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# Attorneys 'needed as prosecutors'

## Chief Justice says move would free up police officers

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FREEPORT - Chief Justice Sir Michael Barnett said that more attorneys are needed to prosecute cases in the Magistrate's Court.

This, he said, would allow police officers who are now court prosecutors to be deployed in other areas of police work.

"There...are over 800 lawyers practising at the Bar," said Sir Michael. And although prosecuting cases has been a part of police work there is a case to be made

that those persons in police prosecutions maybe better deployed doing other things in relation to policing, and leaving the prosecution of those matters in the magistrate's court to persons trained as counsel in the Supreme Court.

"I know that that is a matter that is under active consideration," he told reporters in Freeport last Wednesday.

Sir Michael believes that there is also need for more lawyers to serve as magistrates, particularly in the Family Islands.

He was shocked at the small number of persons applying to serve as full-time resident magistrates in several of the islands.

"We are looking for magistrates in the Family Islands. In October and November we advertised for persons to serve as resident magistrates in Abaco, Andros, Eleuthera, Exuma and Long Island, and I was surprised at the limited number of applications we received.

"I really thought we would have received more applications.

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## Man claims he was beaten and choked by officers

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A LITTLE more than a week after The Tribune published explosive claims of police brutality at the Wulff Road police station, another man has come forward alleging he was beaten, suffocated and choked by officers at the Central Detective Unit.

Presley Vildor, 26, claims he was picked up by CDU officers last Thursday from his residence in Pinewood Gardens for questioning in relation to a murder investigation. Mr Vildor claimed he was beaten intermittently for five days until his release on Tuesday, without being charged with an offence.

He claimed he returned to the station that same day with his father to collect personal items

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## FUNDS NEEDED TO TRANSPORT CARGO TO HAITI



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

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## Bahamas plays leading role in Caribbean's response to Haiti crisis

By NOELLE NICOLLS  
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THE Caribbean community is streamlining its response to the crisis in Haiti, with the Bahamas playing a leading role, as a member of the North-Western sub-regional group.

Jamaica, also a member of the North-Western group, will be the main staging point for coordinating the regional response. While the Bahamas' Embassy in Haiti will be the headquarters for Caricom's efforts on the ground.

So far, Caricom has 350 people in Haiti working on search and rescue, emergency aid, and security, in which Bahamian emergency personnel are represented. A team of 36 medical personnel are working in a field hospital set-up by the community this week. As of Friday, Caribbean medical teams administered 400 treatments and performed 30 minor surgeries, including amputations. The community pledged more than \$4 mil-

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## Queen's College 'cooperating fully' with alleged attempted abduction investigation

THE Chairman of the Board of Governors at Queen's College confirmed last night that the school is fully cooperating with the police in their investigation of an alleged attempted abduction of a student from the school's campus.

On Tuesday, January 19, a parent of one of the students at Queen's College's primary school reported that an unknown male had attempted to abduct her son by shoving him in the back seat of a car.

The parent reported the matter to the police, and according

to the Principal of the school, Queen's College's administration also launched an immediate investigation.

According to a statement issued from the school, they are cooperating fully with the police to determine the facts surrounding this alleged abduction.

"We do not treat such matters lightly, and wish to assure the child, his parents and the family of our deep concern.

"We further assure them, and all parents, teachers and staff of

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## Concerns over 'unorthodox' cancer treatment facility in Grand Bahama

THE Board that licenses private medical facilities has noted its continued concern over an "unorthodox" treatment centre in Grand Bahama that claims to help cancer sufferers fight the spread of the disease.

The Hospital and Healthcare Facilities Licensing Board inspects all private medical facilities in The Bahamas to determine if they are eligible to be licensed to operate.

In its most recent report for the July 2008 to June 2009 period the

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## Bahamian musicians set for Haiti relief concert at Arawak Cay

SEVERAL local Bahamian musicians are expected to perform at a concert on Arawak Cay next Tuesday to rally Bahamians to make donations for the earthquake victims in Haiti.

The concert, which will start at 6pm and end at midnight, will be broadcast live from both the Hilton and Arawak Cay during the Haiti relief telethon. Earlier this week, The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Associations in the Bahamas announced a two-day telethon and concert to rally Bahamian donations for Earthquake Victims in Haiti. The concert, which was devised by Ronald Simms and Fred Ferguson, will feature such artists as, Sammi Starr, Tada, Fred Munnings, Ira Storr and the Spank Band, Ambastin, Tingum Dem, Emily Austin, Nita, Alia Coley, Alison Mason, Keisha Bostwick dancers and the National Youth Choir are also expected to perform.

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LOCAL NEWS

# BAIC farm road gets blessing of the Chamber of Commerce

THE South Andros Chamber of Commerce has given its blessing to a three-mile farm road that Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation is constructing to the fertile land in the pine forest.

"We welcome it," said Chamber president Edmund Rahming Sr. "The people are very pleased with this initiative by BAIC and we are really looking forward to something good coming out of it as a result."

"That road (beginning in Duncombe Coppice) would take us to the fertile soil in the west where we will be able to produce much more as a result."

Executive chairman Edison Key and a team from BAIC inspected the road last weekend.

Mr Key confirmed that BAIC has spoken to the government about acquiring the necessary acreage that will be divided into manageable portions and leased to Bahamians for agricultural and industrial purposes.

Mr Rahming sees this as being an impetus for South Androsians to return home and build their communities.

"Rather than us having to

import so much of our food, we would be able to feed ourselves as well as export because much of that which we import, we can produce right here," he said. "The potential is there."

"We need to do more for ourselves. We need to be proactive rather than waiting for other entities to head the way. We in South Andros need to come together, in a co-operative way, and cause certain things to happen for ourselves," Mr Rahming said.

It is estimated that up to 80 cents of every dollar earned from tourism is used to import food, noted Mr Key, a former large-scale farmer.

"Much of this is food we can produce right here in Andros," he said. "And as a result, we see opportunities here for small and medium size businesses to provide some of those goods and services."

"A growing number of Androsians in the North are making a comfortable living in food production growing a variety of fruits and vegetables," Mr Key said.

BAIC is willing to give South Andros farmers the same assistance — farm

equipment — it is giving those in the North, he said.

"Once access to the pine yard would have been established," he said, "we intend for the land to be surveyed, divided into manageable plots and leased to Bahamians, just as we are doing in North Andros, Abaco and Eleuthera."

"For those who feel the entrepreneurial spirit and want to go into business, our Business Services Department offers free professional advice."

Contractor Wayne Forbes-Ferguson of South Andros Machineries told of having to push through solid Andros coppice rock.

"But I am pleased with the progress so far," he said. "We are pretty close to putting a finished product in place based on the agreement."

He left a career in New Providence to return home and fulfil his dream.

"I never liked Nassau," said Mr Forbes-Ferguson. "I always saw Andros as having the greatest potential of all the islands. If persons in authority would pay the necessary attention to Andros it would go far."fel



Gladstone Thurston/BIS photo

BAIC executive chairman Edison Key inspects progress of a farm road to fertile land in South Andros.



## Why you VEX?

"I vex at all these people that park their cars on the side of the road, all on the sidewalk, causing people to have to walk nearly in the middle of the road in the way of oncoming traffic."

"That's really vexing because sometimes that can be dangerous, especially in the Palmdale and Mackey Street area. I don't understand the police because the patrol cars will pass right by these cars and not even stop."

- Bwall.

"I vex at all these lawless people who have the audacity to overtake cars waiting on the red light by barreling down the wrong side of the street, at the junction of Village Road and Shirley Street."

"I witness so many biggety jitney drivers and reckless motorists who must have somewhere really important to go, risking their lives and the lives of others because they can't wait two minutes on the red light. What if someone was turning through that corner to go to Montagu and mash them right up, or worse, dies? Bahamians really dumb, nah, that's all I got to say."

- Mad Motorist.

"I tired of all these delis charging an arm and a leg for one soggy sandwich or tasteless soup that I can make in my house for a fraction of the cost. On top of that they price gouging sodas and water, all the while their staff so stink it kill your appetite."

"They must not know their customers are their bread and butter."

- Vex at bad food and customer service.

"I vex at the rusty hens in my office who always watching me. Every time I get a new outfit, pair of shoes or anything, they all in my business with a comment."

"I wish they would take all the energy they put into other people's lives into reading a book or seeing a foreign film, then maybe they wouldn't be so ignorant, bored and narrow-minded."

- MYOB.

"I happy that that cold weather finally gone. Mother Nature must not know that Bahamians don't like cold and we ain' got plenty blankets or sweaters and thing."

"I so glad I ain' have to crawl in my freezing cold bed every night or take scalding hot showers just to warm myself up."

- Little Miss Sunshine.



THE captain of the Haitian motor vessel, Mon Desir Express (pictured above), is appealing for help to raise funds for fuel.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

## BTC aims to raise \$1 million for Haiti through text messaging system

THE Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) is appealing to its cellular customers to donate as much as possible for the earthquake victims of Haiti through newly set up text message numbers.

The company hopes to raise \$1 million by the end of next month.

As of yesterday you can give a donation to the Haiti relief effort by text message: To donate \$1, text 'YES' to 6100; to donate \$3, text 'YES' to 6300; to donate \$5, text 'YES' to 6500.

From now until February 28, BTC said it wants people to give as much as they can afford.

"We want our 330,000 cellular subscribers to try to give at least \$3 each over the next month so that we can raise \$1 million for Haiti relief efforts," the company said.

BTC assures the public that 100 per cent of the proceeds will go to the relief efforts, administered through the Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund.

"We will keep you abreast of progress and funds raised throughout the initiative. BTC will announce shortly the company's contribution to match your efforts. Let each one, reach one and together we will save lives and restore hope."

## Haitian vessel in need of fuel donations

By ALESHA CADET

THE captain of the Haitian motor vessel, *Mon Desir Express*, is appealing for help to raise funds for fuel desperately needed to transport cargo to Haiti.

*Mon Desir Express* is currently berthed at Potter's Cay Dock, under the old bridge, while its crew waits for fuel so they can leave for Haiti.

The vessel was in the Bahamas taking on freight and cargo throughout the month, and was ready to sail about a week ago but fuel shortages problem along with mechanical difficulties delayed the departure.

The cargo includes useful earthquake relief items such

as mattresses, five gallon plastic buckets and large containers.

The Captain of *Mon Desir Express*, a Haitian native, explained that the crew accepted donations from the Bahamas Red Cross for Haiti Earthquake victims.

"We have fuel, but it is not enough," the captain said. "We also need an extra captain, we cannot go without one more captain for the boat."

"We thank everybody who has given us items to carry home for our people, we appreciate everything," he said.

Anyone interested in finding out more about *Mon Desir Express* can contact the dock master at Potter's Cay.

## Hammerheads bar and grill is burgled

THIRSTY burglars broke into Hammerheads Bar and Grill in East Bay Street early Friday morning but stole little more than bottles of beer and liquor.

Some packets of cigarettes were also missing as well as small change in the cash register.

Donations of clothes for those suffering in Haiti were strewn across the floor of the popular bar and grill and adult clothing was stolen.

Police were called when the burglar alarm sounded at around 5am but staff found the establishment in disarray when they arrived for work on Friday morning.

Police are investigating.

# Destinations

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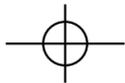
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LOCAL NEWS

# New airport terminal tested for hurricane readiness

WHEN the new US Departures terminal opens in Spring 2011 at the Lynden Pindling International Airport, the structure will be able to withstand winds of up to 150 mph.

Earlier this month, a team from the Nassau Airport Development Company's LPIA Expansion Project Team travelled to a manufacturing facility in Shenyang, China to observe the manufacturing process and test the durability of the curtain wall (window wall) system for stage one of the development.

In a controlled environment at the Yuanda Aluminium Industry Engineering Company Limited's testing facilities in China, glass panels for the 247,000 sq ft terminal were placed in a mock-up chamber for the test series.

According to Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) vice-president of airport development, Stewart Steeves the tests included simulated hurricane wind and rain conditions through a series of over 9,000 positive and negative pressure tests, air and water infiltration tests, and simulated hurricane debris impact through a series of small missile (ball bearings) impact tests at 90 mph and large missile (2x4 lumber) impact tests at 35 mph.

The panels will be manufactured in Shenyang, China, by Yuanda, one of the largest curtain wall manufacturers in the world. The largest curtain wall panels are 20 ft high and 8 ft wide. Delivery and installation on site is expected during the summer 2010.

With more than 200 construction workers presently on site, work continues on-budget and on-schedule for stage one of the \$409.5 million airport redevelopment project.

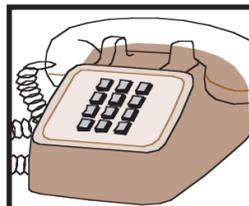
# Man in court on marijuana possession charge

A 41-YEAR-OLD East Street man was arraigned in a Magistrate's Court on Wednesday on a marijuana possession charge.

It is alleged that on Monday, January 18, Levi Hepburn was found in possession of two pounds of marijuana.

Hepburn, who was arraigned before Magistrate Carolita Bethel in Court Eight, Bank Lane pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

He is expected back in court on January 27 for a bail hearing.



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# How MPs spent their \$200,000 allocation

By ALISON LOWE  
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HERE is the fourth and final part of *The Tribune's* report on what MPs say they did with the \$200,000 allocated for constituency enhancement projects in their constituencies in the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 budgets.

A number of MPs forwarded these details after requests were put to them before and after the Christmas holidays. Fewer than half of the MPs responded — 15 FNMs and one PLP.

Earlier this week, *The Tribune* reported how Desmond Bannister (Carmichael), Carl Bethel (Seabreeze), Loretta Butler-Turner (Montagu), Larry Cartwright (Long Island and Ragged Island), Sidney Collie (Blue Hills), Earl Deveaux (Marathon), Fred Mitchell (Fox Hill), Hubert Ingraham (North Abaco), Zhivargo Laing (Marco City), Charles Maynard (Golden Isles), Branville McCartney (Bamboo Town) and Phenton Neymour (South Beach) said they utilised the funds in their constituencies. See [www.tribune242.com](http://www.tribune242.com) for those details.

## Brensil Rolle - FNM - Garden Hills

Providing a list of the payments made from the constituency allowance in chronological order, Mr Rolle first noted that \$19,000 was allocated towards the establishment of two learning centres designed to assist students with basic language, mathematics and science and Spanish language skills, and enable tutoring for homework assignments.

The MP donated funds from the allowance to several junkanoo groups, including \$2,000 to the Prodigal Sons and \$2,000 to Kingdom Warriors.

A further \$6,000 was spent on a constituency clean-up campaign which had appliances, garbage and derelict vehicles removed by local contractors.

Under the Entrepreneurial Creative Straw Vendor Programme, Mr Rolle said two industrial sewing machines were purchased, instructors hired, and 50 people were trained in creative straw production.

The funds also covered the purchase of materials for the classes. A total of \$4,819.60 was spent on the programme. A subdivision clean-up campaign cleared debris from overgrown lots in the constituency at a cost of \$6,050.

For \$26,710 a Subdivision Entrance Landscaping Programme was undertaken. Trees were planted at "strategic intersections in the constituency to improve the ambiance at the entrance to subdivisions," Mr Rolle said.

As part of the after-school programme, three payments of \$800 were made to the Cousin McPhee Cathedral, and \$1,000 was paid to Kizzy McKinney, Pamela Murphy and Vanessa Rolle.

A second session of the Entrepreneurial Creative Straw Vendor Programme was funded by \$3,200.

Another \$1,000 donation was made to the Prodigal Sons junkanoo group.

The sum of \$23,420 was committed to improvements to the public park in Pride Estates by contractor Hubert Styles. This project is awaiting approval by the Ministry of Public Works.

A \$1,000 donation was



BRENSIL ROLLE

made to the Kingdom Warriors junkanoo group.

A second clean-up campaign was carried out at a cost of \$20,010.

And \$200 was donated to each of the following seven churches that participated in a Senior Citizens Christmas programme: Cousin McPhee Cathedral, Good Samaritan Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Southwest church of God, Independence Church of God, Chapel on the Hill and Bible Truth Ministries.

The sum of \$1,500 was allocated to those who catered to senior citizens during the event.

A Ms McQueen was paid \$1,000 for her instruction as part of a Straw Craft Certification Programme in collaboration with the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation that trained and certified 30 people. BAIC was paid \$700.

The sum of \$5,000 was spent on a special education programme for challenged students of Garden Hills. Students followed a special curriculum and received individual tuition during the six-month programme held from January to June 2009.

A further \$2,128.50 was spent on the purchase of playground equipment for the Pride Estates Public Park. Donations of \$2,000 each were made to the following public schools in the constituency: A F Adderley Jr High, S C McPherson Jr High, C W Sawyer Primary, and S C McPherson Jr High.

Materials and an instructor for a shell craft training programme were purchased for \$4,000.

The sum of \$19,128.50 was spent to allow 50 members of the constituency to participate in the Ministry of Agriculture's Backyard Farming Programme. \$1,060 was allocated to the Ministry of Agriculture for subdivision drainage. Twenty subdivision signs were printed and erected in the constituency for \$14,400.

Playground equipment for a public park in the constituency was purchased from Creative Kids for \$12,061.50. The placement of three drainage wells in areas that experience serious flooding cost \$18,000, paid to M and R Drilling and Well Construction.

Further junkanoo donations of \$1,500 each were made to the Kingdom Warriors and the Prodigal Sons. Another clean-up campaign saw \$2,320 paid to Old Har Investments.

## Tommy Turnquest - FNM - Mount Moriah

Minister Turnquest said he has committed contracts for the entire sum of \$200,000 and essentially all the funds have been spent, or will be spent, on recreational parks in his constituency.



TOMMY TURNQUEST

stituency.

"I purchased materials and supplies (approximately \$20,000) for three parks in yellow Elder Gardens; spending \$80,000 plus on the big park in Stapledon Gardens and about \$35,000 on the smaller parks on Sunderland Road and Spitfire Road. I spent \$40,000 on bathroom facilities on the park in Millennium Gardens."

The rules governing how constituency allowance funds are spent do not demand that the contracts to provide the work, goods or services are put out to competitive tender, and Mr Turnquest noted that none of his contracts were.

"The parks in Yellow Elder were done by the prison work group as part of their community work. I provided the supplies and equipment to the prison and they had three quotes and sourced from the lowest quote. The big park in Stapledon Gardens is being done by Enviroscape Ltd. The park on Sunderland Road was developed by Cedrick Smith and the bathrooms on Millennium Park and the park on Spitfire road were constructed



BRENT SYMONETTE

by Davis Renovations and Landscaping Company."

## Brent Symonette - FNM - St Anne's

The Deputy Prime Minister did not break down exactly how much of the \$200,000 he had allocated to date or who was paid for the work, however he gave a brief description of what the money was used for.

Mr Symonette utilised the funds to construct walking tracks in two parks and provide benches for three parks.

He also undertook the redevelopment of the East End point, the waterfront area opposite the Winton Fort and the waterfront area on Eastern Road and Prince Charles, landscaping pathways, installing planters, a drain and park benches.

Mr Symonette noted that a considerable number of drainage wells were also dug or cleaned throughout the area using the allowance funds.

"All of the work was supervised and signed off on by the Ministry of Works in line with price guidelines which they had



HUBERT MINNIS

established. I am still working on lighting for two parks which might have to be covered by the allowance," he added.

## Hubert Minnis - FNM - Killarney

The MP said the allocation was used towards signage in the community, including "welcome signs" for the entrances of Southwest Ridge, Rockcrusher and the Grove West, and repairing signage to Lake Cunningham. Beautification efforts were also funded, plants and flowers purchased and landscaping carried out around the signs. However, some of these were stolen, the MP said. Other funds were used to install speed bumps in South Westridge and benches at the Rockcrusher basketball court.

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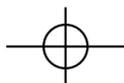
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## Will corporate ads buy 2010 voters?

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has opened the door to a new era of big and possibly shadowy election spending, rolled back anti-corruption laws and emboldened critics of fundraising limits to press on. In the middle of it all will be voters, trying to figure out who's telling the truth.

The court's ruling Thursday lets corporate America start advertising candidates much as they market products and tell viewers to vote for or against them. While it almost certainly will lead to a barrage of hard-hitting TV ads in the 2010 elections, its implications reach far beyond that.

The ruling was a victory for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL-CIO, the National Rifle Association and other interest groups most likely to run ads with money from their treasuries. It's unlikely major corporations would want their name on an ad, but they can avoid that by giving money to interest groups that would then run ads and disclose the spending under the groups' names. It also presents a new option to wealthy individuals who were allowed to spend millions on their own to run election-time candidate ads before, but now can join forces to do so and get more bang for their bucks.

The court's 5-4 opinion represents the latest development in the cycle of scandal-law-loophole that has typified the United States' approach to campaign finance regulation.

From the corporate titans of the early 20th century bribing candidates, to Watergate in the 1970s, Democratic fundraising scandals during the Clinton years in the 1990s and most recently, the Jack Abramoff influence-peddling case, Congress has periodically tried to rein in political spending only to have loopholes emerge or political players mount successful constitutional challenges to the rules.

The court seemed to sweep those concerns aside, saying that it doubted election-time ads could lead to the corruption of lawmakers and that in any case, proponents of the ban hadn't provided any proof of corruption.

Campaign finance watchdogs predict members of Congress now will cast their votes on controversial legislation with an eye to whether their position on it risks inviting a barrage of special-interest ads against them before the election, or on the flip side, could draw outside spending favourable to them.

"I just think the court got it dead wrong if it thinks that a \$10 million expenditure in a campaign can't buy influence of a corrupting nature the same way that a \$10 million contribution can," said Fred Wertheimer, president of Democracy 21, who pressed for the ban on election-season corporate- and union-financed ads that the court swept away.

For those like Wertheimer who believe the threat of corruption justifies restrictions on campaign money, it could get even worse.

Heartened by the court's view that corporations have the same free-speech rights as citizens, opponents of campaign finance

restrictions think the time is ripe to press the justices to go still further and do something not allowed since the robber-baron bribery scandals of a century ago: let corporations and unions give money directly to candidates.

"If all speakers are going to be treated the same, why wouldn't a corporation be able to make a contribution to a candidate" just as individuals and political action committees can? asked Jim Bopp, a conservative lawyer involved in several lawsuits that have scaled back campaign finance rules over the past few years, including the one decided Thursday.

Bopp thinks the conservative-leaning court might even go for a case arguing that donors should be able to give as much money as they want to a candidate: "You certainly have some justices who say that the contribution limits cannot be imposed at all."

The ruling could bring more than office politics to the workplace. Bopp reads it to permit corporations and unions to speak freely about elections to employees and authorise partisan politicking on their property, rather than stop at simply encouraging workers to vote, as they've had to do until now.

Just as opponents of campaign finance regulation are considering further challenges, campaign finance watchdogs and their allies in Congress plan to pursue legislation to try to deal with Wednesday's ruling. What they could do to restrict corporate and union campaign ads after the nation's highest court called a ban unconstitutional is unclear.

And in the middle of it all are voters, the people whose opinions the new spending will seek to influence.

The court seemed to agree with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's contention that voters want more election ads and that they are craving the viewpoints and information that will be presented in them.

But if the country's experience in the years before the McCain-Feingold law, when corporations and unions poured millions of dollars into election-time ads that targeted candidates but stopped short of calling for their election or defeat, is any indication, much of the new ad spending will likely be aimed at turning voters against a particular candidate, rather than urging them to vote for one.

That may please voters who do not like the candidate anyway, but it could turn off some voters so much that they tune out. Getting key voting blocs to stay home on Election Day can be as important as getting voters to turn out.

The ruling leaves intact major parts of a hard-won 2002 campaign finance law, but it is unclear what will happen with those in coming months.

The Republican National Committee is challenging one of the law's pillars, a ban on corporate and union donations to political parties.

(This article was written by Sharon Thiemer of the Associated Press).

# The insurance industry needs a level playing field

EDITOR, The Tribune.

WE REFER to a letter that appeared in your newspaper on Monday, January 18, 2010 concerning competition in the insurance industry and the insurance regulator's role.

We, the members of the Bahamas Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA), are also concerned. Insurance brokers act in the best interest of their clients. Both brokers and agents are paid commission by the insurance company. This commission is an acquisition and servicing cost paid by the insurer and is included in the premium. Some insurers argue that this cost is additional, but regardless of whether they pay an agent or broker to perform these functions, there is a cost involved for acquiring business and servicing it.

Insurance brokers are consumer-orientated and offer clients the available range of products and suppliers within the market. Tied agents on the other hand generally put the interest of their client secondary to that of the insurer they represent. Insurance brokers work on behalf of their clients by negotiating rates and coverage, ensuring that at renewal they get the best possible deal, fighting for their clients when it comes to claims or administrative matters, and ensuring that the promises that insurers make are fulfilled. We advocate for client's rights using our knowledge, experience and the leverage of our market relationships.

The 2005 Insurance Act stipulates that an insurance intermediary must be used for the negotiation and purchase of insurance. Since this law was enacted many of the large insurance firms have been creating their own intermediaries by forming their own insurance brokerages and agent firms or hiring licensed salespersons. Clearly their prime purpose is to take over and control the distribution chain. They have been offering incentives to consumers to purchase their coverage through these seemingly "independent" operations or through their employed "salespersons" by offering coverage at reduced rates. If this practice continues unchecked the outcome will be to the detriment of insurance brokers and ultimately the insuring public. When suppliers and distribu-

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tors share the same bed the likely outcome will be higher insurance premiums and cartel-style market manipulation.

The Bahamas risks ending up with a system whereby the public can buy insurance only from insurance intermediaries owned or controlled by the insurance companies. The role of independent insurance brokers is being threatened as we write. The insuring public may in the future be faced with the dilemma of limited choice offered on a "take it or leave it" basis.

We have been meeting with the regulators and members of government for over 10 years in order to gain protection for the independent broker. Many of the members of BIBA are small independent entities. However, it is the large insurance companies that drive the industry with their power and influence that are looked upon with favour and as a result

the decision makers turn a blind eye and ear to what is happening in our Industry.

Insurance Brokers in our market play a key role in providing the eyes and ears for our regulators. Consumers are not aware of the amount of time and effort that brokers commit to reporting to regulators unethical practices that we come across daily. Our hope is that we Bahamians do not lose sight of the lessons recently learned, (i.e. lack of regulation and oversight in the US banking industry leading to unethical lending and overcharging).

Our desire is to have a level playing field with regards to competition so that all sectors of the insurance industry can survive, and thrive. We are concerned that if market dominance by a handful of insurers continues, the insuring public will be faced with less choice, resulting in higher premiums.

Member Companies of The Bahamas Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA).

MEMBER COMPANIES (BIBA)  
Nassau,  
January 21, 2010.

## Joggers on West Bay Street

EDITOR, The Tribune.

IT CONTINUES to amaze me just how inconsiderate certain joggers are who jog in the road of West Bay Street running into the east bound traffic.

There has been a side-walk on the south side of West Bay for years but these four-ladies seem hell-bent to try to get injured or worse still cause a serious accident as early in the mornings, especially in winter, the sun shines direct into the driver's eyes driving east.

Well now the north side is having a sidewalk added but you think these inconsiderate people want to use it — hell no they continue to run in the road.

Many letters have been published concerning the using of West Bay from Arawak Cay west for walk-a-thons and no one seems to understand soon someone is going to get hurt, if not killed.

Walk-a-thons should be held at Clifford Park, Oakes Field Sports Centre, and never on the public roads even where there are sidewalks.

Possibly the new police management team can see the logic and stop this practice?

To the ladies who jog in the road on West Bay — stop putting your lives and the driving public's in danger.

TIM HARRIS  
Nassau,  
January 16, 2010.

# NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL DEWEESE SWEETING (aka Michael Dewees Sweeting) late of York Avenue, Gleniston Gardens in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against the above Estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the Undersigned on or before the 15th day of February, A.D. 2010, after which date the Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make full settlement on or before the date hereinbefore mentioned.

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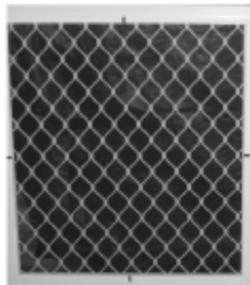


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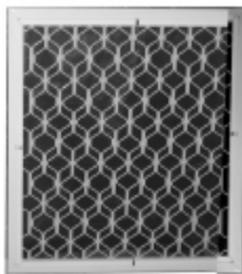
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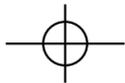


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LOCAL NEWS

# Canadian radio puts the Bahamas in the spotlight

By NOELLE NICOLLS  
Tribune Staff Reporter  
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**SANDALS ROYAL BAHAMIAN'S** weddings manager Antoinette Neely being interviewed by the radio station 91.5 CKPR from Thunder Bay, Ontario.

THE Bahamas has been the hot topic on Canadian airwaves for the past two weeks, as 21 visiting radio stations conducted live broadcasts from Nassau.

Sandals Resorts sponsored the promotion, selecting stations from across Canada to spend one week in the Bahamas at their all-inclusive Sandals Royal Bahamian Resort and Spa.

The radio hosts woke up as early as 3am to broadcast live to Canada on location from the Bahamas. Hotel representatives and tourism officials were featured guests on the programme.

This week, the likes of Butch Stewart, founder of Sandals Resorts, and Vernice Walkine, Director General of Tourism, took the spotlight on air.

The promotion is in its third year, previously being conducted across Jamaica. This is the first year in the Bahamas.

"We wanted to spread the promotion around the Sandals family. Many stations we worked with before we wanted to show them Bahamian hospitality. The objective is to promote the destination first and the resort second, to expose Canadian listeners on

the Bahamas, to show them how easy it is to get to the Bahamas," said Tracy McCann, account manager of Coastal International, the Canadian-based public relations firm for Sandals.

Ms McCann highlighted the fact that direct flights to the Bahamas originate in several Canadian cities - Toronto, Montreal, Calgary - and some flights are only 3.5 hours long.

"Feedback from stations has been fantastic. They are coming from minus temperatures in Canada, excited to be in the Bahamas to experience the cuisine, culture and hospitality of

the people," said Ms McCann.

Promotional airtime for the Bahamas destination is extended beyond the two week period, because stations give away free trips to the Bahamas on a weekly basis for as many as six consecutive weeks.

Some stations conduct the weekly promotion prior to their week of on-location broadcasts, some stations conduct the promotion after. Many of the stations target the demographic group, women, ages 25 to 50

"We give away trips when we get back. A lot of people want to win them. They listen to win," said Jack Peets, morning

show co-host at 105.7 Niagara's EZ Rock, a popular station in the Niagara region, with 485,000 listeners in Canada. The qualifying round for the Bahamas vacation giveaway begins on Monday on their station.

Star 98.3 travelled this week with four winning couples during their Bahamas vacation giveaway and three staff members.

Lisa Stevens, morning show host with Star said: "We are thoroughly enjoying our time in the Bahamas, ourselves and our winners. It has been beautiful and sunny. We felt very comfortable just wondering about seeing everything that Nassau has to offer."

The teams of 11 stations visiting this week were treated to a trip to Great Exuma to visit the newly renovated Sandals Emerald Bay. Most of the stations flew coach on Western Air. Ms Stevens and her co-host Scott Riley flew over on the Stewart family private jet because their late radio broadcast made them miss the scheduled flight.

"(After interviewing Butch Stewart) we made the comment that we were sad we could not go to the resort, so he said we could not come all this way and not visit Great Exuma, he would get us over there," said Ms Stevens. They were taxied over by private jet to meet the group.

"Great Exuma was beautiful. I was struck by how green it was and how quiet it was, having just a small number of inhabitants," she said. Star 98.3 has one more trip to give away. The winner has a choice of eight Sandals properties to choose from, including the two in the Bahamas.

**SUPREME COURT**  
AUG 04 2009  
NASRAUL, BAHAMAEI, EIGEN No. 01169

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
IN THE SUPREME COURT  
Common Law & Equity Side

IN THE MATTER of the real property comprised of 27 acres situated approximately one mile Northwest of the Settlement of Simms, Long Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and having such position, boundaries, marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached to a Deed of Partition dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1993 and made between Ronald Winston Simms and others and now of record in the Registry of Records in Volume 6256 at pages 40 to 52 and edged thereon in yellow.

AND IN THE MATTER of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, Chapter 138 of the Laws of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

**BETWEEN**

LAWRENCE CASE	Plaintiff
AND	
MICHAEL COLIN QUIRKE	Defendant

To: Michael Colin Quirke

**Let the above-named Defendant** within 14 days after service of this Originating Summons on him inclusive of the day of such service, cause an appearance to be entered for him to this Summons which is issued on the application of the Plaintiff, Lawrence Case of 1511 South East Twenty Fourth Terrace, Pompano Beach, Florida 33062, USA c/o Glinton Sweeting O'Brien, Chambers, 343 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas.

By this Summons, the Plaintiff seeks the following relief:-

1. Delivery by the Defendant to the Plaintiff of possession of all that real property comprised of 27 acres situated approximately one mile Northwest of the Settlement of Simms, Long Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and having such position, boundaries, marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached to a Deed of Partition dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1993 and made between Ronald Winston Simms and others and now of record in the Registry of Records in Volume 6256 at pages 40 to 52 and edged thereon in yellow.
2. Foreclosure of the said real property referred to above.
3. Further and other relief.
4. Costs.

If the Defendant does not enter an Appearance, such judgment may be given or Order made against or in relation to him as the Court may think just and expedient.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 2009.

REGISTRAR

This Originating Summons was taken out by Messrs. GLINTON | SWEETING | O'BRIEN of Chambers, 343 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas, Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

## Revised Planning and Subdivision Bill passed in House

THE revised Planning and Subdivision legislation was passed in the House of Assembly on Wednesday.

The Bill moves onto the Senate and is expected to be implemented by July 1.

The revamped Bill takes account of the numerous comments and criticisms which came after the government introduced the original version of the legislation to Parliament last year.

The Bill aims to improve the structure and administration of the Town Planning Committee and the Department of Physical Planning. The legislation also will create stricter rules for the town planning.

During the debate on the legislation, Minister of Environment Earl Deveaux heralded the Bill as a significant piece of legislation that could lead to the country's further development.

The Marathon MP also told Parliament that the Bill requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), among other things, where a development is of a certain size or built in an environmentally sensitive location.

Golden Isles MP Charles Maynard said the Bill could raise the cost of real estate but said the benefits that homeowners will get in the long-term outweigh those concerns.

He stressed that real estate buyers would be better off with structures built to the stringent guidelines set out in the new Bill, while praising the legislation as the most important law he has seen before Parliament.

Opposition members of Parliament, those in the legal sector and the Bahamas Real Estate Association among others, had found fault with the legislation when it was first introduced.

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LOCAL NEWS

Fire breaks out in funeral home

AN electrical shortage at the Restview Mortuary caused a fire to break out at the funeral home early Wednesday morning

While the building on Robinson and Soldier Roads sustained some damage as a result of the fire, business continues as usual.

President of Restview Mortuary Keith McSweeney said: "The high level of professionalism and quality service remain. Family members and friends of the deceased presently housed can be assured that this incident has not affected the dignified state of their love ones."

Man who accidentally shot himself during alleged robbery is charged

A MAN who accidentally shot himself while allegedly committing an armed robbery was charged in the Freeport Magistrate's Court following his release from hospital.

Marcus Bailey, a 32-year-old resident of Pineridge Estates, was charged before Magistrate Andrew Forbes last week with armed robbery, possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition, and receiving.

He was not required to enter a plea to the armed robbery charge, or firearm

and ammunition possession charges, which are indictable offences.

Bailey was not represented by counsel.

He told the Magistrate that he is owner of a car wash and did not have any need to rob anyone. He then asked the judge to be lenient in giving him an earlier adjourned date as he had enemies at Fox Hill Prison.

Bailey was denied bail and remanded to Her Majesty's Prison until June 30 for a preliminary inquiry.



THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY'S Select Committee consists of Glenys Hanna-Martin, Loretta Butler-Turner, Obie Wilchcombe, Kenyatta Gibson and Kwasi Thompson.

Select Committee investigating school sex claims tables report

THE House of Assembly's Select Committee investigating reports of sexual molestation at Eight Mile Rock High tabled its report in Parliament Wednesday.

The committee is chaired by Englestone MP Glenys Hanna-Martin and includes the MP for Montagu Loretta Butler-Turner, the MP for West End and Bimini Obie Wilchcombe, the MP for Kennedy Kenyatta Gibson, and the MP for Pineridge Kwasi Thompson.

According to the committee's report there appeared to be "lapses across the board" that led to the ultimate escape of the teacher involved with allegedly molesting a number of students at Eight Mile Rock High. This teacher, Andre Birbal, is currently being held in the United States and a request for his extradition to the Bahamas has been made.

The report read: "The parents

involved all relayed a sense of profound disappointment that there appeared to be no apparent recourse. It is even more disturbing that there were statements in evidence that teachers, administrators and staff were all aware of allegations and failed to report it.

Training

"It is critical that teachers and administrators receive continual training on how to recognize signs of abuse. Witnesses recommended that teachers receive specific guidelines on appropriate behaviour with students outside of school hours, spelling out under what circumstances they should spend time away from school with a student and what places are not appropriate to take students outside of school hours."

ers should be made aware of what are appropriate gifts for students, including cash, lunches, etc.

"It is important not to discourage the vast majority of teachers who are genuinely interested and concerned for their students, but it must be a matter of priority to protect students from abuse from those who wish to use this as a tool for abuse," Mrs Hanna-Martin said.

Throughout the reading of the report, Education Minister Desmond Bannister took copious notes and informed The Tribune shortly afterwards that the Ministry is very concerned about the well being of every child in the Bahamas.

"We in the Ministry of Education have a sacred responsibility to ensure that they are given a safe environment to learn in. That is a sacred trust that the people have given us and we will do everything to live up to that," he said.

Man arrested in connection with attempted armed robbery

By DENISE MAYCOCK Tribune Freeport Reporter dmaycock@tribunemedia.net

FREEPORT - A 29-year-old male suspect was arrested in connection with an attempted armed robbery early Tuesday morning.

According to reports, police responded to an alarm at the East Mall Service Station on Settler's Way at around 2.26am on Tuesday.

Asst Supt Loretta Mackey reported that when the officers arrived at the establishment, they spoke with an employee.

While there, she said, the officers saw a dark man inside

the shop section who was pointed out as the culprit who had attempted to rob the establishment by covering his head and face with a nylon stocking and brandishing a flare while demanding cash.

SHOTGUN

A 12 gauge shotgun was recovered by police officers on Monday in the Holmes Rock area.

At about 3.15pm, officers were on patrol in the Holmes Rock area, Section B, when they saw two young boys walking with a white plastic bag.

As the officers approached, the boys ran into the bushes

and dropped the bag. ASP Mackey said the officers discovered a chrome 12 gauge shotgun inside.

They gave chase, but the boys managed to evade arrest.

COURT MATTERS

Two men were charged with housebreaking and stealing in the Magistrate's Court this week.

Dennis Deleveaux, 34, of Lucaya, and Dunkington Joseph, 21, of South Bahama, were arraigned in Court 3 before Deputy Chief Magistrate Helen Jones on Monday.

The accused were represented by Simeon Brown.

They pleaded not guilty to the charges and were granted \$5,000 bail with sureties.

The matter was adjourned to June 29.

ZHAVARGO Laquay Watson, 32, of Man-O-War Circle, Freeport, was charged on Monday before Magistrate Andrew Forbes with possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition.

Watson was represented by Attorney Simeon Brown. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The matter was adjourned to June 28 for trial. Watson was granted \$5,000 bail with sureties.

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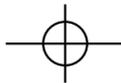
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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS IN THE SUPREME COURT Probate Side IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF In the Estate of Leroy Hutchinson late of Golden Gate #2 in the Western District of the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claim or demand against the above Estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before Wednesday the 24th day of February, A.D. 2010 after which date the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to claims of which she shall there have had notice. AND NOTICE is hereby given that all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make full settlement on or before the date herein above mentioned. CHILCOTT CHAMBERS 131 Shirley Street P.O. Box SP-60737 Nassau, The Bahamas Attorneys for the Administratrix



LOCAL NEWS

FROM page one

# Man claims he was beaten

when he was arrested and assaulted.

"They intimidate me, threaten me and say they ga buss my lying ass," Mr Vildor said, claiming he was assaulted by about eight to 10 officers, including an inspector and a sergeant.

According to Mr Vildor, the officers pressured him to confess to stealing a cellular phone from a murder victim.

Mr Vildor explained the alleged beatings, claiming he was taken to a large room, marked Investigation Office, and handcuffed to a chair for hours. He also claimed that while one officer gripped his legs, one would hold his shoulders while another officer placed a thick plastic bag over his head to suffocate him.

He said he was struck in the head with a police radio, hit with brass knuckles, kicked, had a chair pressed on his ribs and choked several times until he passed out.

"One would punch, one would kick and they beat you in the joints and stuff. And they tell me things like 'Yeah don't worry if we don't kill you, we ga make the streets kill you or we ga do things to you to cause your body break down when you get older,'" he claimed.

Throughout the alleged beatings, Mr Vildor claimed the officers threatened to kill him and drown him "in a mop bucket."

During one of the alleged beatings, he said he was forced to sign a statement he did not give to police regarding a murder investigation.

"I had to," said Mr Vildor, when asked why he signed the statement if it was not his own.

On top of the police brutality claims, his lawyer Christina Galanos, of Lockhart & Co, claims that officers at CDU tried to prevent her from seeing him on Tuesday because of his apparent bruises.

Ms Galanos claimed that when she went to interview him around 11 am, an officer reportedly said she would have to wait because Mr Vildor was still being interviewed by an investigating officer. During her more than hour long wait, Ms Galanos said she repeatedly asked to see her client only to then be told that she could not, and that the investigating officer was not there.

Frustrated, she demanded to see the officer-in-charge, Super-

intendent Leon Bethel, who she said told an officer to take Ms Galanos to her client, after waiting almost two hours.

"I thought it was a clear case of underhandedness, they didn't want to bring him out because they knew he was looking like that," said Ms Galanos, pointing to her client's bruised face. "And I waited for an hour and when I spoke to the officer-in-charge he had no clue what was going on down there and he was ashamed and he was surprised. And he came to me and he said he is trying to get rid of the corrupt officers from the front desk."

She claimed that the CDU has a reputation of preventing lawyers from seeing their clients, a practice she says that has to be stopped.

"When they tell lawyers they can't see their client my experience is that they're telling you that because they beat the man and scars about their body that they don't want you to see. It's wrong and something has to be done."

When questioned about the allegations, the new head of the CDU, Superintendent Leon Bethel, refused to comment directly.

"Wherever and whenever an allegation is made against any police officer we allow the Complaints and Corruption Unit to investigate and if the complaint is substantiated and there is evidence to the charges, then, of course, the officers are dealt with either in the (police) department

or before open court," said Mr Bethel.

When pressed about the status of the officers accused of beating Mr Vildor, Mr Bethel would not comment. Nor would he confirm or deny his reported meeting with Ms Galanos.

"We have to allow the Complaint and Corruption Unit to carry out its duties without hindrance," he said.

Mr Vildor lodged a complaint yesterday with the Complaints and Corruption Unit.

The matter is under police investigation.

## Bahamian musicians set for Haiti relief concert at Arawak Cay

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"It is a massive effort but what has made it go more smoothly is the incredible cooperation of everyone involved," Diane Phillips who is coordinating the event said.

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our continued commitment to ensuring the safety of everyone on our campus. We await the report from the police," the statement read.

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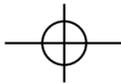
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## Bahamian basketball players go head-to-head in NAIA competition

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### Lady Drovers avenge blowout by Golden Eagles

IN their two head-to-head meetings so far this year, the John Brown University Golden Eagle and the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma Lady Drovers split their showdown between a couple of Bahamian female basketball players.

On Thursday night, the Lady Drovers, featuring Brooke Smith and Alicia Musgrove, pulled off a 56-53 victory over the Golden Eagle, featuring Staffica Bain, at John Brown University.

It was revenge for USAO, who were blown out by John Brown University in their initial meeting this season on December 5 in Oklahoma.

The two teams were playing in a Sooner Athletic Conference Game.

Another Bahamian Simeon Hinsey, who serves as the Sports Information Director for John Brown University, said it was good to see the Bahamian female players on the court playing against each other.

"The NAIA is a tough level. A lot of people don't know much about the NAIA, but with COB competing in it, I think it will get the word out about the NAIA in the Bahamas," Hinsey said.

"These three young ladies are just doing their part to

help spread that word."

Hinsey, a former JBU basketball player who graduated with double majors in digital media and broadcasting in 2002 before moving on to a career in the media industry, is in charge of disseminating the information to the media and on the website about the Golden Eagle.

While Bain has been holding her own on the court for JBU, Hinsey said the Golden Eagle also have two players on the men's roster in 6-5 senior Devaughn Jackson and 6-2 freshman Samuel Johnson, both forwards.

Additionally, Ramon Strachan and Andrew Pratt also attend JBU. While Pratt played on the soccer team, Strachan is an academic student, who works on the SID programme with Hinsey.

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THE THREE Bahamian female basketball players featured in the same game on Thursday night are from left: Lady Drovers' Alicia Musgrove, Golden Eagle's Staffica Bain and Lady Drovers' Brooke Smith.

### sports NOTES

#### VOLLEYBALL NPVA FINALS

• WHILE the New Providence Volleyball Association women's best-of-five championship series will get started on Sunday at the DW Davis Gymnasium, the men's series will continue with game two this weekend.

The ladies series will be a rematch of last year's finals between the defending champions Scottsdale Vixens taking on runners-up Johnson's Lady Truckers.

They will play at 3:30 p.m.

That will be followed by the men's match-up between the Scotiabank Defenders taking on the National Fence Intruders. Game one was played on Friday night.

#### VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL COB TRYOUTS

• THE College of the Bahamas' Athletic Department will hold try outs today from noon to 6pm in search of talent for the Caribs men and women's basketball and volleyball teams.

Coaches will be looking for high school student-athletes who have a good combination of academics and skills with a view of offering financial aid for the 2010/11 academic year.

Interested 11th & 12th grade student-athletes should attend.

• The sessions will be conducted as follows:

Noon - 1:30 p.m. - women's volleyball; 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. - men's volleyball; 3 - 4:30 p.m. - women's basketball; 4:30 - 6 p.m. - men's basketball.

#### RUGBY BAHAMAS CUP

• AFTER a thrilling encounter between the Buccaneers and Baillou last weekend at the Winton Rugby Pitch, the Bahamas Rugby Union is looking forward to another exciting match today.

At 3 p.m., the Buccaneers will take on the Cuckoos with the winner taking second place in the standings in the race for the Bahamas Cup. The Buccaneers are coming off a heart-breaking loss to Baillou. The game was tied 17-17 until the last minute when Baillou prevailed with a penalty to secure the win and move into first place.

#### BASKETBALL JOHN TODD CAMP

• VETERAN coach John Todd will hold the second week of his mini league basketball camp at St. Augustine's College. The camp will begin at 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for youngsters 15 years and younger.

Bahamas Basketball Federation president Lawrence Hepburn has endorsed

Todd's efforts, calling on parents who have children interested in learning the game to attend the camp.

"Coaching mini ball is coach Todd's passion, but he is gifted with dealing with children and making them feel important and also an outstanding teacher of the fundamentals of the game of basketball, makes me proud to recommend such a camp to all parents," Mr Hepburn said.

"Many of us today owe our basketball knowledge to coach Todd. So I want to again appeal to all parents to please take your children each Saturday at St Augustine College and let them be trained by one who knows to sport; how to correctly teach and inspire children."

Hepburn said the BBF will continue to share with the general public the camps and coaches that can greatly benefit your children, in addition to the programmes soon to be offered by the BBF for the improvement and expansion of basketball in the country.

#### BASEBALL JBLN SCHEDULE

• THE Junior Baseball League of Nassau will continue its regular season action today at the St. Andrew's Field of Dreams.

• Here's a look at the games on tap:

**TEE BALL**  
11 a.m. Knights vs Grasshoppers; 1 p.m. Raptors vs Sand Gnat; 3 p.m. Sidewinders vs Blue Claws.

**COACH PITCH**  
10 a.m. Diamondbacks vs Cubs; 12:30 p.m. Padres vs Angels; 3 p.m. Athletics vs Pirates.

**MINOR**  
12:30 p.m. Royals vs Orioles; 3 p.m. Mets vs Rockies.

**Sunday**  
3 p.m. Red Sox vs Brewers.

**MAJOR Saturday**  
10 a.m. Reds vs Mariners.

**JUNIOR**  
10 a.m. Twins vs Rays; 12:30 p.m. Dodgers vs Yankees.

**SENIOR**  
3 p.m. Nationals vs Giants.

**Sunday**  
2 p.m. Phillies vs Tigers.

#### SWIMMING SWIFT SWIMMING

• THE Swift/Gunite Pools swim meet will be staged today at the Betty Kelly Kenning Aquatic Center. This the first meet for the new year with many swimmers swimming in new age groups and another chance to qualify for international meets and the nationals.

The meet is expected to run from 9am till about 12.30pm PM.

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### Ministry of National Security

#### Police Complaints Inspectorate/or the Royal Bahamas Police Force

The Minister of National Security announced today that, as required by the Police Force Act 2009, which came into force on 4 January 2010, a five-member Police Complaints Inspectorate has been appointed.

The persons appointed to the Inspectorate are: Mr. Elliot Lockhart (Attorney-at-Law), Father Mervyn "Buck" Johnson (Anglican Priest), Mr. Cedric Saunders (Insurance Executive), Dr Sandra Dean Patterson (Director of The Bahamas Crisis Centre), and Mr. Douglas Hanna (former Superintendent of Police).

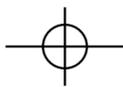
The Inspectorate is to review the investigation and determination of complaints by the Royal Bahamas Police Force's Complaints and Corruption Branch, and may give guidance to the Branch in this area. It has the power to request from the Commissioner, of Police, the Complaints and Corruption Branch and others, information, documents or things regarding a complaint.

The Inspectorate may call witnesses when it reviews complaints made to the Royal Bahamas Police Force, and taken up by the Complaints and Corruption Branch. It will also review Reports of the Complaints and Corruption Branch. The Inspectorate is also required to periodically report to the Minister responsible for National Security on the matter of complaints submitted to the Police Force.

According to the Police Force Act, one Member of Inspectorate is required to be an Attorney-at-Law with at least ten (10) years standing, or a person who has retired from the Police Force at the rank of Superintendent or above.

Government elected Officials, serving Officers of the Police Force, an undischarged bankrupt, and persons convicted of an offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude are ineligible to serve on the Inspectorate. Former Government elected officials and former Officers of the Police Force may, however, serve on the Inspectorate provided they have left Office for five (5) years or more.

The Inspectorate is expected to help to quicken the pace of work of the Royal Bahamas Police Force's Complaints and Corruption Branch in responding to matters brought before it by the general public.



SPORTS

# Tour of Bahamas returns this weekend

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AFTER a year's break because of the economic crisis, the Tour of the Bahamas is returning this weekend for the sixth year with two of the top names on the international cycling circuit competing.

Americans Floyd Landis and Grant Potter are among the list of about 100 visiting cyclists, who are in town to compete in the two-day competition around the western end of the island.

The Tour of the Bahamas, as dubbed by race organizer Jeff Major, will get started today with the first of a three-race series that will conclude on Sunday.

All of the activities will be based around the Clifton Heritage Park.

"We're back on track, bigger and better than before," said Major, the proprietor of Jeff's Auto Repair and Gold Plating. "And this event looks very exciting."

He noted that Holowesko Partners Limited, headed by Mark Holowesko, have agreed to come on board as the official sponsors, along with the Ministry of Tourism.

Registration in the United States closed at just over 90 competitors and there are a few local competitors, who expect to increase the participation to just over 100.

As for Landis and Potter, Major said they are extremely delighted that both of them have consented to participate because they bring a wealth of experience to the Tour.

"Floyd is a renowned cyclist, who had cycled in the Tour de France and he is a very good and strong rider who teamed up with Lance Armstrong," Major said.

"Now this year, he is a riding as a free agent, so this gives him the opportunity to come to the Bahamas and ride with us. He was invited by our



ORGANIZERS Jeff Major and John Cox pose from left as they talk about the Tour of the Bahamas cycling classic that begins today.

sponsors, Holowesko Partners Limited and it's a treat for our Tour of the Bahamas to have someone of his caliber come here to compete."

Landis, 34, turned professional in 1999 with the Mercury Cycling Team. In 2006, he won the first edition of the Tour of California before he went on to finish first in the 2006 Tour de France.

An extensive hip injury has plagued Landis' career, but he has remained committed to competing in the sport.

Potter, according to Major,

is the US Masters Time Trials champion. Hailing from Florida, Potter will be here as a part of a four-member team from his Team Motion club.

"We are delighted that he and his team will be here," Major said. "I think he brings another exciting dimension for the Tour of the Bahamas."

Today, the circuit races will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the All Juniors, covering an 18-mile race, followed by the men's masters in a 30-mile race, the same time that the men's category 3-4 is staged and five

minutes before the women's race gets underway.

At 11 a.m., the men's pro 1-2 categories will compete in a 42-mile race.

Then at 3 p.m., all categories will compete in the individual time trial.

On Sunday, the road races will be held with the juniors competing in a 24-miler, starting at 8 a.m. While the Pro 1-2 will ride a 105 mile course, the men's masters and men's categories 3-4 will do a 70-mile event, all starting at 9:30 a.m. There are a number of com-

petitors entered in the junior categories, including Major's son, Jay Major. Among those competing in the men's category are Barron 'Turbo' Musgrove and Tracy Sweeting.

Although he is not participating in the race, John Cox will be assisting Major in organising the event and he said there is just as much excitement off the course as there will be on it.

"I think it should be a great race," Cox said. "One of the things that I look forward to is to be able to expose the

Bahamas cycling scene to all of these cyclists coming in.

"It seemed as if it's a whole lot of them coming to see us, but depending on where they come from, they are exposed to an unique scene and the competition is also at a very high level, which is also very exciting for our cyclists."

Cox, however, is they are just scratching the surface on the sports tourism and he hopes that they can continue to generate the interest that has been expressed by the visiting cyclists.

# Wilson officially joins Texas Longhorn team

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HIGH jump sensation Jamal Wilson is now a member of the University of Texas Longhorn men's athletic team in Austin, Texas.

Head coach Bubba Thornton made the announcement today as he officially welcomed the three-time National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American to his roster.

"We're excited that Jamal is a Longhorn," said Thornton. "First, he is a great young man, and second, he has the ability to help our team."

"He's performed well in big meets both on the collegiate and international levels. Jamal has a lot of physical tools and we're looking forward to seeing what he can do during his time at Texas."

Wilson, who competed for Southwest Mississippi Community College during his first two collegiate seasons with

sprinter Sheniqua 'O' Ferguson and Krystal Bodie (both now at Aunurn University), joins the Longhorns with an outdoor personal best of 7-3.75 (2.23m) and an indoor mark of 6-11.75 (2.13m).

The Temple Christian Academy standout capped his two seasons at Southwest Mississippi by winning the 2009 NJCAA Outdoor High Jump Championship with a mark of 6-10.75 (2.10m).

Wilson, 21, also earned All-American honours both indoors and outdoors as a freshman.

"I'm really excited to get my career at Texas going," Wilson said. "I looked at a lot of different schools but the combination of athletics and education at Texas was the perfect fit for me."

"I'm looking forward to getting to work with Mario (associate head coach Mario Sategna). He's coached a lot of great athletes so I know he can help take me to the next level."

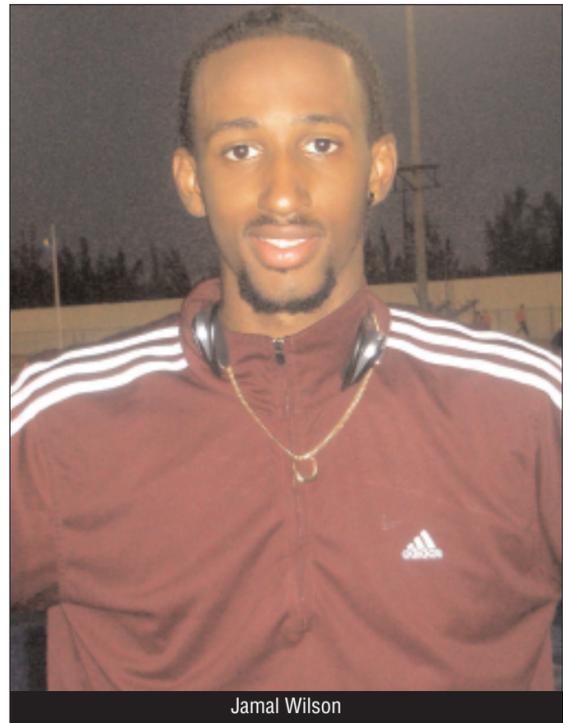
Internationally, Wilson has competed for the Bahamas

since 2005. He was a member of the World Youth and Pan Am Junior Championship teams that year. He went on to win the high jump at the CARIFTA Games for three consecutive years (2005-07), setting the under-20 meet record of 7-2.50 (2.20m) in 2007.

Wilson also won the Pan Am Junior Championships in 2007 with a mark of 6-11 (2.11m). He set his personal best of 7-3.75 (2.23m) at the NACAC Championships in Toluca, Mexico in the summer of 2008.

Before he left to enrol at the University of Texas where he intends to study business, Wilson competed at the T-Flyers Track Classic over the weekend at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

He finished with a leap of 2.08m or 6-9 3/4, but he felt he should have at least cleared 7-2 or higher. He is expected to make his debut today at the Texas A&M Dual Meet in College Station, Texas.



Jamal Wilson

# Bahamian players go head-to-head in NAIA competition

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As for the female players, Hinsey said he didn't get a chance to talk to Smith or Musgrove, but he noted that Bain was really excited for the rematch.

"We beat them the last time, but they actually beat us on the buzzer last night (Thursday)," Hinsey pointed out. "Staffica wasn't too pleased about it, but the girls from USAO were quite excited after the game."

In Thursday's win for the Lady Drivers, Smith, a 5-11 forward in her junior year, was just 1-for-8 from the field and 1-for-2 from the free throw line as she finished with three points with three rebounds in 15 minutes and 31 seconds of play as a starter.

Musgrove, the 5-7 freshman guard who came in after leading the St. Augustine's College Big Red Machines to the senior girls basketball title last year, didn't play.

Bain, on the other hand, came off the bench and in 4:16 minutes of play, was scoreless with just one rebound for the Golden Eagle. She is making a comeback this year after sitting out last year with a torn ACL suffered during the pre-season.

The Lady Drivers got a last second three-pointer from Courtney Brox to pull off the win, giving coach Laci Tompkins her 200th career victory as a head coach.

In their previous meeting on December 5, Bain scored two points with a rebound in 12 minutes as the Golden Eagle routed the Lady Drivers 61-36.

Smith, shooting 4-for-6 from the field, finished with nine points in 27 minutes and Musgrove played two minutes, but came up scoreless.

The Golden Eagle, now 7-12 and 3-8 in conference play, will host Southern Nazarene in the first of a double header. The Golden Eagle men's team with Jackson and Johnson will play the late game against Southern Nazarene.

Meanwhile the Lady Drivers will be on the road to face Rogers State University.



Andrew Brownbill/AP Photo

JOHN Isner of the United States returns to Gael Monfils of France during their Men's singles third round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, Jan. 22, 2010.

# Isner, Roddick only US men left at Aussie Open

TENNIS  
MELBOURNE, Australia  
Associated Press

JOHN Isner is one of two American men standing at the Australian Open.

Isner advanced to the fourth round along with Andy Roddick. It's only the second time the 24-year-old player has gone that far at a Grand Slam.

Fresh off his first ATP title win in Auckland this month, the big-serving Isner defeated 12th-seeded Gael Monfils of France 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5).

Until he defeated Roddick in the third round at the U.S. Open, Isner hadn't gotten past the first round of his last five majors. But his strong performance at Melbourne Park doesn't surprise him.

"I've worked hard in the offseason, I put in the time," said Isner, ranked 28th. "I kind of deserve to be where I am now."

Andy Murray, who faces Isner, said he may have the best serve on the tour.

"He gives guys a lot of problems," Murray said. "He's 6-foot-9-inches with a huge serve."

That serve and his aggressive playing style boosted Isner into the top 50 for the first time in 2009. He is among the top American men in the ATP rankings, behind No. 7 Roddick and ahead of No. 29 Sam Querrey.

Roddick advanced with a 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (3) over Feliciano Lopez of Spain.

In September, Isner outplayed Roddick to reach the fourth round of the U.S. Open. He won a fifth-set tiebreaker and finished with 38 aces.

He hasn't lost a match in 2010, and his success makes him a candidate for the U.S. Davis Cup team. Veterans Roddick and James Blake have decided not to play this year.

But his focus is on Murray, who has not dropped a set in the tournament.

It will be their first meeting, and Isner noted Murray was "good at everything."

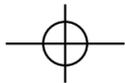
"It's going to be a challenge to hold serve," Isner said. "That's going to be my No. 1 focus, first and foremost, is holding serve, and taking it from there. As long as I'm doing that, I know I'll be in the match."

Yet he doesn't seem worried at all, still riding the momentum of his Auckland success.

"I know that's where my ranking is going, and I'm going to get there," said Isner, who led Georgia to the 2007 NCAA team championship. "After beating (Roddick), there's nobody I'm scared to play. If I play my game and I play well, I like to think I can beat anybody."

That includes Murray.

"Even though he hasn't won a Slam, he's always a guy that's going to be heard from," Isner said. "I think that's the same here. Hopefully, I can put an end to his run."



LOCAL NEWS

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Bahamas plays leading role in Caribbean's response to Haiti crisis

team will assist in the process of identifying and documenting the dead. Caricom Secretary-General Edwin Carrington announced yesterday that CDEMA, the regional response coordinating body, was focusing efforts on the area of health, as the region had immediate and substantive capacity in that area.

Mr Carrington said Caricom was engaged in relief efforts from day one, despite criticism of a slow response, with a team from Jamaica landing in Haiti on day two of the quake aftermath.

Haiti Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive, speaking to the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC), which is a part of Caricom's Tactical Mission to Haiti, said: "We are indeed grateful for the quick response of the Caricom leaders to our plight. We count on our friends of the Caricom to be our ambassadors, to help us convince the world that we need strong help."

Secretary-General Carrington said the scale of assistance provided by Caricom would have to be matched against the capacity of the community.

To provide some perspective, he pointed to the population of combined states in the community, excluding Haiti, as six million, whereas the population of Haiti alone is nine million.

While commending Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham on his actions to provide temporary status to Haitians detained in the detention centre, Mr Carrington said the general mood of regional leaders is sympathetic towards the idea of accepting Haitian nationals for protected status, provided quantities are determined and the appropriate guidelines are established for each country.

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Board states that it suspected a "legal confrontation" may arise between the Board — which did not wish to license the Immun-Augmentative Treatment (IAT) Clinic in Freeport as a cancer treatment facility because it had no cancer specialists on staff — and the controversial clinic.

In the report, prepared by Board Chairman Dr Kirkland Culmer, it is stated that while the Board told the Clinic it was not of the view that it could license it to operate as a cancer treatment centre due to the lack of oncologists on staff, the Clinic believed that previous licenses it had received from the Ministry of Finance and the Grand Bahama Port Authority "entitled it to be licensed."

The report notes that an early 2009 meeting with then Attorney General Michael Barnett — now Sir Michael Barnett, Chief Justice — for further advice on how to proceed in dealing with the clinic ended with Mr Barnett promising to "get back to us as soon as possible."

"We are still awaiting his advice," the report stated. Messages left for Dr Culmer yesterday seeking an update on what may have transpired in this regard since July 2009

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Right now those islands are served by magistrates in New Providence, and a magistrate in Grand Bahama who go to the islands for a period of time.

"This does not really solve the problem for those persons in those islands.

"The islands have a sufficiently large population base which can best be served by a having a resident magistrate there full time, but it means that there must be persons wanting to do that and who are capable, and that is a problem that maybe solved before the summer," Sir Michael said.

The Chief Justice also called on lawyers to be better prepared when they are scheduled to appear before the court. He said the court is often blamed for court delays.

"I have discovered being chief justice that a number of matters that are scheduled for trial in which lawyers and parties are not prepared.

Concerns over facility

were not returned up to press time. According to the Board, the IAT clinic first applied to the HHCFLB in 2000 for licenses to: research cancer treatment, produce protein extracts, provide professional medical consultation, routine blood analysis and supply prescription medication.

The Board determined it would give the clinic a license that allowed it to do the last three of those activities, as there were licensed medical practitioners on the staff, but not the first two.

"They were also informed that a license for the research and treatment of cancer could not be approved because there are no oncologists (cancer specialists) on the staff."

"After several visits and inspections of the facility it was obvious to the Board that the IAT was set up for the primary reason of treating patients with products manufactured in the facility and administered by staff with no special medical qualifications for treating cancer.

"The products manufactured were not researched or tested in the usual manner, and there is no way for the board to ascertain the safety or effectiveness of these unorthodox treatments," said the Board.

It is not clear if the Clinic is in fact proceeding with offering its "unorthodox" cancer treatment.

The IAT Clinic's website touts the benefits of IAT treatment, stating that the Immun-Augmentative treatment has as its primary objective "restoring the cancer patient's immune competency to a level by which it can control cancer."

"IAT is not represented as a cure for cancer, but rather a means of restoring the system's natural balance. The restoration of the natural immune system allows the patient's own body to treat itself. The resulting changes can significantly extend the lives of people with cancer, as borne out by clinic records maintained since 1977," it states.

The clinic was set up by researcher Dr Lawrence Burton. Following Dr Burton's death in 1993, the clinic continued to operate and is now run by licensed physician Dr John Clement.

The clinic's profile was last raised in 2004 when the Ministry of Health ordered Dr Clement to stop engaging in what was alleged to be unauthorised stem cell research using cells that were being collected from umbilical cord blood of mothers giving birth at the Rand Memorial Hospital.

This has been a primary concern of the community, to bring relief to family members looking for their loved ones and to bring some dignity to the deceased.

The Interpol team was brought in by Caricom by activating a 2007 memorandum of understanding signed by Interpol and the Caricom Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS).

The memorandum of understanding was originally designed to support security efforts for the 2007 Cricket World Cup hosted by the region. It allows Caricom to call on Interpol to use services and skills not present, or sufficient, within the community in times of need.

Through the use of forensic photography, DNA technology, and other methods, the Interpol

Elisa Pyfrom dies age 51

MISS Elisa Pyfrom, 51, of Eleuthera, died in hospital in Aventura, Florida, Thursday night after a short illness.

Miss Pyfrom is the daughter of Mr Eugene Pyfrom and Mrs Barbara Pyfrom of Nassau.

Attorneys

"A lot of the delays lay at the feet of lawyers and clients ought to hold their lawyers accountable," he said.

Sir Michael said that many matters could be resolved amicably outside the court if lawyers talked to each other.

"Some things are obvious and some lawyers could agree — they know what the law is and what the rules require — and so there is no need sometimes to come to court," he said.

"A lot of time could also be saved if they prepare cases properly by putting in full submissions so judges can read them as opposed to hearing them run on and hearing points three or four times.

"I have told colleagues here that with a greater degree of cooperation and professionalism a lot of problems can be ameliorated if people did those things that they were trained to do," Sir Michael said.

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It is projected that The Bahamas may get up to three more Category 4 and 5 storms per decade.

Overall, Tom Knutson, a co-author of the study, said scientists project the net effect of the changes will be to increase property damage by thirty per cent, according to the Bloomberg news agency.

Climatologists have long projected that climate change will impact the number and intensity of hurricanes, with warmer water more favourable to hurricane formation.

A new modelling approach in this latest study is said to have allowed the authors to come to their more specific conclusions about the likely frequency and intensity of those extra hurricanes.

They say storms rated four

Severe storms

or five on commonly-used five-step Saffir-Simpson scale, with winds of at least 131 miles an hour, are projected to become more common in the second half of the century. Putting this in perspective, Hurricane Katrina, which wrought havoc on New Orleans in 2005, was a Category three hurricane.

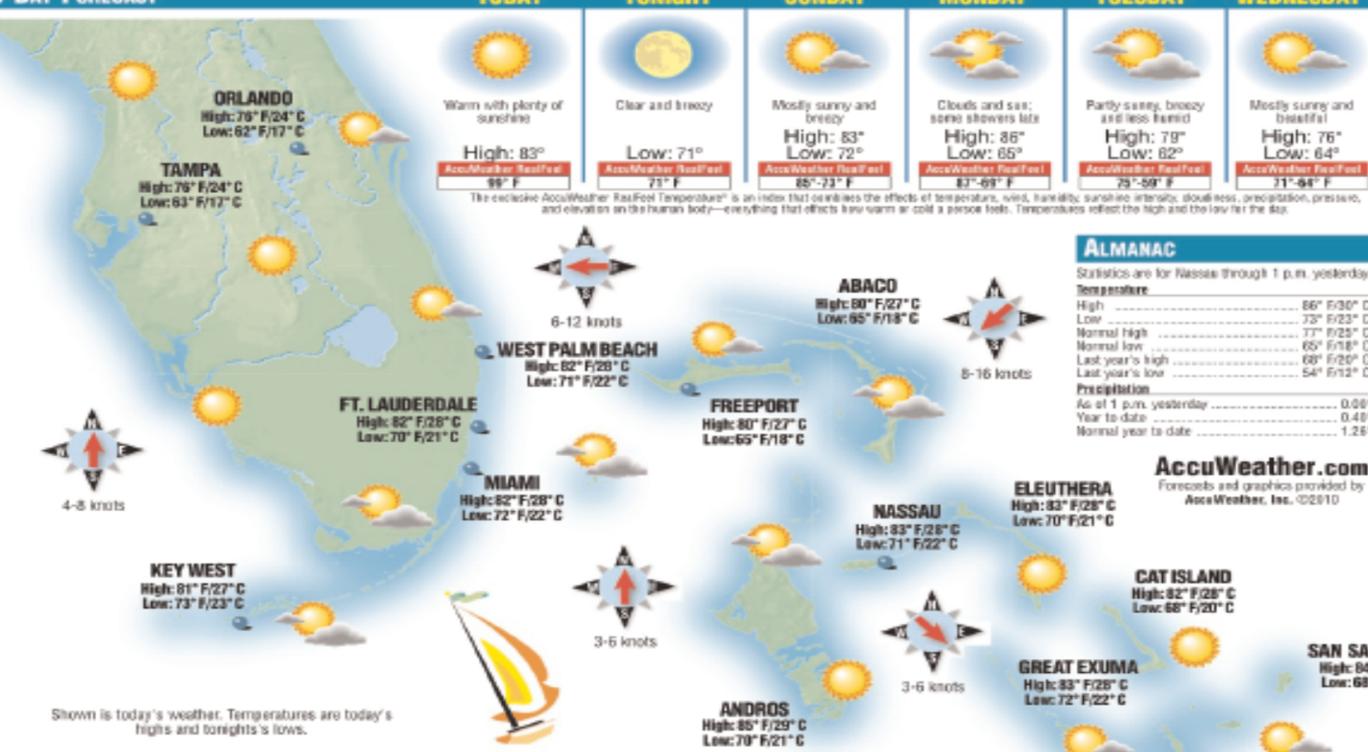
The research published shows that an area northeast of Cuba and east of Florida that includes The Bahamas could experience the greatest escalation.

The scientists conducting the study based their outcomes on the presumption that global warming will cause sea temperatures to rise by 1.7 celsius or 3.1 degrees fahrenheit in the next 80 years.

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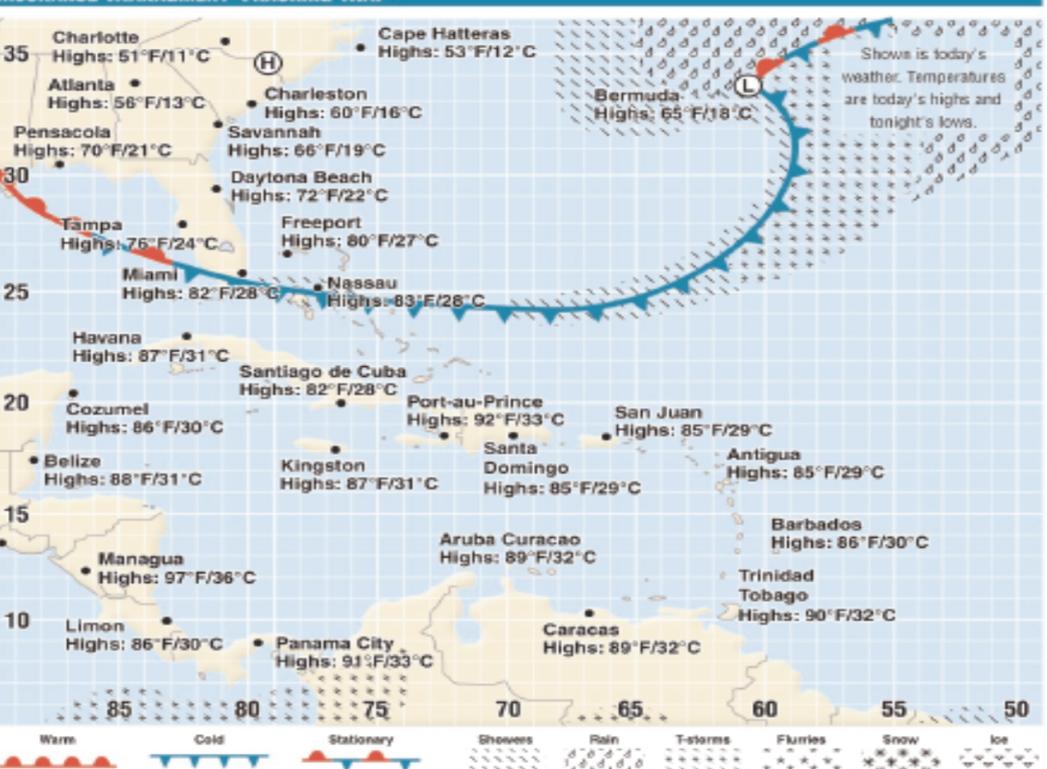
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