal," said Ferguson-McKenzie of the past relay team.

"Nobody expected us to get the silver medal because the last World Championships we were not even there. But this year, we were. As I told them, all we had to do was be present and give our best and that brought us a silver medal."

As for her low, Ferguson-McKenzie said it was not being able to run under 22 seconds in the deuce.

"I know it's there, but like I told the kids today, you have to try and if you don't try, you will never know what will happen," said Ferguson-McKenzie about part of her message to the students at St. Anne's on Thursday.

"The only thing I have to do is try and that is what I'm going to keep on doing. I definitely want to run 21 seconds and I think before I'm finished, I will be able to do that."

At age 33, Ferguson-McKenzie has indicated that she intends to run through the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England before she finally calls it quits.

### Sturrup contemplates retirement

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**N**OBODY sets expectations for themselves like Chandra Sturrup.

So whenever she does not achieve her goal, the veteran sprinter gets down on herself.

This year, however, the Bahamian national 100 metre record holder should be very proud of her achievements, even if she didn't attain all of her goals.

"Considering how I felt last year and coming this year and had a great season running against the younger girls, I was very pleased with myself," said Sturrup in an interview with The Tribune on Thursday at St. Anne's School Heritage Day.

If there was one goal that Sturrup wanted to achieve, it was to run at least 10.8 seconds or faster in the century. But she was content with the season's best of 10.99 that she posted in the straight away race.

The above mentioned performance that came in Rome, Italy on July 10 was considered to be Sturrup's highlights of the season.

"I knew I was going to run very fast that day. I was on top of the world after four years," said Sturrup of breaking the 10-second barrier for the first time in quite some time.

That's a major accomplishment for Sturrup, considering the fact that she has been coaching herself since her long-time coach Trevor Graham was banned indefinitely from all training sites as a result of the BALCO scandal.

If there was a low point for Sturrup, who turned 38 on September 13, it was in the 100 final at the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin, Germany in August.

"The girls ran an excellent time. It was an extremely fast race, but the race was so fast that I wasn't able to get my bearing after coming out of the blocks," said Sturrup, who ended up seventh in 11.05 as Jamaican Shelly-Ann Fraser took the gold in the then world leading time of 10.73.

"I was really hard on myself after that

race because I knew that I could have ran a whole lot faster than I did. I just didn't put my race together that day."

At the end of the championships, which culminated with her running the second leg as the Bahamas regained its position on the podium with the silver in the 4 x 100 relay, Sturrup said she's contemplating retirement.

"I'm going to take it season for season," she insisted. "I'm going to run indoors for sure. Then after indoors, I will come to a conclusion as to what it is I will do."

"More than likely, I will continue and run through the entire season, but that has not been finalised as yet. So I'm looking forward to running the world indoors."

The 13th IAAF World Indoor Championships is set for Doha, Qatar from March 12-14 and Sturrup is hoping that she can get her first medal since she claimed the gold at the 8th championships in Lisbon in 2001.

Sturrup, still regarded as one of the fastest female starters in the world, she attributes her performance to the fact that she has been able to consistently compete with her peers.

"The girls aren't running that fast that I can't keep up with them," she noted. "I would be disappointed in myself knowing that I have it in me and I just give up and I can be there with them."

"I think that kind of motivated me because I'm a competitor and I love to compete. I love to see how fast I can go. So that motivates me."

As she enters the twilight of her career, Sturrup looks back at her longevity in the sport and she reflects that her only regret is that she hasn't won a gold medal in the 100 yet.

"That's one of the things that I really wanted in my whole career and I came short of it," said Sturrup, who twice won the bronze medal at the World Outdoors' in Edmonton, Canada 2001 and again in Saint-Denis, Paris in 2003.

"But other than that I think I had a great time in track and field and I can look back and say that I did my best. But another goal of mine was to run 10.7 and I haven't done that yet. So hopefully I would love to end my season by winning another World Indoor title."

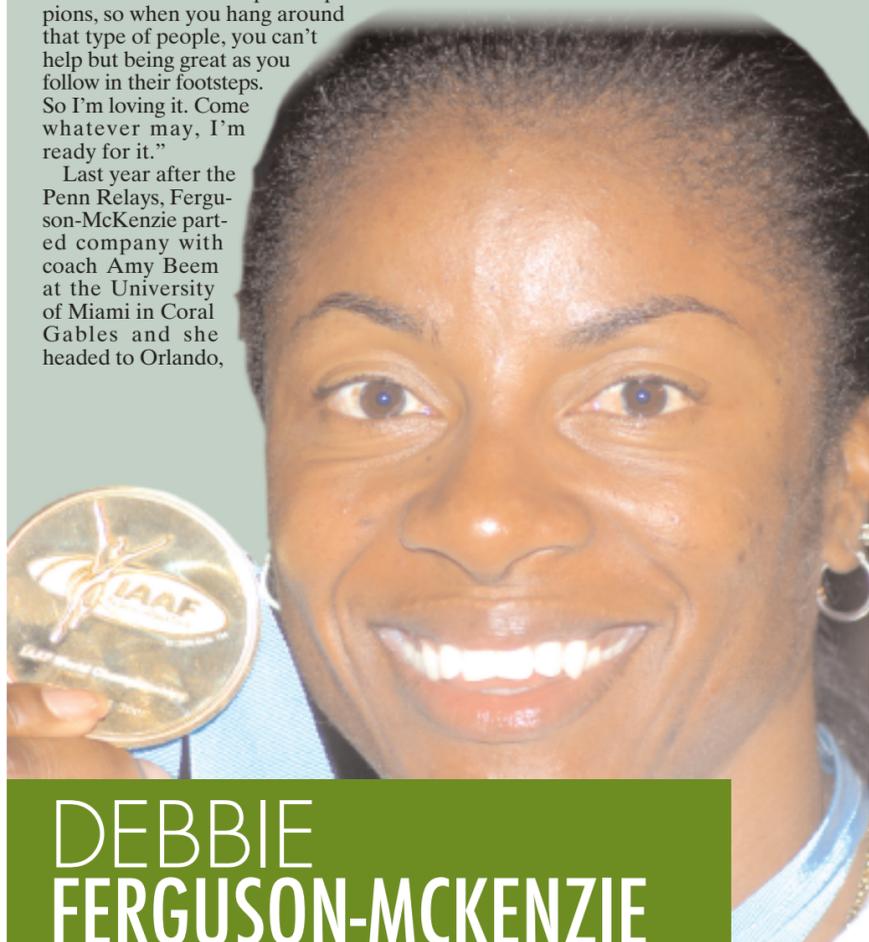
If the way the season ended is any indication, Sturrup said it should be an interesting 2010 season.

American Carmelita Jeter came back after her bronze medal performance in Berlin at the World's to top Fraser's world leading time by running a stunning 10.64 in Shanghai.

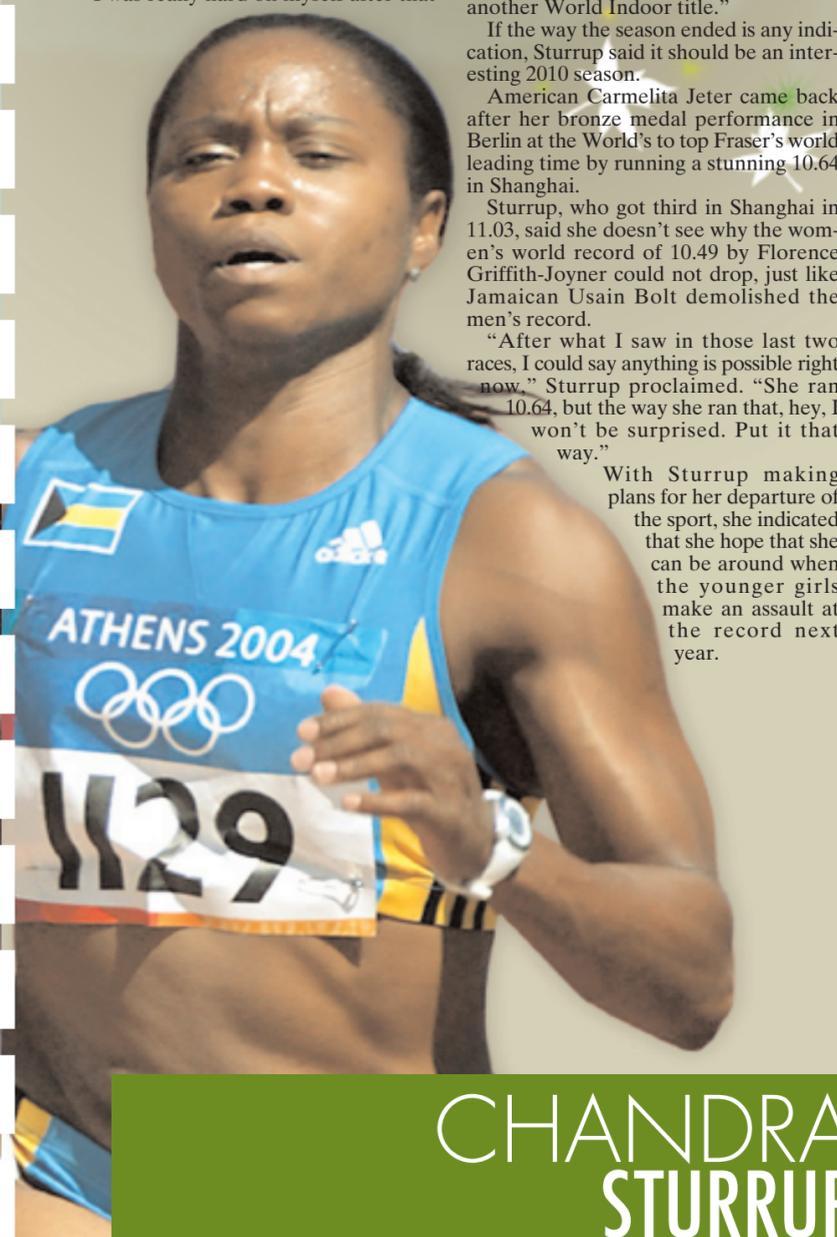
Sturrup, who got third in Shanghai in 11.03, said she doesn't see why the women's world record of 10.49 by Florence Griffith-Joyner could not drop, just like Jamaican Usain Bolt demolished the men's record.

"After what I saw in those last two races, I could say anything is possible right now," Sturrup proclaimed. "She ran 10.64, but the way she ran that, hey, I won't be surprised. Put it that way."

With Sturrup making plans for her departure of the sport, she indicated that she hope that she can be around when the younger girls make an assault at the record next year.



DEBBIE FERGUSON-MCKENZIE



CHANDRA STURRUP

SPORTS

# Knowles, Bhupathi swept in straight sets

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AFTER playing in two tie-breakers in their first two matches, Mark Knowles and Mahesh Bhupathi got swept out of the Shanghai Open in two straight sets.

As the top seeded team left in Shanghai, China at

number three, Knowles and Bhupathi fell victim yesterday to the French team of Julien Benneteau and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

The final score 7-6 (2), 6-2 in the semifinal.

With top seeds Daniel Nestor and Nenad Zimonjic and No.2 seeds American identical twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan ousted in

the quarterfinal, Knowles and Bhupathi felt the tournament was open for them to prevail.

However, they suffered their second straight loss to Benneteau and Tsonga in as many meetings this year.

It was their first time playing together since Knowles and Bhupathi lost in the final of the US Open in Flushing

Meadows, New York in August.

Bhupathi went on to suffer a groin pull injury while playing Davis Cup for India and Knowles teamed up with American Andy Roddick where they lost in the final of the China Open last week.

Although they have only won one tournament for the year at the Rogers Cup in

Montreal, Canada in August, Knowles and Bhupathi are still ranked as the number three team in the world behind the teams of Nestor and Zimonjic and the Bryan brothers.

They have also qualified once again for the year-ending Barclays ATP World Tour Finals that will be played in London, England,

starting on November 22.

Following that tournament, Knowles will be coming home to host his ninth Charity Invitational from December 3-5 with a professional tennis exhibition being staged at the National Tennis Center on December 5.

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## ‘Just Bring It’ Track & Field Meet set for today

THE Anglican Diocese’s 4th Annual "Just Bring It" Track & Field Meet will be held on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium. Sunshine Insurance (Agents & Brokers) Ltd is the anchor sponsor for this year's meet.

• Here’s the schedule of events on tap for the meet:

TIME:	EVENT:	
9:00 a.m.	1500m 1500m Long Jump High Jump	Under 17 Females and Males Over 17 Females and Males Under 15 Females and Males Under 17 Females and Males
9:30 a.m.	Long Jump Shot Putt High Jump	Under 17 and Over 17 Females Under 15, 17 and Over 17 Females Under 15 and Over 17 Females
10:10 a.m.	400m 400m 400m	Under 9 and 11 Females and Males Under 13, 15 and 17 Females and Males Over 17 Females and Males
10:40 a.m.	Long Jump High Jump Shot Putt 400M Hurdles	Under 17 and Over 17 Males Under 15 and Over 17 Males Under 15, 17 and Over 17 Males Over 17 Females and Males
11:00 a.m.	50m 50m 50m 50m 50m	Under 5, 7 Females and Males Under 40 Clergy Over 50, 40 and 30 Females Over 40 Clergy Over 50, 40 and 30 Males
11:50 a.m.	75m	Under 5, 7 Females and Males
12:20 p.m.	4 x 100m 4 x 100m 4 x 100m Softball Throw	Under 9,11,13,15 and 17 Females and Males Over 30 Co-ed Over 17 Females and Males Under 5 and 7 Female
1:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	
1:30 p.m.	Long Jump 800m 800m 800m Discus	Under 9, 11 and 13 Females Under 13 and 15 Females and Males Under 17 Females and Males Over 17 Females and Males Over 17 Male and Female
2:20 p.m.	Long Jump Discus Javelin	Under 9, 11 and 13 Males Under 17 Females Over 17 Males
3:00 p.m.	100m 100m 100m 100m Board Jump Under 5 and 7 Males Javelin	Under 9 and 11 Females and Males Under 13 and 15 Females and Males Under 17 Females and Males Over 17 Females and Males Under 5 and 7 Females Under 17 Male and Female
3:30 p.m.	Board Jump Discus Javelin 200m 200m 200m 200m	Under 5 and 7 Males Under 17 Males Over 17 Females Under 9 and 11 Females and Males Under 13 and 15 Females and Males Under 17 Females and Males Over 17 Females and Males
4:30 p.m.	3000m 3000m	Over 17 Females and Males Under 17 Females and Males
5:00 p.m.	4 x 400m 4 x 400m	Under 13, 15 and 17 Females and Males Over 17 Females and Males
5:30 p.m.		Junkanoo Rush Out



FR. ENRIQUE McCartney (left) and Shelly Wilson (right) announce details of the event.

## Knowles announces 9th Charity Invitational

MARK Knowles has announced that the 9th Charity Invitational is set for December 3-5. Once again, the proceeds of the event will go to aid local charities such as the Cancer Society, the Sassoon (Bahamas) Foundation for Pediatric Heart Care, Special Olympics, Association for the Physically Disabled, the Chance Foundation and the Mark Knowles Tennis Scholarship Fund. To date, over \$400,000 has been distributed to various charities.

The aim of this year’s invitational is to increase the total donations to children’s charities to \$500,000.

Apart from the presenting sponsor, Kerzner International, some of the major sponsors to date include: Lombard Odier Darier Hentsch Private Bank & Trust; Pictet Bank & Trust Ltd; Serenity Point, Abaco; The Balmoral; The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism; American Airlines; The Bank of the Bahamas, Everkey Global Fund, Templeton Global Advisors, Odyssey Aviation, H3O and The Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture.

There are a few sponsorship opportunities still available and interested parties should contact Vicky

Andrews at vickyk@batelnet.bs or call 357-9670.

The Professional Tennis Exhibition will be held at the National Tennis Centre, Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th.

One of the highlight participants in this event will be Anna-Lena Groenefeld, who partnered Mark to win the 2009 Wimbledon Mixed doubles Championships. Groenefeld has singles wins over Daniela Hantuchova, Alize Cornet and, with doubles partner Patty Snyder, has won several ladies doubles titles.

### • International Junior Sunfish Championships



START of first race yesterday.

## International Junior Sunfish Championships set sail yesterday

THE first of two days of sailing in the International Junior Sunfish Championships got underway in Montagu Harbour yesterday.

Twenty five of the world’s top junior Sunfish sailors are competing for the trophy. At the end of day one, Jonathan Martinetti of Ecuador was in the lead, followed by Puerto Rico’s Fernando Monllor and Mathieu De By of Holland.

Christopher Sands was the top Bahamian at the end of day one, standing in eighth place. Donico Brown was in the 16th spot, Theron Maillis in 18th, Brent Burrows Jr in 19th and Michael Holowesko and Torrington Cartwright rounded out the Bahamian contingent’s day one showing in 22nd and 23rd place respectively.

The juniors take to the water again Saturday when the overall winner will be determined.

Four of the Bahamian juniors will be back on the water again Monday to compete in the 2009 World Sunfish Championships which wrap up Friday.

Both international sailing events are being hosted by the Nassau Yacht Club. It is the first time since 1995 that the Bahamas has played host to the World Sunfish Championships.



LEADER of the fleet rounding the windward mark.



CHRIS SANDS (Nassau) rounding the first mark of the first race in first place.

Robert Dunkley/Photos

LOCAL NEWS

# SIR CLEMENT MAYNARD IS LAID TO REST

SCENES FROM WEDNESDAY'S FUNERAL FOR THE FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER



THE COFFIN carrying Sir Clement Maynard is taken down Bay Street on Wednesday.



Photos: Felipe Major/Tribune staff



SIR CLEMENT'S COFFIN is taken to Eastern Cemetery. Sir Clement was a former deputy leader of the PLP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Tourism, Government Leader in Parliament and was responsible for the Public Service. He died on October 2 aged 81.



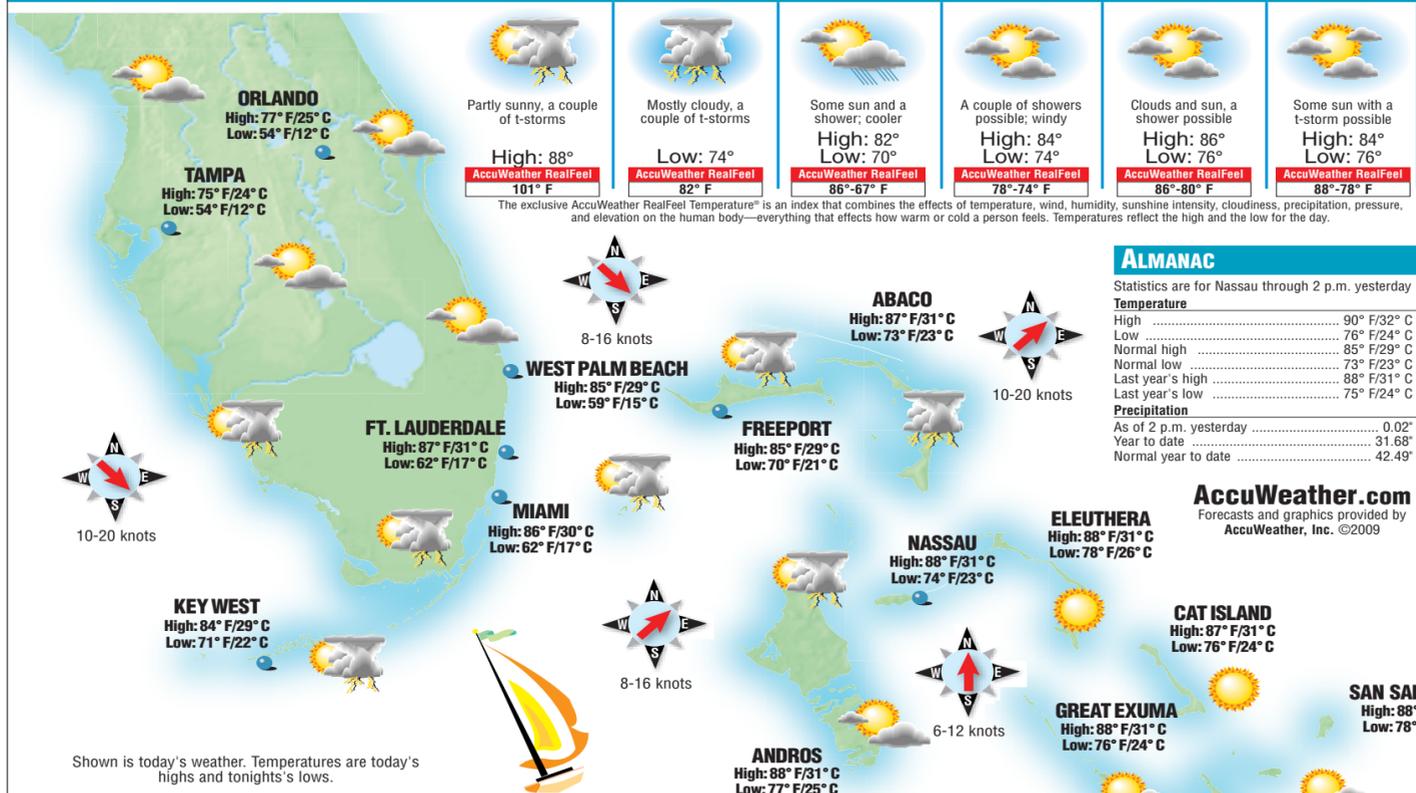
THE SCENE inside Christ Church Cathedral during the service.

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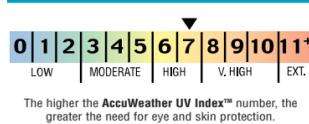


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Wed.	9:32 a.m.	3.3	3:10 a.m.	0.3
	9:50 p.m.	2.5	4:02 p.m.	0.4
Thursday	10:17 a.m.	3.1	3:52 a.m.	0.4
	10:36 p.m.	2.5	4:48 p.m.	0.7
Friday	11:04 a.m.	3.0	4:37 a.m.	0.7
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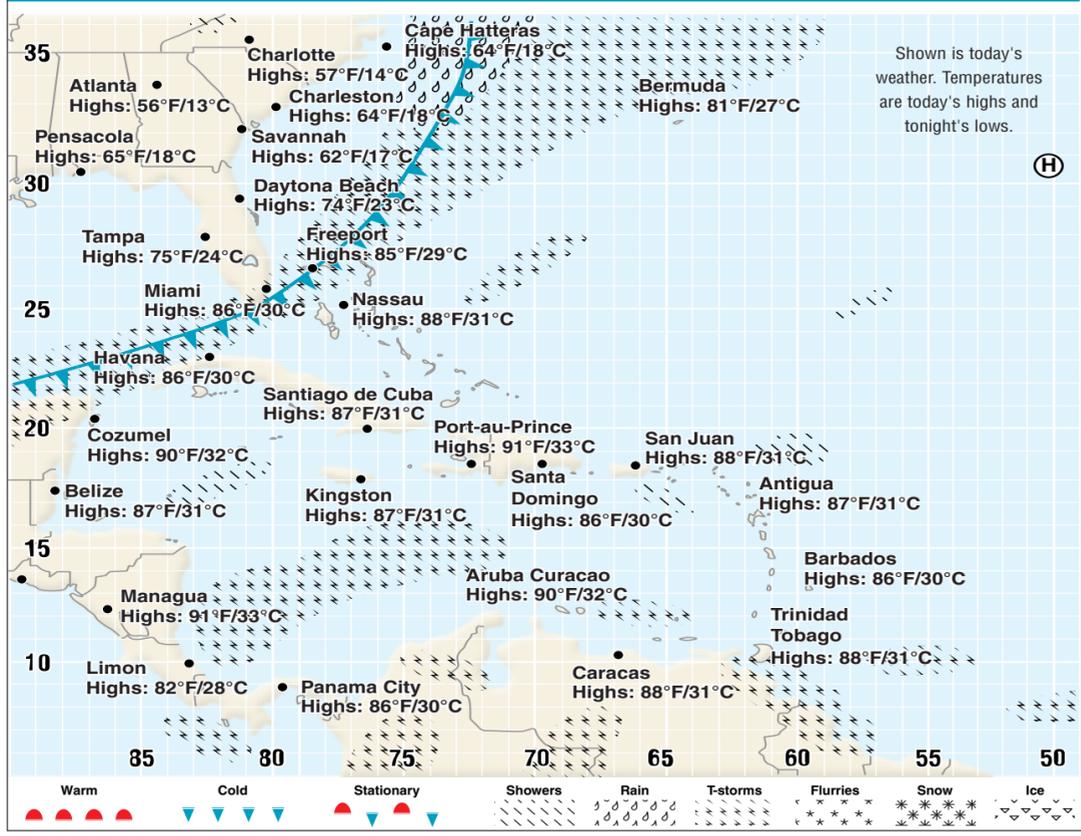
Temperature	High: 90° F/32° C
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Normal high: 85° F/29° C	
Normal low: 73° F/23° C	
Last year's high: 88° F/31° C	
Last year's low: 75° F/24° C	
Precipitation	As of 2 p.m. yesterday: 0.02"
Year to date: 31.68"	
Normal year to date: 42.49"	

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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:09 a.m.	Moonrise	6:28 a.m.
Sunset	6:41 p.m.	Moonsit	6:07 p.m.
New	Oct. 18	First	Oct. 25
Full	Nov. 2	Last	Nov. 9

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



MARINE FORECAST

Location	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: SW at 10-20 Knots Sunday: NNW at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet 4-7 Feet	4 Miles 10 Miles	84° F 84° F
ANDROS	Today: SW at 8-16 Knots Sunday: NNW at 12-25 Knots	1-2 Feet 3-6 Feet	10 Miles 5 Miles	85° F 85° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: S at 6-12 Knots Sunday: SW at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-3 Feet	10 Miles 10 Miles	84° F 84° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: SSE at 3-6 Knots Sunday: SE at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-3 Feet	7 Miles 7 Miles	84° F 84° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: SSW at 7-14 Knots Sunday: W at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-3 Feet	10 Miles 6 Miles	85° F 85° F
FREEPORT	Today: W at 10-20 Knots Sunday: NW at 12-25 Knots	2-4 Feet 4-8 Feet	5 Miles 10 Miles	86° F 86° F
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**THE RELEASE PARTY** for the brand new video by popular Bahamian singer TaDa was held recently at Club Uptown on Bay Street. The event was well attended by fans, members of the media, fellow artists and music industry insiders. The new video for the song "No One Else" premiered at the event and to her fans' delight, TaDa also gave a live performance. The music video which was directed by Charles A Smith and produced by Burton Wallace will premier on international television shortly. TaDa explains that the song "No One Else" is a "classic tug of war love story, where one party is all in and the other is playing games."

As always, TaDa was at the forefront in the local music business by launching and premiering her new video in style and with a party. The club was decorated like the set for a video shoot and the music, drinks and good vibes kept the crowd enjoying themselves.

TaDa said: "It was a great experience to be able to share the night with guests, friends, fans, cast and crew. The crowd response and turn-out was all positive. I would like to thank everyone that came out, assisted me with the event."



The Lady of the hour Ternille "TaDa" Burrows.

From left to right: Simone Smith, Allysan Knowles, Cina Sweeting.



Leah Eneas, left, strikes a pose with some friends.

Bahamian Hip-Hop Artists Padrino and Sosa Man.

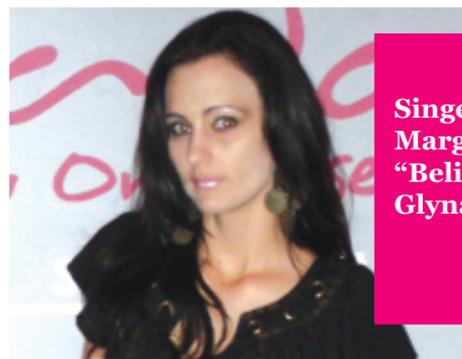


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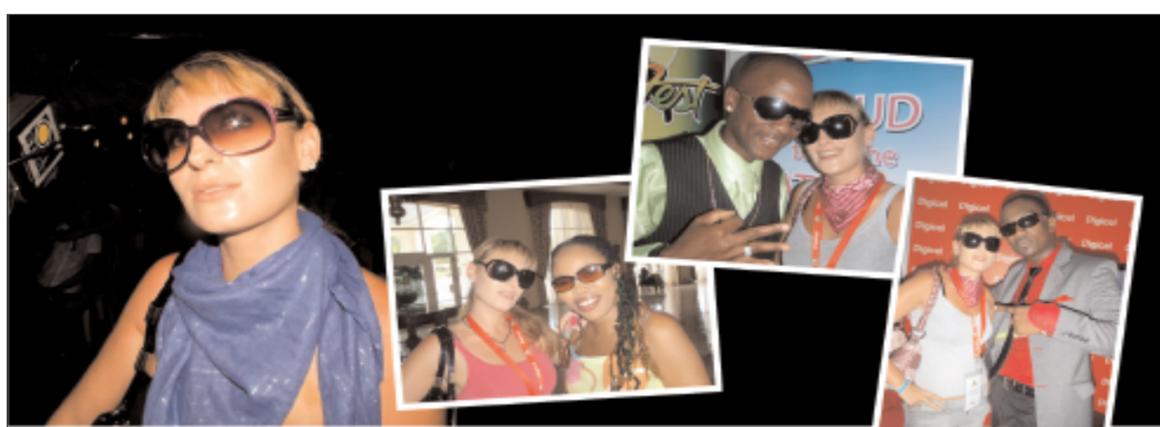
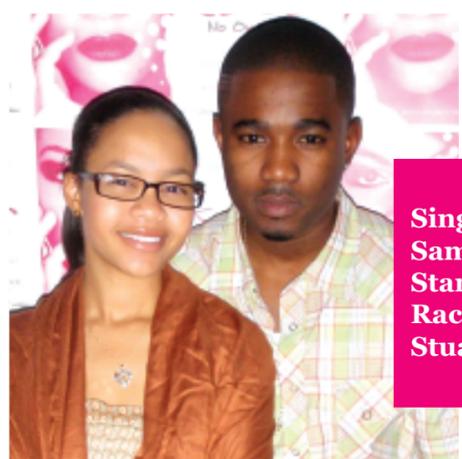
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