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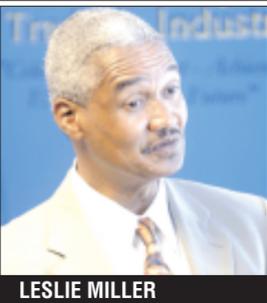
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Former Cabinet Minister robbed by masked gunmen

A FORMER Cabinet Minister was robbed of his company's payroll yesterday after two masked men pulled guns on him late yesterday afternoon.

Former Trade and Industry Minister Leslie Miller was heading into his Sunburst Paint business off the Tonique Williams-Darling Highway around 5.30 pm when he was

approached by "a short man and a tall man".

Mr Miller said they emerged from a gold Chevy Lumina parked on the property, one wielding a shotgun and the other a handgun.

"They told me 'Miller drop the money and don't look back. If you look back we'll blow your head off'.

"I walked inside and closed the door and they drove off with the money," he said.

Mr Miller said the robbers got away with thousands of dollars but he was grateful that they did not take his life.

"I really do have to thank them because they could have taken my

life. I mean they had the power to do it certainly," he told *The Tribune*.

The former minister admitted he made the cardinal mistake of never changing his routine when it came to handling the transfer of cash to and from his business despite pleading from his daughters to do so.



PHOTO: Arthia Nixon

TRAGEDY: The aftermath of the crash which killed Charlise Bain. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 12

15-year-old girl dies in horror bus crash

A TEENAGE girl was crushed to death and eight other students from the Centre for the Deaf were badly injured when the bus taking them home was involved in a horror crash yesterday afternoon.

Tragic Charlise Bain, 15, was killed when she and a number of other youngsters were thrown from the Mitsubishi van in which they were travelling.

It is understood that it was the first time that Charlise had used the van to take her home.

The accident happened yesterday afternoon in Nassau Village when the Centre

for the Deaf's grey Mitsubishi collided with a white 1995 Dodge van. The Mitsubishi is said to have rolled over several times, causing severe injuries to Charlise.

Eyewitnesses told *The Tribune* of the shock and horror at what they saw.

Dimitri McFall, 18, whose home on Spruce Street is only a few feet from the accident scene, was the first to scramble to aid the deaf students.

He said he managed to pull the driver of the Mitsubishi and a couple of students from

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GRIEF-STRICKEN: The mother of the 15-year-old victim collapses in grief.

Tim Clarke/Tribune Staff

Death penalty seen as a 'cure-all for crime' - PM

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CALLS to bring back the death penalty are "fashionable" because it's seen as a "cure-all for crime", the Prime Minister warned yesterday.

And he said he believes crime will remain a problem because too many people "excuse" it.

Speaking to the FNM's Women's Association at his party's Convention, Hubert Ingraham said crime "remains at unacceptably high levels in our society" and noted that while the government is responding "on many fronts" the fight against crime "requires the active support of the public."

"It has become fashionable in many quarters to call for the

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Man, 26, arraigned after fatal stabbing

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A MAN was arraigned in court yesterday following a fatal stabbing in Montell Heights.

Xavient Taylor, 26, is accused of murdering James Gardiner on Monday, November 2. He appeared before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane.

Mr Gardiner, 42, of Augusta

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XAVIENT TAYLOR

PM: A 'glimmer of light' on the economic horizon

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham delivered a strong defence of his government's response to the global economic crisis last night - even while hinting at "a glimmer of light" on the horizon.

Mr Ingraham told his party's convention that the PLP are waging a "desperate and dishonest" campaign to convince the public that the FNM is responsible for the crisis, but said he is confident "the Bahamian people will not be fooled by them".

"They know that we have as much control over these matters as we have over the hurricanes that sweep off the Atlantic from time to time to wreak their devastation on us and the region," Mr Ingraham said.

He noted that financial catastrophe has ravaged the economies around the world, and in the Bahamas has resulted in the loss of tens of thousands of tourists, thousands of jobs and affected virtually every family in the country.

Mr Ingraham said that even as government revenue has con-

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LOCAL NEWS

BAHAMIAN AND CUBAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN LANDMARK TALKS AT HAVANA TRADE FAIR

Cuba meeting could have trade-offs for Bahamas

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GERSHAN MAJOR at the Ron Legendario exhibition in the Havana International Trade Fair.

on Wednesday. Mr Major said: "This visit really comes at a critical time in global economic trade, to the extent to which our two countries can begin to create greater links and opportunities which I believe can mitigate against some of the crisis we can see in the global community."

Opportunities

And Mr Marichal agreed there are many opportunities for Bahamian entrepreneurs among Cuba's 700 manufacturing and commercial companies, including those which export goods and services.

The secretary general of the Cuban Chamber of Commerce also encouraged Bahamian businesses to market their products in Cuba, for both import and manufacturing.

But in a country where all companies are owned by the government, Mr Marichal warned that foreign businesses must be realistic.

He said: "Very frequently we

meet foreign companies that do not have a realistic vision of what it is to do trade or business with Cuba.

"We must change that, and we are trying to provide the different companies with all the information necessary so they know how to do business with Cuban companies which is in fact very easy.

"There is no secret. We have no special preferences, all we take into consideration is the intention of the foreign companies."

From these good business relationships can be formed and the opportunities for investment explored, Mr Marichal said. Bahamian businessman and Havana resident Lindbergh Smith said he would further facilitate trade with the launch of a new shipping company, Blue Caribbean Shipping, which will move cargo between Havana, Freeport and Nassau twice a week from December 1.

Mr Marichal hopes demand for such services will grow as business between the two nations takes off.



SAMPLING RON LEGENDARIO: Pictured left to right are Gershan Major, Orthnel Humes, Aaron Brice, Philip Simon and Ambassador Vernon Burrows.

He and Mr Major both expressed hope the first Bahamian trade mission to Cuba will not be the last, as the BCOC first vice-president said their historical and cultural links make the two countries not just neighbours, but family.

He invited a Cuban delegation to visit the Bahamas and said he hopes Bahamian companies will take advantage of the newly confirmed friendship by hosting exhibitions at the next trade fair. Mr Marichal said: "In all business Chambers of Commerce play a very important role.

"You surpassed me by recommending a memorandum of understanding, the exchange of information about peculiarities and regulations for trade in both countries, and I think it's most important to propose a plan of action that will allow us at the next edition of this fair to sit in this very same room and

find out what we have achieved." The BCOC executive director is optimistic about the prospects the meeting has opened for Bahamian businesses and hopes it will be the first of many to come.

Mr Smith, who organises trade missions around the world, said: "There is a natural curiosity that exists between Cuba and the Bahamas given its proximity and the growing interest in that market and its potential.

"We sought to take advantage of the timing of the international trade fair to conduct our first mission to Cuba and establish a framework making contact with the Cuban Chamber of Commerce and local business and dispelling the myths associated with doing business in Cuba.

"To that extent the objective is achieved which is a measure of success."

FNM CONVENTION



FNM supporters get behind their leader Hubert Ingraham.



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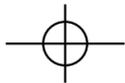
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In brief

Armed robbers storm Texaco service station

ARMED robbers stormed the Texaco service station on East Bay Street at around 12.30pm on Thursday. Police responding to the incident were told a man had burst into the store, pulled out a handgun and robbed the staff of an undetermined amount of cash. The suspect then escaped in an aqua/green Nissan Sentra. Police have launched an investigation into the robbery and are appealing to the public for help. Anyone with information that may assist the investigation should call police urgently on 502-9991 or call Crime Stoppers on 328-TIPS (8477).

Man shot in legs while walking

A MAN was shot in both legs while walking on Bernard Road on early Friday morning shortly after midnight. The man was reportedly with a friend walking west near Sandilands Primary School when he heard gunshots behind him and fell to the ground at around 12.45am.

Hospital

The victim was rushed to Princess Margaret Hospital for treatment and police were called. An investigation was launched into the shooting, but officers have not yet made contact with the friend. Anyone with information that might assist the police should call: 502-9930 or 502-9991, or Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).

Six in court accused of defrauding the NIB



ACCUSED: Deandra Brown and Suellyn Rahming being escorted from court.

FOUR men and two women were arraigned in a Magistrate's Court yesterday, accused of defrauding the National Insurance Board of hundreds of dollars through the unemployment benefit scheme. Keith Carroll, 30, of Yellow Elder Gardens; Lincere Flerima, 27, of Gamble Heights; Suellyn Rahming, 26, of Nassau Village; Deandra Brown, 21, of Kool Acres; Tavares Archer, 28, of South Beach; and Adrian Thompson, 35, appeared before Magistrate Guillimena Archer in Court 10, Nassau Street yesterday, charged with fraud by false pretences. It is alleged that Carroll obtained \$216.44 from NIB on June 12 and the same amount again on July 15 by false pretences. Flerima is accused of obtaining \$262.94 from NIB by false pretences on May 18, June 2

and June 19. Rahming is accused of obtaining \$ 229.10 from NIB on May 19 and June 30. Brown is accused of defrauding NIB of \$137.60 on May 14, May 22, June 3, June 26 and July 16. Archer is accused of defrauding NIB of \$136.84 on May 4, May 18, June 2 and June 29. Thompson is accused of defrauding NIB of \$250.14 on May 19, August 28, September 14 and October 15. The accused all pleaded not guilty to the charges. Carroll and Rahming were each granted bail in the sum of \$1,000. Archer and Thompson were both granted bail in the sum of \$2,000. Flerima was granted bail in the sum of \$1,500. Brown was granted \$2,500 bail. The case was adjourned to March 1, 2010.



CHARGED: Pictured left to right are Tavares Archer, Adrian Thompson, Keith Carroll and Lincere Flerima being escorted from court yesterday.

Online poll: Most Tribune readers oppose Montagu fish market move

MOST Tribune readers who voted in our latest online poll are against the idea of moving the Montagu fish market, but insist the area must be made clean and safe. Following last week's town meeting organised by the Montagu Foreshore Steering Committee - which highlighted traffic and sanitation problems created by the market and the adjacent boat ramp - tribune242.com asked its readers what they think should be done with the area. Of the 137 that voted, 75 said the committee should "Create the necessary facilities to accommodate a clean, healthy market", while only 33 readers voted that the market be relocated to another area of the foreshore and 26 voted for "commercial activity" to be removed from the area completely. One reader, JR, called for the market to be redesigned, suggesting that government renovate the area and prohibit direct vehicle access from the main road, instead creating a side entrance further west on East Bay Street. He also recommended proper sanitation, waste disposal and bathroom facilities, and said government should charge vendors for stalls and make refrigeration facilities a requirement. Lady Bowe said: "In the

face of the hard economic time which the world faces, we need to look at other ways in which we could diversify our economy. One such medium is through fishing and if the place was made more attractive and clean one would see that Bahamians would be glad to support the local fishermen. "Now I know that because it would be located in the Eastern area of New Providence, residents may differ on it, but once there is proper security and the place is kept clean and the development is properly planned, everything should be OK."

Cleaning

According to Bush Lawyer, the ramp needs "cleaning and monitoring". "The tables they use to hold their catch on are dilapidated, and lack of pride shows everywhere. Language like the 'F-word' is common... and the flies! Someone needs to do something now, enough talking, let's have some action." Meanwhile, Fed Up believes the area is "hazardous, unsanitary, and a general nuisance - and that's without commenting on the crowd the area attracts. "The traffic is a massive problem, but the health and safety aspect is definitely more

pressing. The shoreline is a disgrace and the extent to which seabeds are polluted and damaged due to the carelessness and blatant disregard of the vendors is deplorable. "Close the area down entirely to commercial use, turn it into a park or walking area (similar to what was done to the area east of the ramp), and leave it that way." Regardless of how they voted, Tribune readers agreed that some action needs to be taken - as only three readers said they would choose to leave the site as is. Stanley Jackson said: "Too much talk and not enough action. "Potters Cay has also had it's share of 'talk' for decades. Both locations remain in 4th world conditions while the FNM and PLP administrations continue to blow smoke screens. The whole country has too much talk and not enough action."

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Obama needs to hit the reset button

WASHINGTON — Press reports say President Obama didn't watch election returns on Tuesday. And while he didn't get any "3 a.m. phone calls" about the results, I am sure at some point he heard and was not too happy when he did.

Voters handed defeats to Democrats and Obama in two key gubernatorial match-ups this week. Many will draw their own lessons from last Tuesday's thumping in Virginia and New Jersey, but one thing is clear: Voters are leery of extreme partisanship, the kind that governs from one side of the aisle; the kind of behavior — despite promises to the contrary during the 2008 campaign — we've witnessed from President Obama and the Democrats in Congress all year.

Voters were indiscriminating. They took out a Democratic incumbent (John Corzine in New Jersey) and overwhelmingly voted Republican in Virginia, a state that had twice prior elected Democratic governors and backed Obama in 2008.

The message: Governing in a partisan manner creates a sea of ill will — anger that could drown the Democratic majority in Congress in next year's midterm elections.

What lessons will the White House learn from these political setbacks? It's probably too late to change course on health care, but how about a fresh approach on the budget next year?

The president and his team recognize the potency and dangers of the budget situation. The Washington Times reported earlier this week that the White House has sent a number of signals suggesting it understands the gravity — both politically and economically — of the rising tide of red ink.

The budget deficit is "going to have to come down," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said on "Meet the Press" last Sunday. "Now it's too high and I think everybody understands this."

The U.S. fiscal outlook indeed has significantly deteriorated in the past year — a principal reason behind the rising tide of voter distress. As Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., noted recently, "The budget that they (the Obama administration) sent here, has a trillion-dollar deficit every year for the next 10 years and raises the public debt of this country from 40 percent of GDP to 80 percent of the GDP."

These numbers are unsustainable. One party can no longer address them unilaterally. Attempting it alone will result in political disaster. So no one even tries.

This is where the "other" deficit matters. Call it "the good will gap." Like the budget deficit, it's expanding exponentially. A permanent campaign mentality contributes to the chasm. Each side waits for the other to

make an unpopular policy choice, then they pounce. Threats of 30-second attack ads become a deterrent to necessary action.

So is it possible our fiscal problems now outstrip the political system's ability to solve them? Many think that's the case.

"It's both depressing and scary," the head of a business trade association told me. "I think we have a long and dark road ahead until someone realizes that our current system is just plain broken."

A Senate leadership aide agreed. "The process we're going through on health care is creating more, not less divisiveness," the aide told me. Certain types of legislation — like reining in big budget deficits or reforming the health care system — just can't be done in a partisan manner, he said. Health care may pass, he told me, but it will further divide, not heal, polarized wounds.

They are both right. So here's an inconvenient truth the Obama administration has yet to get its arms around. And maybe Tuesday night's results will help drive home the message: Addressing the budget deficit requires first closing the good will gap. Unfortunately we've traveled nearly a decade in American politics without that kind of detente.

George H.W. Bush did it by forging bipartisanship on foreign policy. Bill Clinton did it on the budget.

George W. Bush worked with Democrats on education reform. Sometimes a crisis like the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks can refuel an empty tank.

Yet while Obama spoke about forging bipartisanship more than any candidate in recent history, his presidency has only expanded the good will gap.

Like it our not, America faces twin deficits — one concerns cash and the other is about consensus. Given the magnitude of our fiscal situation, we can't fix the first without addressing the second.

Obama needs to understand this connection. Based on his political behavior on issues like the stimulus and health care, it's unclear he does. Tuesday's results send a strong signal. Obama needs to hit the reset button in his approach to big, controversial issues like taming the budget deficit. He should tell the White House staff to hang up on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and start phoning some Republicans.

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'War of words' or nonsense

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I read in your paper some days ago that the FNM and the PLP were starting a "war of words" — I added nonsense. Who cares? Sometimes we smile when one side scores a point provided it is your side, but really, what do we care about?

We care about **electricity** — is there light and why does it cost a fortune? We care about **water** — does it come out of the tap when we turn it on at a reasonable cost. We care about the **telephone** — can we call our friends — is the network working. We care about **security** — are the police doing a good job — can we trust them and have they been trained properly to use their arms? We care about **roads** — is our car rattled to pieces by potholes every time we drive on the roads — each of us cares about different things but basically we care about **good governance** — and are we getting it — NO.

Most of us care little whether we have an FNM or PLP Gov-

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ernment, as long as they are trying diligently to make our lives better. Right now a majority of the people have no respect for politicians and look upon them as a blight on our community — that is their fault. Today in the paper there is an article with Tommy Turnquest hitting out at the PLP and another with Big Bad Brad slamming the FNM. Who cares? I say if you cannot say anything positive do not bother to open your mouth or waste precious space.

I would respectfully suggest that newspapers only print political articles that are positive and have some bearing on the lives we lead. Cut out the ranting and raving and name calling and if politicians have something to say that is positive, give it big billing and maybe if that is the only way they can get publicity, the non-

sense will stop. There are some good politicians, whom I am sure are working for the common good, but because we disrespect the class they get little recognition. For example, take Shirley Street which is an embarrassment to the country, I think people would agree, what is the positive story? When is it going to be fixed and what is happening?

Then there are so many institutions, charities, clubs, companies and individuals that are doing great things for the country and need help, such as those I am involved with, The Bahamas National Trust, The Nassau Society, The Bahamas Girl Guide Association, who can hardly get space in the paper because of the "War of Words" and nonsense.

If we all make an effort, we can make this country a beacon for the world and not a laughing stock.

PATRICK THOMPSON,
Nassau,
November 5, 2009.

Clearly the GBPA is lost in the middle of the Bermuda triangle

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The recent article appearing in a Nassau newspaper as to the opinion of our Sir Jack Hayward and the ongoing interest of Hutchinson-Whampao in acquiring controlling interests in the Port Group inter alia GBPA is interesting to say the least, especially if you google some of the names the writer drops as possible alternatives to Hutchinson.

The British peer who is alleged to be very close to the leader of the UK Conservative party and a tax-refuge in Belize and attracts considerable comment as to some of his past business dealings and many allegations, sort of follows the past of those interested in Grand Bahama Port Authority, where we seem to attract what could only be described politely as those who might not be able to pass a litmus test.

Clearly GBPA is lost in the middle of the Bermuda triangle trying, I suggest, ideas and putting on a good face desperately — anyone viewing the JCN Conference on Grand Bahama, has to so conclude. Executive team not impressed.

The bottom-line is that the Partners have to

reconcile and make peace and then together make a simple decision — it is time to sell and move on?

There could not be a better time for this because with the economic situation as it is any major Grand Bahama investor would have at least 12-18 months to position themselves readying the Port to take the fullest advantage when the turn happens (yes folks a turn to the positive will come, possibly late in the last quarter of 2011).

The Fleming Group came and disappeared — rumours flew around about "the Russians were coming" but nothing happened — I hear rumours from the Caribbean that the principal of Ginn has been seen in Cayman, so how safe is their Ginn sur Mer? Foxwood was supposed to be making a decision in 48 hours and yet again nothing happened.

Hoping the "pirates" will be held at bay as the Grand Bahama deserves better — they have suffered so much over the years.

D. GRANT
Nassau,
November 5, 2009.

Stricter commercial vehicles regulations needed

EDITOR, The Tribune.

We, the undersigned, are respectfully asking the government of the Bahamas through the Department of Road Traffic to enact stricter regulations for owning and operating large commercial vehicles on the island of New Providence.

At the very least, we ask that the Department of Road Traffic launch an educational campaign that would encourage the drivers of these vehicles to operate their trucks with care

and respect as they traverse New Providence's increasingly crowded and busy streets.

It is a fact that people in passenger vehicles are especially vulnerable in collisions with large trucks because of the great difference in weight between cars and large trucks. Statistics estimate that "in two-vehicle crashes involving passenger vehicles and large trucks, 98 per cent of the fatalities were occupants of the passenger vehicle." As these vehicles frequently carry heavy loads that

no doubt place great demand on their parts, we ask that the department encourage thorough inspections bi-annually to ensure that the pedestrian and the motoring public are reasonably protected against mishaps that may occur from a malfunctioning vehicle.

Operators of large vehicles are frequently observed driving recklessly, irresponsibly and sometimes speeding.

For example, Large Commercial Trucks often speed while driving on the highway and are seen overtaking 1-2 cars at a time.

Some of these drivers also choose to travel narrow roads that do not adequately allow for two-way traffic flows of average size vehicles.

Trailer-bed trucks are frequently seen through Deveaux Street riding up on the sidewalk to avoid collisions with other vehicles on that narrow street.

We ask that these vehicles be confined to major roads that are wide enough to accommodate them and for stricter penalties for drivers who are found not only to be driving their vehicle in excess of the speed limit, but who are found not to be driving with due care and attention.

This includes tailgating or close following, improper maintenance, and aggressive driving habits.

Additionally, owners and drivers of these trucks should be severely fined when found operating these vehicles that are in no condition (many do not have visible license plates, non-working turning signals, non-working rear end lights, etc.) to be on the road and/or have excessive or improperly secured cargo loads.

This is a serious issue that needs to be addressed.

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Sunday November 8th – Thursday November 19th, 2009

Sunday November 8th

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday

The Commemoration of the Saints & Martyrs of
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8:30 a.m. One combined Parish Morning Service

11:00 a.m. Traditional Remembrance Day Service

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Christ Church Anglican Church Women

Harvest Tea & Fashion Show
(Parish Hall)

6:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong, Sermon & Benediction

Sunday November 15th, 2009

Harvest Thanksgiving

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

9:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Holy Communion Service

4:00 p.m. The Annual Festival of Hymns & Anthems

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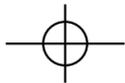
Monday November 16th – Wednesday November 18th

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Thursday, November 19th - 7:00 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS

GOVERNMENT FINDS 'ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION' IN MOULD SAGA

Up to 400 civil servants likely to be relocated by end of November

By ALISON LOWE
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Scrapping plans to relocate them to a Cable Beach hotel tower, the government expects to move up to 400 civil servants to another location by the end of the month, *The Tribune* has learned.

Having initially considered whether a disused Wyndham Resort tower could provide a new temporary headquarters for staff from the Ministries of Education and Youth, Sports and Culture, who fear that mould in their current building is damaging their health, the government was forced change course when it was discovered that parts of the long-closed hotel tower also suffered from a mould infestation.

Almost six weeks on from its initial announcement that it was seeking to

move the staff, Minister of Education and recently elected FNM chairman Carl Bethel said the government has now managed to "devise an acceptable resolution to the problem" which does not involve the Wyndham tower.



CARL BETHEL

Cabinet

Mr Bethel said he is expecting to have final confirmation on the plan from Cabinet shortly, after which a

definitive statement on the matter will be made.

The Tribune was informed by the education minister some time ago that the Teachers and Salaried Workers Co-operative Credit Union on East Street was the second most popular site behind the Wyndham tower for the relocation of the civil servants before it was determined that the tower displayed evidence of mould.

Mr Bethel said yesterday that the core activities of the ministries will all go to one site, while certain "satellite operations" will be found alternative temporary homes.

In the meantime it is anticipated that work will be done at the original Thompson Boulevard headquarters of the two ministries to address the mould problem with a view to moving the staff back in around six months.

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"When I look, I see couple fade out yellow lines that I noticed for the first time, and the police tell me I suppose to know that was a designated 'no parking' zone.

"When I went down to the tourism police station to give them piece of my mind, they t'row the blame on the Ministry of Works telling me I



have to file a complaint with them because it's their responsibility to make the sign clear."

- Robin S, Cable Beach

"I vex at this one restau-

rant that mussy don't want to make money. Every time I go in there for breakfast - at quarter to nine in the morning, mind you - they never have what I want.

"One time they hardly had any grits, and it ain' like this place is be popping off with customers; I only go there because they cater to my dietary needs.

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- Hungry on Shirley Street

"I vex that after listening to both party's conventions all I hear is the same ol'

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LOCAL NEWS

FNM CONVENTION COVERAGE

PM: We are now in position to pay what is owed to doctors, nurses, teachers

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tracted, spending has had to increase to accommodate additional numbers of students in government schools as parents find themselves unable to meet private school fees.

He said the government has also had to spend to meet the demands of increased attendance at public health facilities

by previously employed or insured persons and expand food programmes and other assistance to those in need.

The prime minister said: "As with most governments throughout the world, the government of the Bahamas has had to increase its borrowings and rely on deficit spending to partially sustain living standards; an unsustainable prac-

tice in the long run.

"Thankfully, prudence, practised by the FNM government in two terms in office between 1992 and 2002, and discipline now, have given the country some cushion, and will help the path to recovery as the global economic situation improves."

Mr Ingraham warned that no one can be certain how long the crisis will last, but said "we are beginning to see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel into which we were plunged."

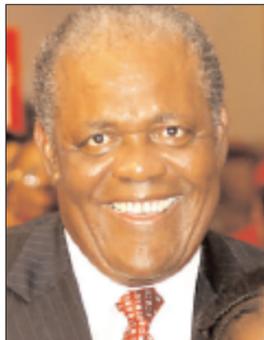
But he noted that according to economists, while the global economy has begun its recovery in the United States and Western Europe, so far this has been a "jobless recovery".

This, in turn, has kept the Bahamas' tourism numbers depressed and affected numerous spin-off industries, he said.

Mr Ingraham said the government has responded by enhancing social assistance programmes, helping those whose power has been disconnected, introducing the "landmark" National Insurance unemployment benefit scheme, and developing a job training programme.

"Your FNM government has responded to the current economic crisis in a timely and appropriate manner so as not to jeopardise the ability of our economy to respond and grow when the international economy rebounds," Mr Ingraham said.

He noted that the government has accelerated a number of infrastructure improvement and development projects so as to spur increased activity in the economy and create jobs. "In addition to road repaving around New Providence we re-started an expanded New Providence Road Improvement Project. Already you have heard of progress being made on the new highway that will link JFK Drive and West Bay Street and the development of the beachside park at Saunders Beach.



HUBERT INGRAHAM

"Additionally, we have obtained funding from the Chinese Government to facilitate the construction of a four-lane highway leading from the Lynden Pindling International Airport to the College of the Bahamas campus in Oakes Field."

He also noted the government's support of small business start-ups through the Self Starter programme, under which more than 400 Bahamians have received funding.

"This programme, started in 2007, is specially designed to give promising young Bahamians between the ages of 18 and 30, access to capital and professional mentoring by experienced professionals to guide them in the development of their business plans," Mr Ingraham said.

He said that young people in New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco, Andros, Crooked Island, Eleuthera and Exuma have taken advantage of this opportunity.

He went on to note that the FNM is "advanced in its planning" to introduce a temporary jobs creation programme to employ 2,500 persons for a maximum of six months.

"If circumstances permit and if required, the programme may be extended for a further six months," he said.

Mr Ingraham also



CONVENTION DELEGATES show their support for the FNM.

announced that the government is now in a position to honour its contracts with several public sector unions.

"We will now proceed to pay teachers the \$800 lump sum payment provided for under the terms of the Bahamas Union of Teachers contract. This payment will cost \$3.2 million. We will also pay the four per cent increase in salary to nurses under the Nurses Union contract at an annual cost of \$1.8 million, and we will pay the 1.5 percent increase in doctors' salaries as provided for in the Doctors' Union Agreement, at an annual cost of \$844,000.

"We will commence discussions to agree a way forward for the implementation of the agreed health insurance coverage for nurses," he said.

Mr Ingraham said a supplementary Appropriations Bill for \$26.5 million will be presented to Parliament on November 16 to fund the temporary employment scheme and to make payments to the public sector unions.

The prime minister said the PLP's "rhetoric" during its national convention "could not disguise the fact that, notwithstanding the sound economic fundamentals we left in place in 2002, they proved incapable of maintaining fiscal discipline or of adopting sensible economic policies.



BRENT SYMONETTE at the Convention yesterday.

PHOTOS: Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

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death penalty as a cure-all for crime in our country. It is a view no doubt which reflects our frustration and our vexation with a problem which appears to elude resolution," he said.

"But crime is permitted to exist and to continue in our country because too many of us excuse crime; blame anyone except the perpetrator for

Ingraham speaks on death penalty

committing the crime. This must stop.

"Being fatherless is not a reason for becoming a criminal. Many without a father, indeed, without parents, become leading citizens and positive role models in our country.

"Ignorance is not a sufficient apology for crime.

Poverty is not an excuse for crime. Unemployment is not a justification for crime. Envy is never a good reason for crime. And anger must never be used to defend or excuse crime," he added. Although issuing this admonishment, the Prime Minister assured the women that the FNM government is seeking to fight crime "on many fronts".

He said: "In our schools and in community programmes, in concert with churches and NGOs committed to building character in young offenders.

"We are strengthening our judicial services and the courts, facilitating the engagement of additional judges and upgrading and improving conditions in the courts.

"We are improving the management of our Police Force; ensuring continued education and training at all levels and across a broad spectrum of specialties. And we continue to work to improve our penal system and to reduce the rate of recidivism. It is important for all of us to understand that whatever we do on the legislative and policy end, the fight against crime requires the support, the active support, of the public."

Man arraigned

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Street, Nassau, was said to be visiting a friend in the Montell Heights area when he got into an argument with another man and was stabbed in the chest. He died later in hospital.

Taylor, of Key West Street, Nassau, was not required to enter a plea to the murder charge. He told the court that he is being represented by attorney Murrio Ducille who was not present at his arraignment yesterday.

A preliminary inquiry will be held to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to have Taylor stand trial in the Supreme Court. The case was adjourned to November 16 and transferred to Court 5, Bank Lane. Taylor was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

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LOCAL NEWS

Animal protection bill 'long overdue'

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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LOCAL animal rights activists feel the passage of the proposed Animal Protection and Control Bill is long overdue and are hoping government will soon bring the legislation before parliament.

The Bill – a draft of which is available online for public commentary – proposes to increase the penalties for animal abuse, regulate pet owners and animal breeders and place heavy penalties on dog and cock-fighting.

Animal rights activists have been pushing government for years to update the country's antiquated animal protection laws. In 2005 an ad hoc committee completed a proposed bill, however the legislation was never passed.

Inspector Percy Grant, shelter manager and education officer at the Bahamas Humane Society, said the new laws would give animal protection agencies more "teeth" to punish those who are cruel to animals or flout animal protection laws.

"The Humane Society has been trying to get this passed for many years and we're very pleased now finally that the government has taken up to do it and we're hoping



THIS DOG would have been put down by staff at the government pound, but was rescued by Humane Society staff.

the public makes comments so that everything can be up and running," Inspector Grant said.

Considering the Bahamas' long history of lax enforcement when it comes to animal laws, activists conceded that even when the legislation is enacted, it will be a challenge to get the public to adhere to the changes.

"I think it's going to take time because of the culture, but at least we will have it and be able to do lots of education in the meantime, but at least we'll have the measures in place," said Mr Grant.

Kate Seilier, of the newly formed animal rights group Bahamas Alliance for Animal

Rights and Kindness (BARK), agrees.

"I think it's going to be very difficult if you've lived your whole life with animals loose in the yard but it's educating people on responsible ownership of animals and its going to need a lot of serious work by everybody," she told *The Tribune* yesterday.

The draft Bill also calls for mandatory identity tags for dogs; prohibits a pet from being a public nuisance or being at large; and will establish an animal control unit to deal with impounded animals.

The draft can be viewed at www.bahamas.gov.bs. Public comments are invited until November, 16.

CONDITIONS at the dog pound have come under fire.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2008
IN THE SUPREME COURT CLE/qui/No. 845
Common Law and Equity Division

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT tract of land comprising 568.37 acres granted by the Crown to **HENRY ARMBRISTER** designated as Grant E-79A and called 'Barataria' or 'Camperdown' and situate about 2 miles Northwest of Arthur's Town Airport on Cat Island, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

AND
IN THE MATTER OF the Quieting Titles Act of 1959

AND
IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of Sam Dean

NOTICE OF PETITION

Pursuant to an Order of The Supreme Court dated the 28th day of August, A.D. 2008.

The Petition of Sam Dean of Arthur's Town, Cat Island, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth Of The Bahamas showeth in respect of:

ALL THAT tract of land comprising 568.37 acres and situate approximately 2 miles Northwest of Arthur's Town Airport on Cat Island one of the Islands of The Commonwealth Of The Bahamas and more particularly described as follows:

Starting at a point at the High Water Mark and running One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-seven and Twenty-one Hundredths (1,937.21') feet Southwardly partly bordering land granted to Charles Poitier and Joseph Hunter (recorded in Book E at page 78) and partly bordering land granted to Robert Stubbs (recorded in Book E at page 255) and running Southeastwardly by land originally granted to Emma Culmer, Thomas Butler, James Thurston, John Strachan and Charles Hepburn and running thereon a total distance of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Nineteen and Ninety-six Hundredths (4,619.96') feet and Southwestwardly by land originally granted to the aforesaid Charles Hepburn and George Dean and running thereon a total distance of Two Thousand Three Hundred and Nine and Eighty-nine Hundredths (2,309.89') feet and Southeastwardly by land originally granted to Jupiter and Jacob Thurston, Joseph Lightbourn, March Poitier, London Farrington and Joseph Strachan and running thereon a total distance of Five Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven and Ninety-seven Hundredths (5,411.97') feet and Northeastwardly by a tract of land originally granted to Charles Poitier and the Heirs of Joseph Hunter known as 'Anguilla' (recorded in Book E at page 77) and running thereon a total distance of Four Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-four and Thirty-seven Hundredths (4,524.37') feet and Northwestwardly by the High Water Mark and running thereon a total distance of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-two and Thirteen Hundredths (10,962.13') feet back to the point of commencement.

The Petitioner, Sam Dean, herein claims to be the owner in fee simple in possession of the said tract of land and has made application to The Supreme Court Of The Commonwealth Of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act 1959 to have his title to the said tract of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate Of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

Copies of the Plan showing the position boundaries shape marks and dimensions of the said tract of land may be inspected during normal office hours at the following places:

- (a) The Registry of The Supreme Court, East Street North, Nassau, Bahamas.
- (b) The Chambers of Charles Mackey & Co., BSB House, West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas.
- (c) The Administrator's office at Arthur's Town, Cat Island.

Notice is hereby given that any person having Dower or right to Dower or an Adverse Claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents file at the Registry of The Supreme Court in the City of Nassau, Bahamas, and serve on the Petitioner or on the undersigned an Adverse Claim in the prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith.

Failure of any such person to file and serve an Adverse Claim on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents shall operate as a bar to such claim.

DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2009.

CHARLES MACKEY & CO.
Chambers
BSB House, West Bay Street
Nassau, Bahamas
Attorney for the Petitioner

(Oct. 19th) (Oct. 29th) (Nov. 7th)

Sunrise Rotary Club seeks tools to equip van

THE Sunrise Rotary Club is requesting working tools to equip the van that they will use on their various civic projects and also as a disaster relief vehicle.

Past district governor for district 7020 of Rotary International Richard McCombe said: "We want to fit it out so that when we go to a community service project, whether it's painting some place or fixing community bathrooms – we have all of the equipment with us. If we are prepared effectively we can get as much done as

possible within the time frame that we have."

Suggestions include, but are not limited to, drills, drop cords, sledge hammers, roof rack and extension ladders, jumper cables or chain-saws. The club can also use clean-up materials; duct, electrical and other tapes, and flashlights.

Until November 14, the club will bring the Tool Van to weekly rotary meetings in Nassau to solicit support for the project.

The Sunrise Club is also inviting the public to attend

a steak-out on Saturday, November 14, the proceeds of which will support the van project. Interested persons

should contact Mark Whitehouse on 422-4027 or email: mwhitehouse@bgcbahamas.com.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **ADLINE JEAN-LOUIS of KEMP ROAD, P.O. BOX N-8313, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **7th day of November, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	10.06	11.06	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	7.80%	
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.35		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD %	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date			
1.4038	1.3344	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4038	3.72	5.20			31-Aug-09			
3.0350	2.8952	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8300	-3.75	-6.75			30-Sep-09			
1.4957	1.4226	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4957	4.30	5.13			23-Oct-09			
3.5399	2.9759	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.9759	-12.10	-17.54			30-Sep-09			
13.1751	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.1751	4.42	5.86			30-Sep-09			
103.0956	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	103.0956	3.10	2.52			30-Sep-09			
100.0000	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	99.4177	3.12	2.76			30-Sep-09			
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Dec-07			
10.5884	10.0000	Fidelity International Investment Fund	10.5884	5.88	5.88			30-Sep-09			
1.0757	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0757	3.86	5.30			30-Sep-09			
1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0305	-0.24	0.22			30-Sep-09			
1.0709	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0709	3.24	4.54			30-Sep-09			
MARKET TERMS											
YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
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N/M - Not Meaningful											
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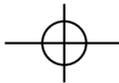
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Williams repeating frustrating refrain

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Johnson drafted to NBA D-League

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AFTER blowing his knee in a car accident and then being diagnosed with cancer, Mitchell Johnson could have easily turned his back on the game he loved to play.

Instead, Johnson has overcome all the odds and has been drafted to play in the National Basketball Association (NBA) D-League. He was picked up in the fifth round with the number 16th pick by the Tulsa 66ers.

If selected to their roster, Johnson could join Bennet Davis, who is on the roster for the Utah Flash when the 2009/2010 NBA developmental league get started on Friday, November 20.

Should the two Bahamian players end up on their respective team rosters, they could face each other when Utah travel to Tulsa to play each other in a two-game series on Friday and Saturday, November 27-

28. Johnson, who turns 25 on January 10, was not available for comments in Houston, Texas where he was working out prior to the draft.

He is due to report to Tulsa in Oklahoma on November 13 to start the following day in a 12-day training camp. According to head coach Nate Tibbetts, Johnson will be one of 17 players invited to their training camp for 10 final spots before the season opener.

"Obviously we liked him because we drafted him. We saw him this summer," Tibbetts said. "Mitch is a combo guard. He's really, really athletic, which we like."

"We feel he's a young guy who has the potential to get better. I think his best days of basketball is ahead of him. But we also like the fact that he's an unselfish guy who really plays hard."

Tibbetts said Johnson definitely have a chance to make the team, but he will have to come in to training camp and prove himself against

the other players.

His mother, Ann Hutchinson, said God has really blessed her son to the point where he was able to overcome all of the adversities in his life.

"Once you trust God, anything is possible," Hutchinson said. "The Bible say life and death is in the power of the tongue. Whatever you say with tongue and you believe it, it will happen."

"I give God all of the glory for what Mitchell has been able to achieve because when his story is told, it's good that he's been drafted, but that's not his focus."

Hutchinson said there are so many people who have been told that they have cancer and they are dying from it. But she said through God's grace, her son has been able to survive and is playing out his childhood dream of playing professional basketball.

"I'm just so happy that God has allowed all of his Christian upbringing to take him to where he is now because I don't think he could have

done it of himself," she reflected.

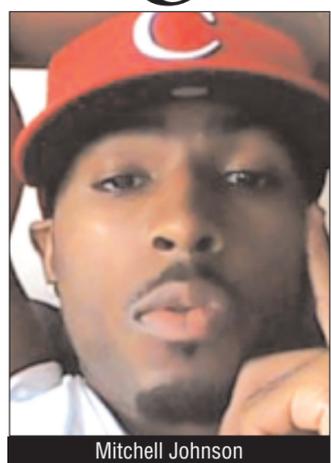
"I think he only did it through the grace of God. So we're very happy as a family to see the accomplishment that he has made. The only thing I can see is God getting the glory because it's through his grace that he is where he is."

Johnson, who attended Kingsway Academy on a basketball scholarship for two years before he ended up St. Anne's School, then went on to play at Cushing Academy in Boston.

From there, Johnson had a brief stint at the University of Idaho in New Hampshire. But he was involved in a car accident that caused him to blow out his knee.

In his recovery, Johnson was given a scholarship to attend Jarvis Christian Academy in Hawkins, Dallas, Texas where it was discovered that he had cancer.

While undergoing chemotherapy, Jarvin Christian Academy went on to win the district title. Despite not being in an NCAA school where



Mitchell Johnson

more spotlight is placed on the athletes, Johnson was still spotted by the scouts and invited to try out for the D-League.

The rest on Thursday night was history as he was eventually drafted.

Truckers shutout Savannah Sound 10-0

THE Commando Security Truckers wasted little time in establishing their claim to another Bahamas Softball Federation men's national title.

The defending champions Truckers shutout Eleuthera's Savannah Sound 10-0 in the feature contest on day one of the tournament on Thursday night at the Baulou Hills Sporting Complex.

Anton 'Bookie' Gibson tossed a three-hitter with six strike outs in picking up the win on the mound.

For the Truckers, Orlando McPhee went 1-for-2 with three runs batted in, scoring a run on an in-the-park home run; Marvin 'Tougie' Wood was 2-for-3 with a RBI, scoring two runs.

Back to regain their ladies title, the Pineapple Wildcats blanked the Andros' Red Bay Rugrats 7-0 as Marvella Miller struck out three in securing the win.

Natasha Sears went 1-for-3 with a RBI, scoring a run and Stephanie Goodridge twice for the Wildcats.

Dora Evans suffered the loss, while Vasti Munroe and Kelda Russell both went 1-for-2 in a losing effort.

In the opening match of the tournament, Long Island knocked off the Andros Gemini Cougars 7-2 as Pedro Marcello fired a one-hitter, striking out eight in the win.

Julian Pratt went 2-for-3, drove in three and scoring two runs, one on a home run, while Kent Miller was 1-for-2 with two RBI, scoring three runs with an in-the-park homer.

Jerico Barr had the lone hit in the loss for the Cougars.

The tournament features the championship teams from the affiliated island associations in the BSF. This year, however, only three women and six men are participating.

The women's division comprise of Andros, Grand Bahama and New Providence. The men are represented by Abaco, Andros, Eleuthera, Grand Bahama, Long Island and New Providence.

The tournament will continue with action starting at 11 a.m. On Sunday, they will pick back up at 4 p.m. and head right into the championship games in both divisions.

The awards presentation will conclude this year's tournament, which will enable BSF executives to look at players who are eligible for the national teams heading to the Central American and Caribbean Championships next year.

2009 NICOLA MAJOR TRACK AND FIELD CLASSIC



THE Baptist Sports Council recently hosted its 2009 Nicola Major Track and Field Classic at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

After a full day of competition, Macedonia Baptist reigned supreme, dethroning First Baptist. Macedonia accumulated a total of 731 points, compared to First Baptist's 537. St. John's got third with 465.

Rounding out the field were Ebenezer with 459, Golden Gates with 299 and New Bethlehem with 173.

Individually, the following athletes were selected as the most outstanding athletes in their respective age groups:

Under-7 Boys - Davon Johnson - Macedonia; U-7 Girls - Alexia Brown - First Baptist; U-9 Boys - C Arannah - First Baptist; U-9 Girls - Christina Hield - Macedonia; U-11 Boys - Trent Deveaux - New Bethlehem; U-11 Girls - Bryanna Bethel - First Baptist; U-13 Boys - Myron Johnson - Golden Gates; U-13 Girls - Jenae Ambrose - New Bethlehem; U-15 Boys - Anthony Knowles - First Baptist; U-15 Girls - Brittany Stubbs - Macedonia; U-17 Boys - Jason Ambrose - New Bethlehem; U-17 Girls - Isabelle Duquense - Macedonia; Open Men - Edward Andrews - Macedonia and Open Women - Candice Webb - Golden Gates.

Pictured above are members of the victorious Macedonia Baptist as they celebrated. Also pictured is Nicola Major (left), who received her plaque and bouquet from Joanne Webb (right) at the end of the Classic.

Bahamians gain certification as gymnastic coaches

BAHAMAS Gymnastics Parent Booster Club "(BGP-BC") in conjunction with Bahamas Star Gymnastics ("BSG") organised a certification course with USA Gymnastics University.

A team of ten persons travelled to Ann Arbor, Michigan where the Professional Development Certification Program was conducted November 1-2. As a result, the Bahamas now boasts some of its first certified coaches in the sport of gymnastics.

Claudia Kremtscher and Brian Zook, owner and head coach respectively of GymAmerica in Ann Arbor were the course instructors. Both instructors have over 20 years of coaching, facilitating and instruction in gymnastics.

The course covered Level 1-4 skills development, sports psychology, coaching 101, event rotations on uneven bars, balanced beam, vault, floor exercise, spotting and tumbling clinics. The 12 hour course is



KNEELING from left are Nicola Thompson, Tenille Thompson and Dr. Anita Dean. In the middle row from left are Vernon Rodgers, Claudia Kremtscher, Brian Zook, Andrea Knowles and Anishka Wallace. Back row are Samuel Strachan and Rufus Swann.

mandatory for member parents of USA Gymnastics, the governing body of gymnastics in the United States and it is hoped that eventually the Bahamas will adopt

parallel standards to ensure the safety of athletes and the proper progressive coaching in the sport.

Among the participants were Vernon Rodgers, a

former gymnast and current coach of Bahamas Star Gymnastics. Also in attendance was Tenille Thompson a fifteen year old gymnast and level 7 member of BSG's competitive squad. Other attendees from BGP-BC were Samuel Strachan, President, Anishka Wallace Vice President and Travel Manager, Andrea Knowles, PR Officer, Dr. Anita Dean, Secretary, Rufus Swann, Treasurer, Eleanor Johnson, Chaplain, and Nicola Thompson, Consultant.

Bahamas Star Gymnastics will be participating in this year's FAMfest over the weekend of November 13-14. Members of the public can stop in at their booth to obtain additional information about their program. BSG plans to organize many more courses in collaboration with the parent club, BGPBC, to empower and educate its athletes, parents and support group with the goal of attaining world class training, facilities and results.

Bahamas Squash Championships

SQUASH is not just a vegetable; it's a sport too!

To be hosted at "THE SQUASH CLUB" on Village Road (Blue Building East of the traffic light on Village Road & Parkgate Road).

Thursday, November 12th - Sunday, November 15th

DIVISIONS :

Women's Open

Women's Vets (age 40 plus)

Men's Open

Men's Vets (age 45- 54)

Men's Super Vets (age 55 plus)

Matches begin from 6 p.m. onward on Thursday November 12th & Friday November 13th

On Saturday November 14th & Sunday November 15th matches will begin from 1 p.m. onward.

The public is welcome to attend. Come join us for lots of exciting and competitive matches!

Event hosted by :
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For more information about the event or to sign up to play, please call - 394-5042 PO BOX SS 6714



SPORTS



FORD AND FRIENDLY MOTORS ARE UNITED IN THE BATTLE AGAINST BREAST CANCER IN BAHAMAS FOR THE SECOND YEAR

- *Despite being the only type of cancer that is curable, thousands of women die from Breast Cancer every year.*
- *Because prevention and early diagnosis are the best way to fight breast cancer, Friendly Motors and Ford are inviting all Bahamian women to take an exam that may save their lives.*
- *Throughout the past 15 years, Ford Motor Company has dedicated more than \$100 million to the breast cancer cause.*

NASSAU. October 20, 2009 – As an additional evidence of their commitment to society in Bahamas, Ford Motor Company and Friendly Motors, the Ford dealer in the island, are joining forces for the second consecutive year in the battle against breast Cancer, taking part of Stride for Life, which aims at raising awareness and promoting early detection.

Larry Prein, Managing Director, Ford International Business Development, Caribbean and Central America said, “Ford has been committed to this cause for many years in the U.S. Today, we are filled with excitement at the start the second year of this great work in the Bahamas, convinced that we can make an important contribution in promoting the efforts towards early detection of this terrible disease”.

In addition, Andrew Barr, Sales Manager/Director of Friendly Motors said: “Today, we raise our voices to remind all Bahamian women that their lives and those of their families are in their hands. We cannot remain silent to the great importance of early detection of this disease, which is taking the lives from many women”.

Ford is very proud to participate in the 2009 Annual Stride for Life event in Bahamas on Nov. 7th for the second year in a row. This event represents the commitment that Ford and Friendly Motors have with the Bahamian society.

Breast Cancer is the most commonly diagnosed type of cancer among women, affecting about one in five women during their lifetime. Furthermore, finding this type of cancer at an early stage provides a greater chance of survival and more treatment options.

Barr said that only if everyone joins forces, those revealing statistics may well be changed and finally Breast Cancer can be eradicated from women’s lives.

Commitment to the Cause

Ford is proud of its 15-year partnership with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure in the United States. Ford has dedicated more than \$100 million to the breast cancer cause and remains committed to innovative ways to drive breast cancer awareness. The company’s commitment runs well beyond raising funds – as a national series sponsor of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Ford is present at all 121 races nationwide.

Ford encourages its employees to play an active role. Over 50 thousand employees have participated in the Race for the Cure and thousands of dealers have supported this initiative in their areas.

In addition, Ford creates limited-edition Warriors in Pink apparel and accessories featuring important symbols signifying the message of hope, strength and unity in its commitment to the fight against breast cancer. Sold on FordCares.com, Ford donates 100 percent of net proceeds to Susan G. Komen for the Cure 365 days a year.

Throughout Ford’s commitment to this cause, there have been many celebrities who have shown their support to Ford’s campaign in the fight against breast cancer and have “joined the cause”, such as Demi Moore, Jennifer Connelly, Lisa Kudrow, Helen Hunt, Serena Williams, Courtney Cox Arquette, David Arquette, Vanessa L. Williams, Sheryl Crow, Susan Sarandon, Renee Zellweger, Cuba Gooding Jr., Kirsten Dunst, Katie Holmes, Ray Romano, the elect from *Grey’s Anatomy*, singer Nelly Carlson, actresses of the renowned series *Lifetime’s Army Wives*, and many others who have joined the battle against breast cancer.

Ford, its dialers and employees are committed to fighting the battle against breast cancer and will continue at the first line of combat until a cure is finally found. For more information please visit www.FordCares.com

Cowboys WR Williams repeating frustrating refrain

FOOTBALL
IRVING, Texas
Associated Press

WHILE his lower-paid teammate breaks records, Cowboys receiver Roy Williams sounds like a broken record.

The player who cost Dallas three draft picks and a \$45 million contract extension has offered the same refrain for weeks now. He’s frustrated. He can’t get on the same page with Tony Romo, and doesn’t know why. He’s much happier simply winning in sunny Dallas than he was losing in snowy Detroit.

Williams skipped to a slightly different tune this week by saying he still considers himself the No. 1 receiver despite mounting evidence to the contrary. He said “things are just going No. 2’s way,” referring to Miles Austin.

The less-celebrated Austin has more yards and touchdowns in the past three games than Williams has in his first 16 with the Cowboys. Austin set an NFL record with 482 yards in his first three starts, while Williams has 447 yards for the equivalent of a full season in Dallas.

The former University of Texas standout found himself backpedaling Thursday, a day after suggesting Romo’s throws are accurate to Austin and all over the place to him.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips made a similar observation Monday, but the reaction to Williams saying it raised the specter of Terrell Owens. Dallas dumped Owens and his demanding demeanor during the offseason after widespread reports of locker-room disharmony last year.

“I didn’t complain that I didn’t get the ball,” Williams said. “All I said was that, when it comes to me, it’s not there. I’m not saying it can’t be fixed,



Matt Slocum/AP Photo

IN AN Aug. 21, 2009, file photo, Tennessee Titans cornerback Cortland Finnegan, rear, looks on as Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Roy Williams (11) reaches up for an overthrown pass during a preseason NFL football game in Arlington, Texas.

because that’s what we do every day.

“I’m not a T.O., or I’m not trying to be a T.O.”

Austin’s big chance came in part because of one of those errant Romo-to-Williams throws. Reaching to try to catch a high throw against Denver, Williams took a hard shot to his ribs. The damage forced him to miss the game at Kansas City a week later, when Austin started and set a franchise record with 250 yards and scored twice. Austin has

five TDs in three games.

Williams, meanwhile, has just three touchdowns in a year with Romo. He has 33 catches, not even close to his lowest total in four full seasons with Detroit.

The quarterback is far from concerned, though. Romo says he ignores the numbers and raves about what Williams does in practice. And don’t even start with questions about whether he’s missing the throws to the high-dollar guy on purpose.

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TRAFFIC PRESS RELEASE NOTICER REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2009 AT 12:00 NOON AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, GEORGE STREET

INFORMATION:

Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday 8 November, 2009 at 12:00 noon at Christ Church Cathedra, George Street.

ROAD CLOSURE:

From 11:00 am until after the service, the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic.

GEORGE STREET BETWEEN BAY STREET AND DUKE STREET. - BOTH SIDES

From 12:00 non until after the procession passes from Christ Church Cathedral and the Ceremony ends at the Cenotaph the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic:

DUKE STREET BETWEEN CUMBERLAND AND MARKET STREET - BOTH SIDES

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PARLIAMENT STRRET BETWEEN EAST HILL AND BAY STREET - BOTH SIDES

BANK LANE BETWEEN SHIRLEY AND BAY STREET - BOTH SIDES

TRAFFIC DIVERSION

At the commencement of the service vehicular traffic not connected to the service will be diverted through side streets.

NO PARKING

From 7:00 am until after the service, no vehicle will be permitted to park on the following streets:

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UPTOWN LOUNGE SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME THE LATEST HOT SPOT FOR VIDEO RELEASE PARTIES. NCity, the hottest duo in the Bahamas, recently premiered their video for the single "Like Me" at the venue.

The video was shot in Nassau and directed by F Dot, and stylists Kendrick Kemp and Dash surely made NCity members Skyy and Believe look absolutely fabulous.

Fans, media, fellow artists and Nassau's party crowd came out in droves to support the duo and see the video for the first time on the screens set up at Uptown Lounge.

DJ Cleancut made sure the crowd had a good time jamming to the latest in hip hop and dancehall, and everyone was ready to show off their swag, mingle with the artists, take pictures and just have an absolutely great time.

In case you have not seen the video make sure you check it out!



Bahamian Hip Hop Artists Lady Millz and Shiraz.



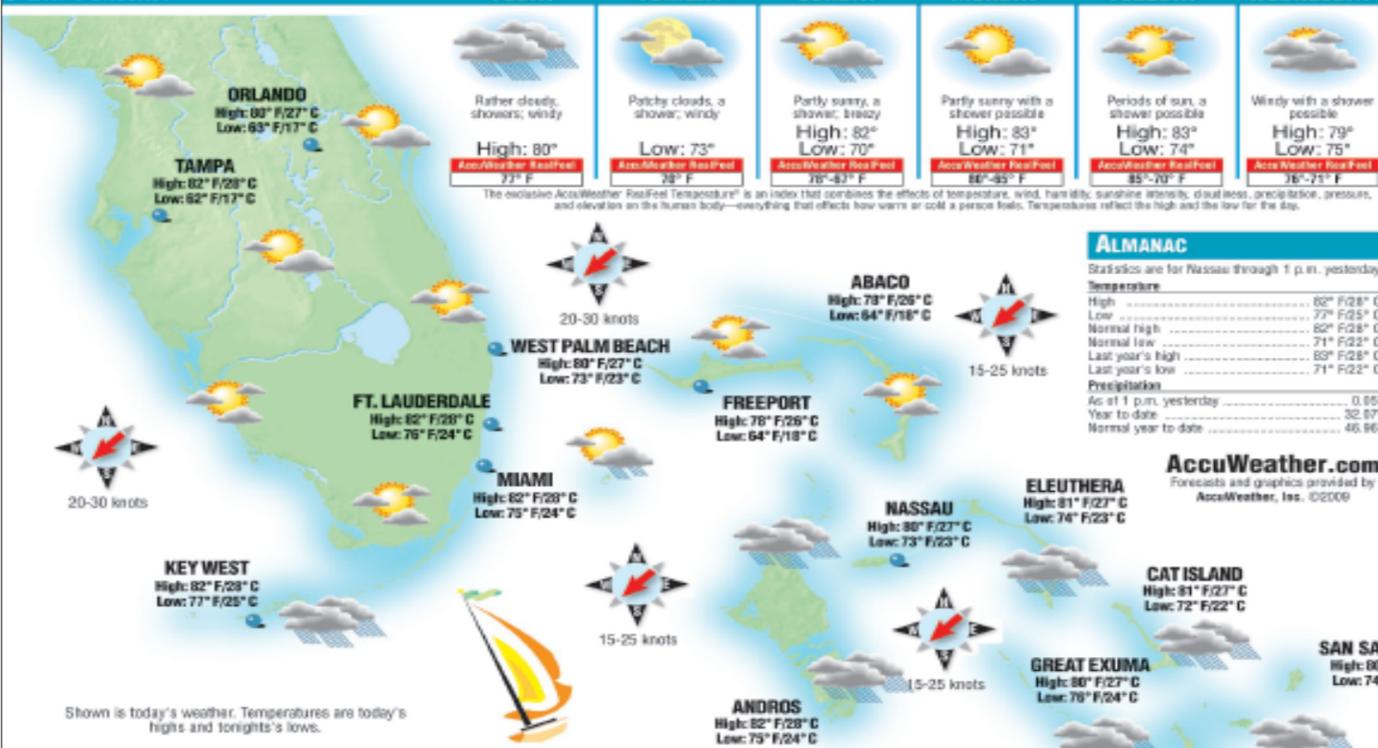
Artists Jah Bless and Jah Quest pose with Heike.

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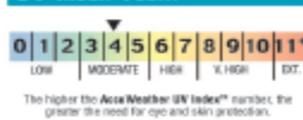


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Monday	12:25 a.m.	2.6	6:33 a.m.	0.4
	1:58 p.m.	2.9	7:28 p.m.	0.4
Tuesday	1:34 a.m.	2.6	7:44 a.m.	0.6
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Statistics are for Nassau through 1 p.m., yesterday

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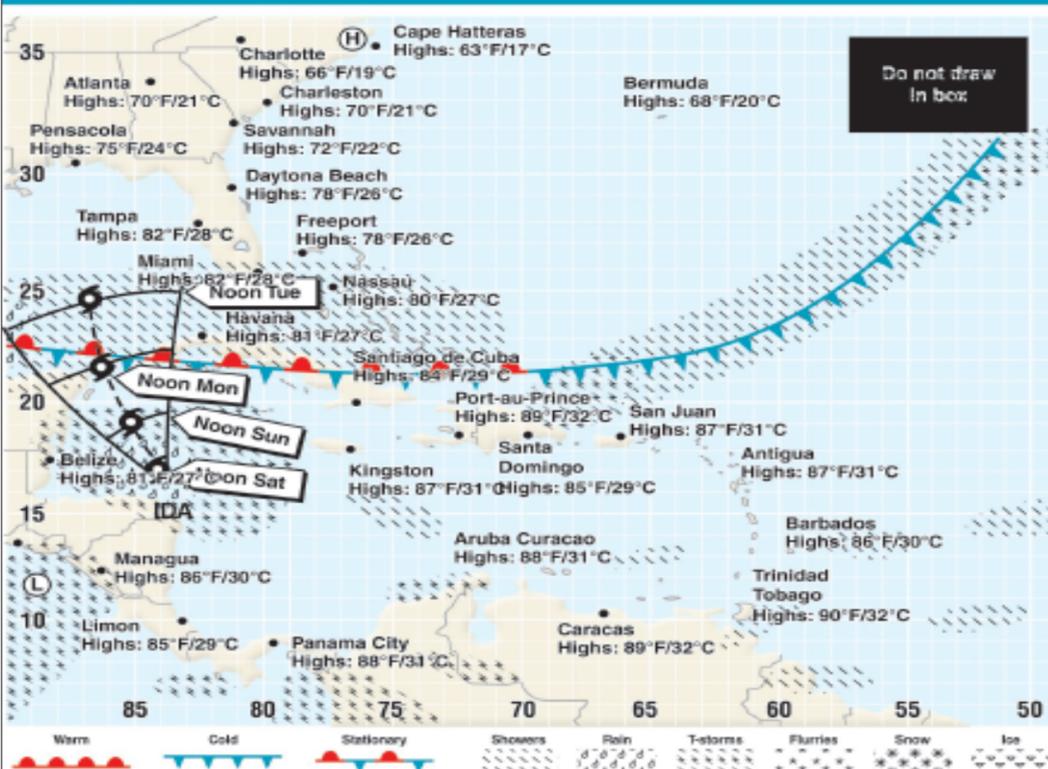
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MARINE FORECAST

Location	Today	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
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CROOKED ISLAND	Today: ENE at 15-30 Knots	6-8 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
ELEUTHERA	Today: ENE at 15-25 Knots	6-8 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
FREEPORT	Today: ENE at 15-30 Knots	6-8 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
GREAT EXUMA	Today: NE at 15-25 Knots	4-7 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
GREAT INAGUA	Today: E at 15-30 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	82° F	
LONG ISLAND	Today: E at 15-25 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	84° F	
MAYAGUANA	Today: ENE at 15-25 Knots	4-6 Feet	7 Miles	84° F	
NASSAU	Today: ENE at 15-25 Knots	4-8 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
SAN SALVADOR	Today: E at 15-30 Knots	4-7 Feet	6 Miles	82° F	
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: NE at 15-25 Knots	4-8 Feet	7 Miles	83° F	



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LOCAL NEWS

BUS TRAGEDY: 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIES

Crushed to death

FROM page one



HELPING HANDS: The grief-stricken father of the victim is taken from scene.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff



PHOTO: Arthia Nixon

ONLOOKERS gather after the bus accident which claimed the life of Charlise Bain, aged 15.



PHOTO: Arthia Nixon

the vehicle while other youngsters wandered in shock. Mr McFall said: "I've never seen anything like it in my life. It was horrible. They were running around in shock. The bus they were in was lying on its side and when I turned on the other side of the bus I saw a teenage girl crushed.

"It was really graphic and heartbreaking to see how badly her body had been damaged in the accident."

Mr McFall's neighbour, Lesha Whyly, had been working on her computer when she saw the children "flying all over the place like a horror movie."

She said at one time there were at least four ambulances loading children - some with neck braces - into the vehicles.

"I ran outside to help them and they were pretty bruised but conscious," she recalled.

"We've had so many accidents on this street in the past. We've been asking for stop signs, and now this ... a whole bus of kids sent to the hospital and one laying out dead.

"The youngest of them looked about six or so. We had to try to calm them down and that's a bit hard to do because we don't speak sign language and they are crying in fear. But we were out there and Dimitri's mother and other people called the ambulance and police right away."

A crowd had soon gathered on the street. Among them were teachers and students from the Centre for the Deaf who were crying uncontrollably over their students. Some of them even climbed into ambulances with them promising in sign language not to leave them.

"We've never had a tragedy like this at our school," said one of the school's security officers. "These children are our children and it's just sad."

Charlise's aunt, a police inspector rushed past the crowds to speak to officers on the scene.

Meanwhile, her mother was comforted by officers after she fell to the ground in tears screaming: "I just want to see her! God have mercy today was her first day on the bus. Oh my baby!"

Her father had to be restrained by several officers after he tried to get to his daughter who was lying under a blue bed sheet in the road between the two vehicles.

So overcome by grief, he collapsed in the road as bystanders rushed to find him some water, and an officer phoned an ambulance to take him away.

Officer-in-charge, Insp. Stephen Dean, of the Southeastern Division, confirmed that the children's vehicle overturned several times and that a number of them were ejected. However, he could not confirm if they were wearing seatbelts as investigations were still under way.

"On behalf of the Commissioner of Police and the members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, we want to extend our condolences to the family of the deceased," said Insp. Dean.

"Additionally, we want to say a word of caution to persons travelling in these residential areas. Some areas might not have road signs. We are asking you to be on the alert, to drive within the speed limits, to look before you leap through the corners and this can prevent other incidents from happening."



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DISBELIEF and shock after the tragedy.



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CRASH SCENE: The bus lies on its side.

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