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# GET CAUGHT & WIN

# Five out of six to bid for Elizabeth

## Candidate ruled out because of personal cheque



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FIVE of the six expected parliamentary candidates successfully submitted their nominations yesterday for the Elizabeth by-election — but United Christian Love Revolution Movement hopeful Godfrey “Pro” Pinder missed out on the race.

Mr Pinder arrived just a minute before the nomination office at Thelma Gibson Primary School in Commonwealth Drive, Elizabeth Estates, closed at noon (see story, page 2).

The nomination office opened at 9am with the Free National Movement (FNM) being the first to submit the

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**FNM CANDIDATE** for next month's by-election race in the Elizabeth constituency shakes hands with Immigration Director Jack Thompson, who presided over the nomination process at Thelma Gibson Primary School.



**BAHAMAS DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT** Leader Cassius Stuart shakes hands with Immigration Director Jack Thompson after he nominated himself as a candidate for the Elizabeth by-election.



**WORKERS' PARTY CANDIDATE** Rodney Moncur nominates himself in the heated by-election race. Despite meagre campaign funding, he believes he will topple the political heavyweights.



**TAX ATTORNEY** Ryan Pinder, the PLP's candidate for the Elizabeth by-election, gives a wave after nominating as a candidate in the upcoming Elizabeth by-election race.



**GODFREY PINDER**, of the United Christian Love Revolution Movement, sits in disappointment after Director of Immigration Jack Thompson informed him that his nomination application for the by-election race was rejected.



**NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PARTY** candidate for the Elizabeth by-election Dr Andre Rollins (left) challenges Progressive Liberal Party hopeful for the area Ryan Pinder to a public debate.

### FNM Senator's daughter airlifted to hospital

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FREEPORT – The daughter of FNM Senator David Thompson was airlifted to Doctor's Hospital in New Providence after falling from the window of a three-story house early Friday morning.

Lawyer Destiny Thompson-Pinder sustained an injury to the

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### New initiative to help earthquake victims

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THE major Haitian association in the Bahamas is calling on the Bahamian public and international donors to support a new initiative aimed at getting cash directly into the hands of the most needy victims of the earthquake.

The United Association of Haitians and Bahamians in the Bahamas yes-

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### Police investigate armed robbery spree

POLICE are investigating a string of armed robberies that took place across the capital this week.

Ten separate robberies have been reported since Monday, all perpetrated by men armed with handguns, the latest taking place just after noon yesterday at the Oakes Field shopping centre parking

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### Ministry to keep mum on school controversy

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AS it seeks legal advice on the way forward, the Ministry of Education has said it will make “no further statements with respect to the details of the incidents” that led to the transfer of administrators in the Eleuthera school system.

The Ministry said it is

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# WHO CONTENDERS, WHO PRETENDERS?

## FNM's Duane Sands denies running 'dirty campaign'



By **TANEKA THOMPSON**  
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THE Free National Movement's candidate for the Elizabeth by-election race denied that his party is running a "dirty" campaign.

Dr Duane Sands said he wants to win "fairly and squarely" and will not engage in unscrupulous politics.

DR DUANE SANDS

"We have not run a dirty campaign, we have not imported votes into this constituency. We are following the law, we are going to run a very clean, above board campaign subject to scrutiny. And I can say that without fear of contradiction," he said yesterday, after officially nominating himself as the FNM's candidate for the race.

Workers' Party candidate Rodney Moncur has accused the FNM and PLP of offering jobs and drink to voters. Bahamas Democratic Movement leader Cassius Stuart has complained that supporters from the two major parties have told voters he has dropped out of the by-election.

But Dr Sands insisted his campaign has been run with integrity.

### Subterfuge

"There's not going to be any mud-slinging, there's not going to be any subterfuge. We're going to win this the old-fashioned way. We're going to earn the trust of the people," he said.

He also responded to claims that ineligible voters may have been imported to the area in an attempt to tip the ballot box.

"When (those allegations) are substantiated I can assure you that the Free National Movement will ensure that anybody who is not eligible to vote will not be, or should not be, allowed to vote. We have no interest in trying to win this thing any way other than fairly and squarely."

For the rest of his campaign he plans to continue meeting the people of Elizabeth, spreading his message and outlining his party's mandate. Chief among voter concerns are crime, unemployment, flooding, a lack of street signs, and cars speeding through their neighbourhoods - issues Dr Sands is prepared to address.

If he is successful in securing a victory in Elizabeth, Dr Sands admitted he will have to scale down his medical practice. Some have criticised the doctor, a heart specialist at the Princess Margaret Hospital, for turning his attention to politics instead of focusing on patients.

These criticisms "amuse" him, he said, adding that he wants to be a politician so he can better serve the Bahamian people.



BDM LEADER Cassius Stuart, along with a few supporters, walks to the by-election nomination room yesterday.

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LACKING the elaborate fanfare that accompanied candidates from the political juggernauts the PLP and FNM, four men from fledgling parties arrived at Thelma Gibson Primary School to be nominated in the upcoming by-election race.

But the day ended in disappointment for Godfrey "Pro" Pinder of the United Christian Love Revolution Movement, whose forms were rejected because he did not have the cash on hand to pay the \$400 application fee.

Mr Pinder arrived at the nomination site at 11.58am, two minutes before the nomination doors were set to close. He ran several yards towards the nomination room where he presented his application and supporting documents to Director of Immigration Jack Thompson, who presided over the process.

However, the man who described himself as "love in action" had to dash to his car after being told he did not have the required application fee. Just after noon, past the nomination deadline, Mr Pinder returned with his cheque book in hand. However his personal cheque was rejected by Jack Thompson who explained that under election rules only cash or a manager's cheque could be accepted.

The dejected lawyer declined interviews afterwards and walked quietly to his car. He would only say that he arrived late because he was handling a matter in court.

The remaining three hopefuls were confident that their platforms were enough to influence voters in the Elizabeth constituency to give less established political parties a chance.

The first to nominate was National



PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL PARTY candidate Ryan Pinder with his supporters.

PHOTOS: Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

## Political underdogs get ready to bare teeth

Development Party (NDP) chairman Dr Andre Rollins, who was elected as his party's candidate after a public debate and primary Wednesday night. He arrived at the Thelma Gibson Primary School at 10.30am with a contingent of around five supporters, carrying his \$400 nomination fee in a plastic bag filled with quarters.

In the opinion of the 34-year-old dentist, his zeal to serve his country makes him the best man to represent the area. A newcomer to politics - he founded the NDP in late 2008 - Dr Rollins hopes this passion will help him clinch the win in next month's election.

"I'm passionate, I got fire in my belly, I'm ready to let it release. Until you get serious you cannot continue to complain about your country and continue to do the same thing over and over again - that's insanity," he said.

The self-described "quiet storm", Bahamas Democratic Party leader Cassius Stuart, arrived at the nomination site with nearly a dozen subbuded supporters, who escorted him to the nomination room.

Afterwards, Mr Stuart declared himself the best choice for Elizabeth, considering

the novice political hopefuls fielded by the Free National Movement and the Progressive Liberal Party.

"We have been investing in this campaign for the last 10 years. People like the FNM candidate or the PLP candidate, they're newcomers. Nobody knows who they are and perhaps (they are) running on the party's ticket. I've been making sure that the Bahamian people realise I've been fighting for them."

He is confident that voters in Elizabeth are ready to break away from the two-party system after years of unsatisfactory political representation.

"We are on the precipice of change and people want something new, especially the residents of Elizabeth. They call me up and say 'Mr Stuart, they've treated us like dogs, we have no representation'. It is time for us to now take a new direction," he told reporters yesterday.

When asked what sets him apart from the other candidates, the by-election hopeful said he can help fix ailing government systems.

"What I'm offering is hope to all those broken systems so we can begin to fix our country bit by bit, making sure that we get rid of those leaders who are putting us in this quagmire."

Another hopeful is Rodney Moncur, of the Workers' Party, a vocal death penalty supporter. If he wins, he promised to set up an employment agency for out-of-work constituents.

"We have pledged to the voters of this constituency that based on our history of struggle that I'm the best candidate for the constituency. We will set up an employment agency, we will agitate for Crown land and we will provide the best kind of representation Elizabeth has ever had," he said.

## Young people and party founders show support for PLP candidate

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A LIVELY PLP campaign brought out dozens of young people and founding party members to escort Elizabeth by-election candidate Ryan Pinder to submit his nomination yesterday.

The first-time parliamentary candidate exuded confidence as he was paraded to the nomination office alongside the late Lynden Pindling's widow Lady Marguerite Pindling and party leader Perry Christie, flanked by a crowd of noisy supporters.

Mr Pinder claims to have personal ties with Elizabeth as his father Marvin Pinder represented much of the same area under the former constituency Malcolm Creek, and when chosen to represent the PLP following Malcolm Adderley's January 6 resignation, he adopted the slogan 'Right man, right time, right place'.

And Mr Christie said the saying sums up his chosen candidate as Mr Pinder represents the future of the party while he must also live up to standards set by his father.

He hopes the fresh opportunity Mr Pinder presents to the constituency will help the PLP regain the Elizabeth seat and forecast a general election win in 2012.

"We have to work very hard in order to give people an opportunity to overcome the Malcolm Adderley saga and see Ryan Pinder as a prototype for the future of leadership in this country," the party leader said.

"We are going to work very hard to overcome all of the neg-

**"The people are excited and the support is strong. Every event is bigger and better and I certainly think the momentum is going to go on until election day when we bring it home for the PLP."**

Ryan Pinder

atives that were left in place by the representation he gave or lack of representation he gave.

"We want to continue to demonstrate to the people of this constituency that we are the party of choice and that they should see in the PLP a party that has not only given them a good representative, but one that is with a good team and has a good message."

Mr Pinder said his campaign has consisted of meeting Elizabeth constituents, by going from door to door to talk to them about the issues he intends to address as their genuine representative.

And that challenges to winning the seat are simply in meeting every voter in the vast size of the area, while Mr Christie commented on the added complication of a large number of registered voters who are no longer living in the area.

Further challenges include winning over the 59 per cent of voters who are women, although it appeared yesterday that Mr Pinder had that under control.

Several young women shouted "We love you Ryan!" and reached out to touch him as he went into the nomination office at Thelma Gibson Primary School in Elizabeth Estates with his wife and children, and when they were confronted by opposition party members about their choice of candidate, one woman belted out: "We tryin' Ryan! We tryin' Ryan!".

Mr Pinder said he was humbled by the support and his campaign will continue to build right up until he wins the seat on February 16. "The people are excited and the support is strong," Mr Pinder said. "Every event is bigger and better and I certainly think the momentum is going to go on until election day when we bring it home for the PLP."

"We are campaigning hard. We are running an honest campaign, we don't mud-sling, we don't do personal attacks in the PLP, we run on the issues, we run on what's important Elizabeth and what's important to the Bahamas."

The parliamentary hopeful vowed to create a skills bank in the constituency and match the unemployed with jobs, while operating a small business platform to assist entrepreneurs and support small businesses.

"We're not looking for short-term fixes," Mr Pinder said. "What the constituents want is a long term sustainable economic plan where they can be empowered and they can own a piece of the economy and they can be business owners and employers rather than employees, that is what my platform is focused on and what my outline for the area is going to consist of."

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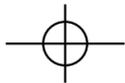
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NDP candidate Andre Rollins clashes with PLP supporters



DR ANDRE ROLLINS



RYAN PINDER

By TANEKA THOMPSON Tribune Staff Reporter



EMOTIONS ran high outside the by-election nomination room yesterday as a passionate nominee from the National Development Party (NDP) attempted to sway staunch Progressive Liberal Party supporters.

Dr Andre Rollins, of the newly formed NDP, was the first candidate from a fledgling party to arrive for nomination at the Thelma Gibson Primary School in Elizabeth Estates. He wore a simple blue T-shirt and jeans, instead of clothes bearing his party's logo, and proudly carried his nomination fee in a plastic bag filled with 1,600 quarters (\$400).

Around 10.20am, an eager Dr Rollins burst through a crowd of nearly 100 emotional PLP supporters who were escort-

ing Ryan Pinder to the nomination room.

Dr Rollins desperately tried to nominate himself before the PLP's candidate, screaming to the police officers guarding the door to let him in because, "The PLP is not ready! The PLP is not ready!"

However, Ryan Pinder was allowed to enter first with about two dozen of his followers.

Dr Rollins and a small group of NDP supporters were left to wait their turn outside along with a feisty crowd of pom-

pom waving PLPs, some who screamed "Ryan or nothin'!".

While he waited, the political newcomer said he planned to pay his fee in loose change as a statement on the economic hardship many Bahamians face today. "This is 1,600 quarters, \$400 dollars," said Dr Rollins. "If we get 1,600 votes we are very confident that we will win this by-election. Many Bahamians right now cannot afford \$400, we have persons today who may have paid (with) four blue Marlin bills. A lot of Bahamians can't find a blue Marlin now on land, let alone in the sea, and so what I'm saying is we as a people have to start to think about the small man."

The crowd was not stirred by Dr Rollins' speech.

One angry PLP supporter who said she recently lost her job, interjected exclaiming, "What you ga' do for me? What you ga' do for me? You come here showin' that bag o' money, that can't do

nothin' for nobody. Find me a job."

At one point Dr Rollins confronted the crowd, telling them he thought PLPs in the Elizabeth constituency had wanted PLP treasurer Craig Butler to represent them instead of Mr Pinder.

Mr Butler had previously indicated his interest to represent the constituency but lost in his bid to Mr Pinder who was elected by the PLP as their official nominee. "We heard that Lizzy wanted Butler. Why didn't the PLP allow the people of this constituency to choose for themselves who they want," Dr Rollins shouted. This question was answered with screams of "We tryin' Ryan! We tryin' Ryan! We tryin' Ryan!"

In the midst of this frenzy Dr Bernard Nottage, PLP MP for Bain and Grants Town, appeared and tried to calm the rowdy crowd. He asked the PLPs to quiet down several times before the crowd finally dispersed. The Elizabeth by-election is set for February, 16.

Photographers put focus on Haiti relief

By REUBEN SHEARER Tribune Features Reporter



OFFICERS of the Bahamas Professional Photographers and Videographers Association will be taking photos today at the Mall at Marathon for the Bahamas Red Cross' Haiti Relief Fund.

THE nation's top photographers are coming together for the first time in years to support a noble cause.

Members of the Bahamas Professional Photographers and Videographers Association (BPPVA) will be taking photos of the public to be sold as keepsakes at the centre court in the Mall at Marathon today from noon to 8pm. The proceeds will go to the Haiti relief efforts.

"The whole idea is to preserve the family and to rebuild Haiti," said Kemuel Stubbs, president of the BPPVA. "This would be a good time to encourage Bahamians to have photos of their loved ones so that going forward, they would have a record to keep.

It's the organisation's first project after a long hiatus. Mr Stubbs explained that they

came up with the idea of raising money for Haiti by helping Bahamians "record" memories of their loved ones, after seeing the aftermath of the earthquake on the news.

"I saw bodies being dumped in trucks for deposit in mass graves, and I remember the correspondent mentioning that no one was being documented," said Mr Stubbs. "So I thought about our association going down to Haiti and photographing the persons who got killed."

He said the identification of the dead is important if those who survive are to find closure.

Mr Stubbs was therefore relieved when he learned that CARICOM had dispatched a forensic team from the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) to Haiti this

week to assist with the identification of Haitians killed in the earthquake.

On hand at today's event will be photographer Keith Dawkins, Portia King, Fabian Whymms and Craig Adderley, as well as Antoine Ferrier, a well-known Haitian portrait photographer.

The photos will be offered at low prices, packages starting at \$5 for a 4x7; \$10 for a 5x7; \$20 for an 8x10, and will be printed on the spot.

Grocery items will also be accepted in exchange for the photos, but Mr Stubbs said receipts must be included as proof of purchase.

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Bahamians thanked for Haiti quake response

THE Embassy of Haiti in the Bahamas yesterday released a statement "sincerely" thanking the Bahamian people and the government for their prompt reaction in assisting the victims of the January 12 earthquake which practically destroyed Port-au-Prince and its outskirts as well as other cities such as Léogane, Petit-Goave and Jacmel.

"Thanks are especially addressed to governmental and non-governmental organisations, diplomatic and consular missions, religious, banking and non-profit institutions, civil organisations, health professionals and different clubs and groups of volunteers who worked together to aid Haiti in

this very difficult and trying time," the embassy said.

The Embassy also emphasised the efforts made by the Bahamian media immediately after the

earthquake to inform the public in general and in particular the Haitian community.

"For this, we would like to thank them as well."

"The Embassy would like, on behalf of the Haitian people and government, to express its gratitude to all those who, in one way or another, have fully and without any personal interest, devoted themselves to the process of Haiti's recovery. To the Haitian community living in the Bahamas: "Anbasad la di kenbe fò pa lage (the Embassy says, stay strong, don't give up)."

"All said and done, the Embassy would like to point out that it has noted with satisfaction the solidarity of the Bahamian people toward its Haitian brothers and sisters, a solidarity which is marked with compassion and generosity. For this, the Embassy would like to say thank you, thank you very much."

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# Response to Larry Smith's 'renewable energy' article

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Reference is made to the recent article (Tough Call by Larry Smith) under the heading — "Fossil fuel projects and renewable energy".

The decision, which has already been taken and conveyed to the writer, that automotive diesel oil (ADO) and not Bunker 'C' will be burnt at the Wilson City plant might well have been lost to most readers because of the extensive references in the article to heavy fuel oil. The article also makes reference to various other matters, some of which in the Corporation's view, need to be clarified. In this regard, the following should be noted:

1) While a significant quantity of the electricity consumed by residents at Little Harbour, a community in the vicinity of Winding Bay, may indeed come from solar power, some electricity is still produced by diesel generators. For many years power was provided to the community by one of the residents who had a diesel generator, via underground cables and power transformers, a supply network which no doubt still exists. Similar installations could be found in practically every community of the Bahamas prior to BEC establishing its numerous power plants making a 24/7 electricity service, with all associated modern conveniences, available to 99 per cent of the population in our island nation.

2) The use of solar power at Little Harbour is commendable. BEC encourages others who can afford it to follow suit. The average customer, however, cannot afford such a luxury. The cost to produce power by solar is more expensive than producing power by the conventional means BEC presently uses.

3) The article notes that air conditioning is not used. This comfort is presumably reluctantly being given up by the residents as use of air conditioning would require more than doubling the number of solar panels and storage batteries at significantly increased cost. Also, a number of the residents do not stay at the homes full time, presumably and perhaps understandably visiting at cooler times of the year.

4) In addition to the initial capital cost, maintenance and

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replacement cost for storage batteries to provide electricity when the sun sets, the environmental impact associated with disposal of the batteries at the end of their useful life must not be overlooked.

5) Bunker 'C' (heavy fuel oil) is used in both first world and developing countries. It is used on every continent. Prior to the expansion of liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals in North America, about nine per cent of electricity consumed in North America was produced by burning heavy fuel oil. LNG, (another fuel which environmental groups in the Bahamas appear to object to) has displaced a large percentage of the heavy fuel oil that was being burnt in North America. Nevertheless, today, approximately three per cent of the electricity consumed in North America is still produced from burning heavy fuel oil.

6) Heavy fuel oil has been used for ages without negative impact to those involved in its use or to those in the immediate and general environs of its use. It can be safely used. More than 90 per cent of the shipping in the world – cruise ships, cargo ships, container vessels, etc – which call at every conceivable port in the world, burn heavy fuel oil.

7) The article refers to heavy fuel oil as a "carcinogenic residue". This statement is very misleading and regrettable. Heavy fuel oil, similar to many products used in households on a daily basis, is safe when used properly. Therefore, to suggest health concerns due to the use of heavy fuel oil in power plants is not correct nor is the proper context being used. While ingestion is ill advised, the same can be said for many other household products.

8) Plans for the construction of the power plant in Wilson City were announced more than a year prior to any construction activity commencing. Abaconians were

used for the land clearing, surveying, and construction of the power lines amongst other things.

9) Prior to clearing of any land for the Wilson City Project, and after Friends of the Environment objected to the Snake Cay site, Friends of the Environment accompanied BEC's representative to view the suitability of the Wilson City site. No objection was raised.

10) Air monitors have been installed at the Wilson City site and the surrounding areas. Data on emissions will be independently monitored and various stakeholders will be afforded access to the data.

11) Development of power plants, whether fueled by conventional means or using renewable sources, will impact the environment in some way. The key is to balance development with the sustainability of and care for the environment. Regrettably, a "not in my back yard" syndrome appears to be engulfing communities worldwide resulting in objection to construction of power plants generally, whether fueled by conventional or renewable sources.

12) BEC is committed to the sustainability of the environment.

13) BEC is pursuing the use of renewable energy on a utility scale. However, it should be noted that at present, production of power by renewable energy is more costly than by conventional means.

14) BEC will continue to promote conservation and other related measures to limit the use of fossil fuels where possible.

15) Mistakes were made at Clifton Pier in the past and many lessons were learned from the mistakes and challenges. Clifton Pier is presently undergoing a transformation. There is now great concern for the sustainability of the environment and significant effort is being put into ensuring achievement of that goal.

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## Can another speech change Washington?

WHAT happens next?

As pundits parse the words of President Obama's first State of the Union address to determine whether he got back his groove, I'm concerned more with whether what follows will give the country back its swagger.

Mr. Obama's ability to deliver a good speech never has been in question. What's in doubt is whether he and Congress finally can deliver the goods.

The president said that he's "never been more hopeful about America's future."

I have never been more hopeless about America's government.

In what should have been called the State of the Dis-Union address, Mr. Obama said, "In this new decade, it's time the American people get a government that matches their decency; that embodies their strength."

That was true in the last decade, too. So I don't share the president's optimism that his audience in the House chamber Wednesday night will give up the "same tired battles that have dominated Washington for decades" and "try something new."

As the president noted, it's an election year. That means we are in for even more of the nonsense we've witnessed on Capitol Hill for the past 12 months.

It means Congress will not meet the president's challenge to "invest in our people without leaving them a mountain of debt." And Congress will ignore the admonitions Mr. Obama expressed when he said: "Let's meet our responsibility to the citizens who sent us here. Let's try common sense."

Once again, sense isn't always common. Though Republicans boisterously applauded the president when he insisted that jobs would be this year's top priority, don't expect any more cooperation on this issue than we saw on health care reform.

The GOP already has complained that the \$30 billion in repaid Troubled Asset Relief Programme money that Mr. Obama wants to use to create jobs should be used to reduce the deficit. So the deficit that didn't matter to the many Republicans who in 2008 voted to spend that money to bail out Wall Street is now a paramount concern when it comes to bailing

out Main Street. Surprised?

It would be nice if both parties moved past their dysfunction, as Mr. Obama challenged them to do: "To Democrats, I would remind you that we still have the largest majority in decades, and the people expect us to solve some problems, not run for the hills."

It was good to see Mr. Obama finally standing up to his party. But for all their lofty goals and ideals, the Scaredycrats can't get out of their own way. Look for their dust as they head for those hills.

"And if the Republican leadership is going to insist that 60 votes in the Senate are required to do any business at all in this town, then the responsibility to govern is now yours as well," the president said. "Just saying no to everything may be good short-term politics, but it's not leadership. We were sent here to serve our citizens, not our ambitions."

Strong words from a president who's often been short on leadership. Too bad they won't mean much.

A telling moment of what's to come in Washington came when Mr. Obama comments about the tax cuts his administration has given to first-time home buyers and small businesses failed to elicit praise from the stone-faced Republicans in the chamber.

"I thought," Mr. Obama joked, "that I'd get applause on that one."

A red-faced John Boehner, the House minority leader, barely could hide his contempt behind the feigned smile he gave the president in response.

Why would the Party of No suddenly become the Party of Yes now that they can filibuster because of Scott Brown's election to the Senate? The idea that the GOP actually might change is a nice thought, though.

It also would be nice to believe that an hour-plus-long speech that promised everything but the moon really could bring about change. But we've heard such speeches before. Still, I'd love for Mr. Obama and Congress to prove me wrong.

(This article was written by Rhonda Swan of c.2010 Cox Newspapers).

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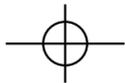
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AIRPORT AUTHORITY SECURITY STAFF CONCERNS

Aviation Minister 'moved immediately to have worker complaints investigated'

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VINCENT VANDERPOOL-WALLACE

After receiving notice of security staff complaints at the Airport Authority, Tourism and Aviation Minister Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace moved to have permanent secretary, Hyacinth Pratt, immediately investigate the matter.

The minister was responding to a request from security workers for a high level intervention from Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham at the Lynden Pindling International Airport in view of complaints about the conduct of management.

Airport Authority chairman Frank Watson disputes the statement that workers have submitted complaints to the various chains of command. He said he has no knowledge that workers are dissatisfied with the performance of Security Director Osbourne Ferguson as he has had no complaints.

"I think the workers are just being required to do their jobs and they are resisting, finding excuses why they should not do their jobs. Every day we are working at enhancing productivity by way of supervision and direction and training," said Mr Watson.

Minister Vanderpool-Wallace said he had no immediate plans to hold meetings with staff members himself, but he considered it important for the issues to be verified and

addressed quickly to ensure maximum worker satisfaction and productivity.

"Based on our investigation there is cause for concern. The management are fully aware of what those concerns are. In the first instance, it is important for managers to manage. The Ministry of Tourism and Aviation won't be getting involved directly until and unless it is necessary," said Mr Vanderpool-Wallace.

Some of the concerns identified by the minister include outstanding over-time payments, poor inter-personal communication and concerns about the working environment. He said some of the claims when isolated appear minor, but taken as a whole could create a major problem.

"Tell them come to me. I am not aware of the complaints. I had the general manager (Jerry Hutchinson) call the (the Bahamas Public Service Union President, John Pinder) today and they could not come up with anything of substance. If

they do not want to work they can go home. There are plenty of people that are looking for work these days. We are happy to hire new people," said Mr Watson.

Workers interviewed by The Tribune Wednesday said they were ready to take industrial action over complaints ranging from salary-related issues to nepotism. They claim to be on the breaking point, based on a number of "internal scandals" since the New Year, along with some long-standing issues.

"We have had meetings to ask questions in reference to our concerns, to find out how they are going to be rectified, but management turns a deaf ear to everyone. We have had people suspended and terminated without proper warning or evidence," said one security officer, who was unwilling to risk being victimised by disclosing her name.

"We are appealing now to the prime minister to come down and do a walk about with the minister of aviation. We have never seen any of them come down to interact with the staff. The staff would be able to further voice their concerns because we have gone through the chain of command with our immediate supervisors, their managers, the general manager, the union and recently the chairman, and still we are not going to get any resolution, because this has been going on for the past three years," she said.

Mr Watson said the security division had been improving over the past few months with respect to indiscipline amongst the workers. He said there are still "some bad apples" that are not performing as well as they should. He said security staff work on three shifts and before each change of shift they have a meeting. "There is more than ample time for the staff to express their concerns. We bend over backwards to try to meet their needs," he said.

Minister Vanderpool-Wallace said the supervisory management in the security division and the general management of the Airport Authority have already mobilised to conduct meetings with individual staff members and groups to try to resolve the issues.

"They have told us they are walking around now and gathering a great deal more of the information. Without a doubt it is safe to say we are monitoring the situation very closely," he said.

When asked to verify what actions have been taken by the management, Mr Watson said he would not contradict the minister. "No complaint has been laid before me as far as I am aware that has not been dealt with. We have no outstanding complaints. A few staff members did come to me with complaints, some are things we could address, some are things in progress that would be dealt with in an appropriate time," said Mr Watson.

THE COURT OF APPEAL

Constitutionality of the Bahamas' Listening Devices Act is affirmed

Court dismisses appeal of men wanted for extradition to US

THE Court of Appeal on Thursday affirmed the constitutionality of the Bahamas' Listening Devices Act and dismissed the appeal of several men wanted for extradition to the United States.

Alleged drug lord Melvin Maycock Sr, Melvin Maycock Jr, Lynden Dean, Bryan Deal, Tory Lockhart, Laron Lockhart, Wilfred Ferguson, Carl Culmer, Derek Rigby, Trevor Roberts Devroy Moss, Sheldon Moore, Shanto Curry and Gordon Newbold, who are on bail, are all wanted for extradition to the United States.

US federal prosecutors requested the men's extradition in June 2004, alleging they were a part of a multinational drug gang.

The evidence on which US prosecutors are relying in support of requests for their extradition was gathered through phone taps. Attorneys for the men, however, challenged the constitutionality of the Listening Devices Act.

The Act gives the Commissioner of Police the power to authorise the conduct of wiretaps where there is a reasonable suspicion that an offence will be committed.

Attorney Maurice Grinton, who first filed the constitutional challenge in 2006 and was one of the lead attorneys in the hearing, had contended that the law does not meet constitutional requirements and that the Act authorises the use of a power to invade the privacy of an individual.

He also held that the extent of that power should properly be vested in the courts themselves so that if it is to be executed by any person who is not a judge it can only be under the judge's supervision.

A judgment handed down by Court of Appeal President Dame Joan Sawyer on Thursday dismissed the appeals. The court also ordered that their extradition case proceed. The extradition proceedings had been halted because of the constitutional challenge.

Assistant deputy director of prosecutions Franklyn Williams argued the case for the Attorney General's Office and was assisted by Basil Cumberbatch.

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- Open your eyes.

Harl Taylor murder case retrial set for July 12

THE retrial of Troyniko McNeil who is accused of the murder of internationally known handbag designer Harl Taylor has been set for July 12.

McNeil, 23, who is on \$30,000 bail, appeared before Senior Supreme Court Justice Jon Isaacs on Wednesday for the fixture hearing.

Last July, McNeil's three-week-long trial before Senior Justice Anita Allen ended in a hung jury.

McNeil is accused of causing 37-year-old Mr Taylor's death between Saturday, November 17, and Sunday, November 18,



Troyniko McNeil

2008, while being concerned with another.

The handbag designer was found dead in his bedroom at

Mountbatten House on West Hill Street with multiple stab wounds. A broken knife was found on his bed.

During his first trial, McNeil pleaded not guilty to the murder charge and denied any involvement in Mr Taylor's death.

Prosecutor Olivia Nixon said that the Crown is prepared to proceed with the retrial on July 12.

McNeil's attorney Murrio Ducille said that he agreed to have another matter set for that date rescheduled.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Aquapure donates water to Haiti relief



**AQUAPURE** has donated 1,000 cases of purified drinking water to the Haiti Relief effort.

KLG Investments Ltd - Aquapure - has donated 1,000 cases of purified drinking water to the Haiti Relief effort through the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church (BMC).

Six thousand gallons of drinking water will be transported on Sunday aboard a vessel chartered to take vital supplies to the stricken nation.

Because of the weight of water, very limited quantities can be flown in, although Aquapure had sent in 200 last week by air through the joint effort of the BMC and the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas.

## Additional

In conjunction with its raw material suppliers, Aquapure is setting up a special price for an additional 10,000 cases of water to be sold to charities and other civic organisations involved with the relief effort in Haiti.

"To help with this terrible tragedy, we were able to get our bottle supplier and our box supplier to offer their products to us at a cost price for this effort and Aquapure will fill and pack the cases at no charge" said Alex Knowles, managing director of KLG Investments Ltd.

"Aquapure has always done its part in helping the local community, but this situation in Haiti is so immense that it commands a joint effort by all who are willing to lend a helping hand," he said.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Assistant Police Commissioner speech

# Safety measures under way in Freeport - police chief

### Immediate changes reportedly being made to boost crime fight

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FREEPORT - Assistant Commissioner of Police Quinn McCartney addressed members of the Freeport business community on Wednesday, assuring them that "immediate changes" are underway to ensure a safer environment in Grand Bahama.

While speaking at the Chamber of Commerce's monthly meeting, Mr McCartney said that significant changes have been made and will continue to be made to strengthen the team here.

He noted that promotions were made at the senior level of the police force in Grand Bahama - "perhaps the largest single senior promotions in the history of the Grand Bahama district."

Three assistant superintendents were promoted to the rank of superintendent and four chief inspectors and inspectors have been promoted to the rank of assistant superintendent.

"This is indeed a significant promotion exercise at the senior level for Grand Bahama," he said.

In addition to these promotions, ACP

McCartney noted that seven senior officers from New Providence and the Family Islands will be transferred to take up positions here on February 8.

The additional senior officers, he said, will supplement the recently promoted to ensure that every major division has a superintendent at the helm, supported by an assistant superintendent and inspectors.

## Leadership

"These moves are being made in the force throughout the Bahamas to put in place divisional executive committees that will be charged with providing strong and effective leadership of the area over which they have responsibility," he explained.

He also announced the reopening of the Bazaar Police Station, and the commencement of a 24-hour operation at the High Rock Police Station.

Mr McCartney said that a new era in the Royal Bahamas Police Force was ushered in on January 4 when significant changes took place in the command structure of the police force.

"There is no doubt that crime and the

fear of crime are the most topical issues on the minds of residents, and so the expectation is that this new executive management team, and the officers we command, will do much in a short period of time to reverse the negative trends that we have witnessed in our country for the past decade or two."

"Let me warn you, however, that the state that this country now finds itself in did not happen overnight, and therefore it cannot be fixed overnight," he said.

Mr McCartney said the Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade is expected to announce his policing plan for 2010 soon.

He stressed that there is need for greater partnerships to be established between the police, members of the community, corporate Bahamas, government agencies and NGOs.

"It is impossible for just over 3,000 police officers to police an archipelago like the Bahamas that comprises of approximately 320,000 citizens and residents, and that welcomes to its shores in excess of four million visitors each year."

Mr McCartney said everyone must play their part in making the Bahamas a safe place to live, work, and visit.

# NIB staff receive detailed briefing on National Prescription Drug Plan

TOP managers and customer service staff of the National Insurance Board (NIB) received a detailed briefing this week on the National Prescription Drug Plan (NPDP) which is expected to be launched by April 2010.

Dr Stanley Lalta, project manager for NPDP, told NIB staff that one in three Bahamians or one person in every household is affected by chronic diseases which adversely impact quality of life, productivity and personal finances.

He added that one of the major constraints people with chronic diseases encounter is inadequate access to their prescription drugs either because of long waiting lines and unavailability in the public sector or the cost of drugs in the private sector.

According to Dr Lalta the NPDP is focused on both treatment and prevention.

In the treatment component it seeks to enhance access to



**NPDP OVERVIEW:** Dr. Stanley Lalta, project manager, and Tami Francis, manager for the National Prescription Drug Plan brief NIB staff.

drugs in the public and private pharmacies while reducing the financial burden of prescription costs for persons with chronic diseases.

"Better access means that you can get the drugs on time

when you need them in the right quantity at a limited cost to you which means that you can be more compliant in seeking and using medication and that hopefully should have the beneficial impact we're looking for," Dr Lalta said.

The first phase of the plan will provide prescription drugs from an approved list free of charge to members.

This will cover approximately 30,000 to 35,000 persons including NIB pensioners, NIB invalids and children under 18 years of age or under 25 years if in full time education.

In order to be eligible for membership in the plan these persons must be diagnosed by a licensed physician with one or more chronic diseases including arthritis, asthma, breast cancer, diabetes, glaucoma, high cholesterol, hypertension,

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*Dr. Stanley Lalta*

ischaemic heart disease, major depression, prostate cancer and psychosis.

Tami Francis, manager of NPDP, said both public and private pharmacies will be contracted to provide drugs approved by the NPDP.

Registered members of the plan will receive a swipe card from the NPDP which they must present to any participating pharmacy at the time of filling/claiming their prescription.

Mrs Francis said all NIB departments will be needed to successfully implement the plan.

"The next steps for implementation of the plan are completing our regulations, implementing an IT system that is currently underway, recruitment and training staff that is now in progress, contracting pharmacies and conducting public outreach," she said.

## FREEPORT MAGISTRATE'S COURT

# Man charged with firearm and ammunition possession

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FREEPORT - A man was arraigned on firearm and ammunition possession charges in the Freeport Magistrate's Court on Thursday. Brandon Forbes, 28, of Adventurer's Way, appeared before Magistrate Andrew Forbes in Court Two, where he was charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition.

It is alleged that on January 26, the accused was found in possession of a firearm and ammunition at a residence in Freeport. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Forbes was represented by Carlson Shurland. He was denied bail and remanded to Fox Hill Prison until June 17 for trial.

In other court matters, a 22-year-old man was charged with housebreaking and stealing.

Ashley Moss, a resident of Coral Reef Estates, appeared before Magistrate Andrew Forbes.

It is alleged that on January 26, the accused broke into a residence in Freeport and stole several items.

Moss pleaded not guilty to the charges. He was granted \$10,000 bail and the matter was adjourned to May 17 for trial.

Three men were also charged in separate housebreaking incidents that occurred in the Eastern District.

Michael Saunders, 29, of Freeport, was charged with one count of housebreaking that occurred in January. He pleaded not guilty and was granted \$3,000 bail.

Alphonso Alfred Bethel, 19, of Freeport, pleaded not guilty to two counts of housebreaking that occurred in January. He was remanded to Fox Hill Prison until his trial later this year.

A 16-year-old juvenile was arraigned on one count of housebreaking. He pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was remanded to the Simpson Penn School for Boys in New Providence until his April 13 trial.

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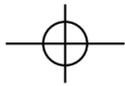
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LOCAL NEWS

# New move to help quake victims

## Public and international donors urged to support move

FROM page one

terday announced the launch of its "Haiti Direct Aid Program" through which they hope to remit millions of dollars to Haitians now and into the future to help fund immediate and long term needs, including financing micro-loans to business people who may have lost their means of making a living as a result of the catastrophic natural disaster.

The programme, announced by UAHB President Antoine St Louis and UAHB member Robert Dieudonne at a press conference held by UAHB at Lamour Hall on East Street yesterday, is a partnership between UAHB, the Haitian Pastors Association in the Bahamas, the Haitian Bahamian Development Centre and various other organisations and individuals.

"There are a lot of organisations doing a lot of work but notwithstanding all the millions being raised for medical supplies, millions for infrastructure rebuilding, we know there are some corners and some crevices that we can reach with our associations and affiliations that these mainstream organisations will not reach," said Robert Dieudonne, of UAHB.

"This programme was encouraged by the people who are making the statement 'I would like my money to reach those in Haiti who are most affected.' That is basically what brought birth to the idea of the programme. To reach people more directly than some conventional programmes that are in place."

"It is called Haiti Direct Aid and it is just that. We have deployed a task force in Haiti and we will continue to have persons go down who will seek to foster relationships with existing organisations, secular and churches, in determining the need of individuals.

"They are compiling a list of names of persons in Haiti, victims of the earthquake, and we would then remit monies directly to these individuals. These monies will be collected here from the various churches, organisations and individuals and from international persons who have pledged," said Mr Dieudonne. Identifying some of the advantages of having cash at hand, Mr Dieudonne outlined how immediate access to funds would assist those who are at present forced to "queue for hours" for one meal and a bottle of water to be able to buy food that can feed their family for a more substantial period of time.

Meanwhile, cash will assist Haitians who may be trying to relocate from Port au Prince to rural provincial

areas, where they often have friends or family who can help them and provide shelter.

"For most Haitians that's where they came from. It's like if something happened in Nassau, people would go back to Eleuthera, Abaco, Andros, etc. That's what they've been doing. It's also easier for them to get treatment at the hospitals in the provinces," said UAHB President Antoine St Louis.

According to the UAHB, hundreds of thousands of Haitians have already fled from Port au Prince to Cape Haitien and Port de Paix alone and facilitating this relocation is a major goal of the "Haiti's Direct Aid Program"

Mr Dieudonne added: "There is a question of what can cash do, or where will they buy goods from. I have been down to Haiti, I have seen the small merchants setting up, I have seen the snack-food stalls set up, I know the reality of Haiti and those who've visited Haiti know that the small business society is a big business.

"We know that its more important for a father not to stand in line for two and a half hours waiting on one plate of food and a bottle of water if he can spend \$10 US dollars and buy food and water for his family for a day.

"It's more important for a lady to be able to get on a bus and pay \$20 US dollars and get into a province rather than wait and hope to get on a bus and sleep on the streets for a few days because she had no access to cash. Cash is essential at this time."

In the medium term, through the fund UAHB plans to make available a small loan facility whereby Haitians who lost their businesses or means of making a living in the earthquake can get access to seed funds of between \$1000 or \$2000 to set up new businesses or re-start an old one.

"The entire downtown market was destroyed, those people will need at a minimum micro-loans to help begin to re-organise themselves," said Mr Dieudonne.

He admitted that there are "grey areas" which will be addressed in terms of how UAHB can ensure the money is reaching those most in need and being used appropriately.

"There are areas of concern about who qualifies for the aid, how do we know it will reach the person, and we understand there is nothing that is fool proof. However we will base our programme on the integrity of the persons sitting before you (several Haitian Bahamian pastors, part of UAHB), their ability to go down there their affiliation with the churches in Haiti. There are churches in Haiti that are affiliated with churches belonging to the

Christian Council. We will continue to consult with them and have their affiliate churches submit names to us," said Mr Dieudonne.

Mr Dieudonne said he is hopeful that even after the current media focus on Haiti fades, UAHB will be able to garner support for its programme to continue helping to rebuild Haiti.

"It will lose media appeal but in our hearts and the minds of those who have a heart for Haiti we hope that once the project is properly

launched and we can display that what we are doing is effective we think we can get a lot of corporate partners to buy into it."

The two to five million dollar goal is one that it expects can be reached over a number of years with the assistance of corporate and international donors, as well as individuals in The Bahamas.

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1.49	1.03	AML Foods Limited	1.12	1.12	0.00	0.283	0.000	4.0	0.00%		
10.75	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	10.74	10.74	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%		
7.00	5.50	Bank of Bahamas	5.75	5.75	0.00	0.244	0.260	23.6	4.52%		
0.63	0.63	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.168	0.090	18.8	2.86%		
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00	0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%		
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1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022				
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00	7%	30 May 2013				
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015				
Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	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			
1.4387	1.3535	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4387	6.30	6.30						31-Dec-09
2.8869	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8869	-1.81	-1.81						31-Dec-09
1.5101	1.4356	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5101	0.17	5.18						15-Jan-10
3.3201	2.9343	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.1168	-7.94	-7.94						31-Dec-09
13.2400	12.6816	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.2400	4.93	5.90						31-Oct-09
103.9873	93.1999	CFAL Global Bond Fund	103.9873	3.41	3.41						31-Dec-09
101.7254	96.4070	CFAL Global Equity Fund	101.7254	5.52	5.52						31-Dec-09
1.0898	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0898	5.22	5.22						9-Dec-09
1.0680	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0680	3.39	3.39						9-Dec-09
1.0907	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0907	5.15	5.15						9-Dec-09
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LOCAL NEWS

# Money Problems! Are cruise ships sucking us dry?

BY PIERRE VL DUPUCH



THE question is often asked why Bay Street has become a honky-tonk town, selling rip-offs and T-shirts. The simple answer is that there is no business and without business any area becomes a ghost town.

But the cruise ship passengers seem to be increasing; hell, we just spent \$50 million making a deeper harbour to accommodate the biggest cruise ship in the world. For the past 30 years, the Government has been playing the numbers game. They have been impressed with quantity not quality of the tourists who come here.

The "spin doctors" say that cruise ship passenger spending has gone up. This

may very well be true. What they fail to tell you is that if two tourists, sitting in a ten-foot boat in the middle of the harbour exchange a tooth pick for a dollar that's considered "spending" in The Bahamas. Never mind that that money never gets ashore here and really benefits nobody in The Bahamas, it is still considered "spending" in The Bahamas.

And so all money spent on a cruise ship as soon as it

enters Bahamian waters, is considered "money spent in The Bahamas." The fact is this money cannot be considered "Bahamian revenue," it is simply "money spent in The Bahamas."

Why should this matter? After all, the cruise ship pays dockage fees to The Bahamas Government. But what about the goods sold on board the ship in direct competition to the Bahamian business on land? The cruise ship sails into town,

pays no freight and duty on the goods they display and sell in their stores; they pay no real property tax; they pay no business license fee and they have a captive market.

The land based business, on the other hand, pays freight and import duties on all goods they sell; they pay a business license fee and they pay real property tax. And to add insult to injury, they must pay cruise directors (I think they now call themselves an association), a fee...sometimes as high as \$300,000 for passengers to buy anything from them.

All this added up goes to the item cost of the goods sold by the land based operation to tourists from the cruise ship. Common sense

dictates that the goods sold on land must be higher than those sold on the boat. In other words, if the cruise ship line buys a T-shirt from a supplier and the land based store buys the identical T-shirt from the same supplier, the cruise ship can sell it cheaper to the tourist. So why buy on land? True, both sales would be considered "money spent in The Bahamas" but only the sale made by the land based shop could be considered "Bahamian Revenue."

Is there a simpler explanation for Bay Street going broke? There's plenty money being "spent" here but The Bahamas is not benefitting from it.

Some cruise lines go even further. Local tour opera-

tors must book all their tours through the cruise line, which in turn inflates the price to the tourist.

I am told they refuse to deal with tour operators who use the Internet to book the potential customer. And we wonder what is happening to the local tour operators?

This takes no rocket scientist to figure out. It's plain for the town idiot to see.

Why doesn't the Government take action? Is there a plan?

And could that plan be possibly tied up with the newly created creature called the Downtown Nassau Partnership?

Stay tuned. There's a lot more to come.

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nomination papers for their candidate, Dr Duane Sands, flanked by his brother Robert "Sandy" Sands, vice president of external affairs for Baha Mar, and government ministers Earl Deveaux, Tommy Turnquest and Dion Foulkes as well as FNM party chairman Carl Bethel. A throng of supporters dressed in bright red FNM t-shirts gathered at the Believers Gospel Chapel on Prince Charles Drive where they danced to music blasting from a nearby party truck decorated with giant posters of Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and red, white and blue flags.

They walked in procession before the truck and were the first party to submit their candidate's nomination papers shortly after 10am.

As they left the building, the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) supporters had gathered outside, more than 100 people wearing yellow PLP t-shirts and waving pom-poms danced to the music blaring from loudspeakers on two trucks parked outside the school gates.

The supporters rushed into the school with candidate Ryan

# Five out of six to bid for Elizabeth



RULED OUT: GODFREY PINDER

Pinder, who was accompanied by his wife and children, his mother and father, former Malcolm Creek MP Marvin Pinder, and party leader Perry Christie, chairman Bradley Roberts and MPs Brave Davis and Shane Gibson.

As Mr Thompson presented him with a receipt for the \$400 fee and nomination forms with a list of five people in the constituency who had nominated him, Mr Pinder jumped up from the table and raised his arm in the air. The crowd of around two dozen supporters in the room cheered as he

hugged and kissed his wife, mother and daughter, before giving the peace sign to the cameras and quickly changing it to the PLP "OK" hand signal.

## Cheering

Mr Pinder was greeted by a cheering crowd in the school courtyard and National Development Party (NDP) candidate Andre Rollins — who had been waiting to submit his nomination before the PLP went in — asked Mr Pinder if he would engage in a live debate. Mr Pinder backed away qui-

etly without answering the NDP candidate, who walked into the nomination room with a plastic bag containing 1,600 quarters — his nomination fee — which Dr Rollins said represented the 1,600 votes he needs to win the seat.

The fourth candidate to nominate was Bahamas Democratic Movement leader Cassius Stuart who kept his entrance low-key with just 10 supporters wearing purple party t-shirts and calling for change.

Rodney Moncur from the Workers' Party was the final candidate to successfully sub-

mit his nomination at around 11am with six supporters at his side. Mr Moncur, sporting sunglasses and a suit, gave a speech outside the school gates slamming the FNM and PLP, and arguing how he is the right man to represent the people of Elizabeth as an activist and supporter of capital punishment.

United Christian Love Revolution Movement leader Godfrey "Pro" Pinder pulled into the school parking lot at 11.59am, and after asking *Tribune* reporters for directions to the nomination office ran to submit his nomination before

the office closed at noon.

Although Mr Thompson kept the office open for Mr Pinder to return to his car and retrieve his nomination papers and his cheque book, he could not accept the personal cheque as legislation requires the payment be made in cash or by certified cheque. The attorney and parliamentary hopeful dressed in a suit, pink shirt and tie, solemnly returned to his car, declining to speak to the press any more than to say he had been in court that morning which was the reason for his delay.



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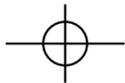
	October 31, 2009	July 31, 2009
Assets	\$ 124,969	\$ 126,624
Liabilities	27,215	33,885
Shareholders' equity	97,754	92,739
<b>Total liabilities &amp; shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 124,969</b>	<b>\$ 126,624</b>

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME (UNAUDITED) (B \$000)

	Three months ended October 31, 2009	Three months ended October 31, 2008
Sale & revenues	\$ 59,584	\$ 101,551
Cost of sales	(47,725)	(90,147)
Gross Profit	11,859	11,404
Marketing, administrative and general	(6,452)	(6,648)
Depreciation	(712)	(554)
Finance cost	(118)	(170)
Other income (expense)	11	91
Net Income	4,588	4,123
Preference share dividends	(515)	(392)
<b>Net income available to common shareholders</b>	<b>\$ 4,073</b>	<b>\$ 3,731</b>
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.11
Dividends per share	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06

Copies of a full set of the un-audited financial statements can be obtained from Stephen Adderley (sadderley@focol.com), at the Freeport Oil Company located on Queens Highway, Freeport, Grand Bahama, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Police probe armed robberies across capital

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armed robbery took place at Coral Lakes. A woman was about to enter her home when she was accosted by a man armed with a handgun who demanded cash. He robbed the victim of her handbag and fled in a waiting vehicle driven by another man.

### Female

Another female victim was attacked just before 7pm on Wednesday while walking on Rosetta Street. She told police she was approached by a man wearing a white t-shirt, a white and blue jacket and short pants.

The robber brandished a handgun and demanded cash. After the victim complied, he made off with cash, fleeing the scene in a red two-door sports utility vehicle.

At around 2pm on the same day, police received information of an armed robbery at a phone card booth on East Street South.

Officers were told that a man armed with a handgun robbed the booth and its occupants of several phone cards and jewellery. He also stole an employee's Mazda SUV, which he used to make his getaway heading north on East Street. About an hour earlier, another armed robbery was reported in Stapeldon Gardens. Police were told that a woman arriving home was attacked by a man wearing a white shirt, blue jeans and a yellow and green turban. The man brandished a handgun and demanded the keys to her vehicle.

He made off with the victim's Grey Toyota Rav 4, plate number 20337 and her handbag containing her passport, cell phone and other personal items.

The victim reported that the robber was accompanied by a slim man, but said she did not see in which direction they headed after the robbery.

Wednesday's three incidents came on the

heels of four other armed robberies earlier in the week.

The first is reported to have taken place at around 9.30am in the parking lot of the Old Sunshine Theatre on Baillou Hill Road. According to police, an armed man wearing a blue tam and navy blue sweater robbed a woman of her 2008 Suzuki Grand Vitara.

A few hours later, a man wearing a blue shirt with a towel over his face robbed the G 7 store on Carmichael Road. He made off with cash and a burgundy coloured jeep, plate number 65368.

Later that day, the Please One store was robbed by two gun-toting men who made off with cash and the company's white van, plate number 23211.

Just before 10am on Tuesday, a phone booth on Carmichael Road was robbed by a man wearing jeans and a blue jacket. Police are investigating all the incidents.

# Ministry of Education to make no more comments while seeking legal advice

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"working diligently with all relevant agencies and authorities to finalise the clearly defined process to be taken by all stakeholders in such matters."

The statement came as tensions continued over the Ministry's decision to relocate the Principal and Vice Principal of the North Eleuthera High School, along with several other senior administrators on the island, earlier this week.

The shifts came amidst the Ministry's concerns over child sex abuse allegations in Eleuthera communities, although none

of the administrators moved has been implicated in this activity.

In an "urgent" statement released yesterday, education officials stated: "The public is advised that the activities which occasioned the recent reassignment of administrators in the Eleuthera district are under active investigation.

"As such, no further statements will be made with respect to the details of the incidents. The Ministry is aware of the legal issues involved in these incidents, and as we seek to obtain advice, we ask all concerned to be mindful of the rights of others."

It added: "We wish to reaffirm to the people of Eleuthera that the reassignment of the principals were predicated on the provision of equitable leadership for the schools of the district.

"The education of all our students in a safe and nurturing environment remains the mission of the Ministry of Education. We are aware that your children, our students, are the nation's future."

Minister of Education Desmond Bannister has committed himself to visiting Eleuthera next week to speak with parents about the Ministry's decision and any issues they may have with it.

Parents kept around 200 children out of North Eleuthera High School each day this week to protest the Ministry's decision to move the Principal, who many parents and the executive of the Parent Teachers Association had credited with enhancing discipline and educational standards at the school since she arrived last September.

# FNM Senator's daughter airlifted to hospital

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head and suffered a broken ankle.

Senator Thompson told *The Tribune* that he received information that his daughter had fallen from a window onto a concrete surface and sustained injuries to her foot and head.

"She is at Doctor's Hospital now undergoing surgery. We are concerned about the bleeding in her head and we are hoping that everything is okay," he said.

According to reports, it is believed that the incident occurred in the early morning hours of Friday at a residence in the Lucaya area off Balao Road.

She was taken to the Rand Memorial Hospital and later airlifted to Nassau.

Details are very sketchy. Police officials were unaware of the incident.

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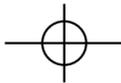
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## sports NOTES

### MARATHON NAUTILUS IS WATER SPONSOR

• NAUTILUS Water confirmed its support for the Sunshine Insurance Marathon Bahamas by becoming the official water for the event. Nautilus will provide its high quality water at fifteen stations including at Montagu for the start of the race and at Arawak Cay for the Finish.

Nautilus water is a new company to The Bahamas, producing 10 different sizes of bottles and three different qualities of water. Their process is one of a kind in The Bahamas.

The provision of water to runners is essential to both the safety and general well being of athletes. Nautilus is further providing service from among its staff to augment the many volunteers from the community.

Speaking on behalf of Marathon Bahamas, Ms. Tina Lightbourne, Group Health & Life Insurance Manager for Sunshine Insurance and the Marathon Volunteer coordinator, expressed her pleasure "on this very high quality company joining with the many official sponsors and providing from its staff many volunteers to join our team of service providers to our runners in this historic event."

### BASKETBALL HAITI RELIEF

• THE New Providence Basketball Association will be joining forces with its members to aid earthquake stricken Haiti.

NPBA president Keith 'Belzee' Smith has announced that they have earmarked Saturday, February 6 at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium as a special day to raise funds for the people of Haiti.

"We are asking persons to make a donation of ten dollars and a canned good," Smith said. "All cash proceeds of the door will be given to the Red Cross to assist them with their Haiti relief efforts."

"We are also asking Churches to forge a partnership with us by providing the use of their praise and worship teams in this effort."

The evening will get started with a game featuring players from the New Providence Women Basketball Association at 6:30 p.m. Following the Praise and Worship experience, there will be a Haitian/Bahamian All-Star game at 9 p.m.

Persons wishing to be a part of the event are urged to contact Keith Smith at 323-0314-5 or 424-6950, Alsworth 'Whitey' Pickstock at 393-0426 or Edgar Pickstock at 393-0426 or 457-1977.



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Centreville Primary Boys

# Centreville Primary boys takes volleyball title

By BRENT STUBBS  
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## Yellow Elder are girls champions

COACH Pedro Pierre was not satisfied with his Centreville Primary winning just the Primary Schools Sports Association's boys basketball title.

He wanted the volleyball crown as well.

Pierre guided Centreville to a three-set upsetting victory over Columbus in the final of the week-long tournament on Friday at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

"Automatic. Point blank I told our kids this is our year," a jubilant Pierre said. "This is the first volleyball for us, so it feels great to be champions again."

Centreville pulled off an impressive 17-6, 9-17 and 15-13 triumph over Columbus in a see-saw battle that went right down the wire. It was reminiscent of their 12-11 win over Stephen Dillet in the basketball final last year.

"We got relaxed and they just let up," said Pierre in trying to determine exactly what happened in the second set of the volleyball game. "But we had number five and he saved the day for us."

Number five whom Pierre was referring to was Valerio Nesbitt, who played an all-around game, along with Keanu Rolle for a 1-2 punch for Centreville.

Nesbitt, a sixth grader and team captain, said it was a great achievement. "I think we had a head start and that helped us," Nesbitt said. "I think the team performed very well. We were bumping and serving and hitting. We really wanted to win."

Rolle, one of the stars in Centreville's basketball triumph, said it was good to win the championship again for Centreville.

"Columbus was solid. They had a big guy who was spiking the ball," Rolle said. "At first we couldn't stop him, but we found a way when we just waited to receive the ball and

that is how we won."

Last year, Columbus had to settle for second place and they ended up in that same position again this year. Coach Lawrence Sweeting said this time around,

"I think Centreville had a very good team. We defeated them in the round robin play and we knew that we would have met them again in the final," he said. "They just played better than us."

Javon Taylor and Jermaine Marvelous counteract with a 1-2 tandem for Columbus.

While the boys game was decided right at the end, the girls game was not as fiercely contested as Yellow Elder also pulled off a double feat with a two-set sweep over Garvin Tynes.

Yellow Elder, winner of the girls basketball tournament, easily disposed of Garvin Tynes 17-9, 17-6 as Desmonique Stubbs and Robin Porter came through with some tremendous serves.

In the first set, Stubbs scored the final eight points from the service line to seal the initial win for Yellow Elder. Then in the second set, Porter opened up with the first five points from the line and finished off with the last five to seal the deal.

Porter said she anticipated the type of performance they turned in.

"I think that it was good how we played," she said. "I love my performance as well."

Garvin Tynes' coach Janice Williams said her team just fell apart after losing the first set.

"I'm not disappointed in them though. I thought we would come third behind Claridge," she said. "So although we didn't win, I'm still proud of them getting

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Yellow Elder Primary Girls



Garvin Tynes Primary Boys



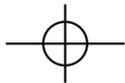
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SPORTS

# Warner brings stirring 12-year NFL career to an end

**FOOTBALL**  
**TEMPE, Ariz.**  
**Associated Press**

KURT Warner has called an end to one of the great storybook careers in NFL history.

The 38-year-old quarterback announced his retirement from the game on Friday after a dozen years in a league that at first rejected him, then revered him as he came from nowhere to lead the lowly St. Louis Rams to two Super Bowls, winning the first of them.

Written off as a has-been, he rose again to lead the long-suffering Arizona Cardinals to the Super Bowl a year ago.

"I'm excited about what's next," Warner said. "Before I was always excited about next season."

Warner walked away with a year left on a two-year, \$23 million contract, knowing he still had the skills to play at the highest level.

He had one of the greatest postseason performances ever in Arizona's 51-45 overtime wild card victory over Green Bay on Jan. 10, but sustained a brutal hit in the Cardinals' 45-14 divisional round loss at New Orleans six days later.

"He has had a dominant career. He's a good person," Cardinals defensive tackle Darnell Dockett said. "He's got to do what's best for his family. He played long enough. He took us to the Super Bowl last year. We had a great season this year. It's a good thing. If you're going to go out, go out on top."



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**ARIZONA** Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner speaks to reporters in the locker room Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at the NFL football team's practice facility in Tempe, Ariz., the day after the Cardinals lost to the New Orleans Saints in a divisional playoff game.

Warner leaves the game with a legacy that could land him in the Hall of Fame even though he didn't start his first game until he was 28.

In a comparison with the 14 quarterbacks to make the Hall of Fame in the last 25 years, Warner has a better career completion percentage, yards per pass attempt and yards per game. Only Dan Marino had more career 300-yard passing games.

In 124 regular-season games, Warner completed 65.5 percent of his passes for 32,344

yards and 208 touchdowns. He and Fran Tarkenton are the only NFL quarterbacks to throw for 100 touchdowns and 14,000 yards for two teams.

Warner, who grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and played collegiately at Northern Iowa, ranks among the career leaders in a variety of passing statistics.

He was also the fastest player in NFL history to 10,000 yards passing and tied Dan Marino as fastest to reach 30,000.

He has the top three pass-

ing performances in Super Bowl history. His 1,156 yards passing in the 2008 playoffs broke the NFL record of 1,063 he set with St. Louis in 1999.

Warner's rise from obscurity seems the stuff of sports fiction.

He played three seasons in the Arena Football League and one in NFL Europe, mixed in with a sting stocking grocery shelves back in Iowa.

Warner made the Rams as a backup in 1998, then was thrust into the starting role in 1999 when Trent Green was injured.

What followed was a masterful and wholly unexpected season, when he led the Rams to a 13-3 regular-season record, then a Super Bowl triumph over Tennessee. He was named the league and Super Bowl MVP.

St. Louis was upset in the first round of the playoffs the following season, but Warner had them back in the big game in 2001, where "The Greatest Show on Turf" lost a squeaker to New England. The season earned him a second NFL MVP award.

## Centreville Primary boys takes title

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into the final." Coach Cardinal Moncur said it was easy because volleyball is all that his girls at Yellow Elder are interested in playing.

"Volleyball, volleyball, I can't teach PE unless they play volleyball. This is their sport," he charged. "This is what they live and die for. They are not worried about winning or losing, just as long as they can play volleyball."

Moncur, however, said he was surprised that they won the way they did.

"I thought that there would have been some rallies," he said. "Most of our girls are in the d'Albenas Club and so they are constantly playing volleyball."

In the consolation game, Oakes Field got the better of Garvin Tynes with a 15-9, 10-15, 15-5 win.

Zindora Munnings, who coached Oakes Field in the absence of head coach Margaret Albury, said they played very well.

"They were going into the playoff a little down after losing to Columbus, but they lifted up their momentum and really played well," Mullings said.

Cory Sands, the team captain, said they came out and played as hard as they could after not getting into the final.

"We really did this for coach Albury, who was sick," he said.

Garvin Tynes' coach Janice Williams said they didn't play up to par.

"They didn't want it as bad as the other team and that is why we lost," she said. "We needed to put more hustle into our serving and bumping. They played too flat-footed."

Michael Butler was the key player in leading their attack.

And in the girls consolation game, Claridge prevailed with a three set victory over Uriah, taking the third and final set 15-9.

"We only had two weeks to practice," said Claridge coach Latoya Sturrrup, noting that they were still celebrating their victory in junior jankanoo. "The weather was so bad, so it's a great feeling to win, even though we didn't get into the final."

Coach Frederick Carey said his Uriah squad fell down on the service box.

"Most of these kids are in grade four, so I think the experience will really help them next year," he said.

Association public relations officer Frank Johnson said the teams have shown a great deal of improvement from last year and if that is any indication, he said the junior schools should benefit from some very good players in the future.

## De La Hoya sees Mayweather's route to 2 fights

**BOXING**  
**LOS ANGELES**  
**Associated Press**

OSCAR De La Hoya thinks his promotions company will soon wrap up a deal for Floyd Mayweather Jr. to fight Sugar Shane Mosley in May.

And after that, De La Hoya still believes Mayweather will meet Manny Pacquiao in the not-too-distant future.

"That fight has to happen," De La Hoya said Tuesday of Mayweather-Pacquiao, which fell apart earlier this month in a drug-testing dispute. "It's too big not to happen. We just have to cross one hurdle."

De La Hoya weighed in on the state of the welterweight division at a news conference to announce the next fight for Victor Ortiz, one of his junior welterweight proteges. Ortiz will headline the first Fight Night Club show of the new year at the downtown Club Nokia on Feb. 25.

# Venus, Serena win doubles title at Australian Open

**TENNIS**  
**MELBOURNE, Australia**  
**Associated Press**

VENUS Williams is a much better doubles partner for her sister Serena than she is a keeper of the score.

The Williams sisters won their fourth Australian Open doubles title on Friday, beating Cara Black of Zimbabwe and Liezel Huber of the United States to win the final of the Women's Doubles at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Friday Jan. 29, 2010.

At the end, Venus couldn't figure out why Serena was so excited about what she thought was a game point. And Serena was perplexed why Venus was so subdued on match point.

The problem: Venus had lost track of the score. The sisters, sitting in front of their newly won silverware in a news conference, couldn't contain their laughter when asked about the comical finish to the match.

"I actually didn't know the score, I thought that it was 5-2," Venus said. "I really don't know how I lost track. So I was

confused, but I guess that's just focus.

"I thought, she's really happy about this break. I thought, 'Wow, I've never seen her this happy'. But I'll go with it."

Serena was happy, and confused.

"Yeah, I thought, 'OK, this is exciting. We defended our title' and she was like, 'What's going on?' I'm like, 'The match is over. We're done now.' It was funny."

Venus said not knowing they were one game away from clinching the match might have helped.

"I guess it's easier to hold at 3-2 instead of 4-3. I thought it was break point," she said. "I didn't know it was match. I need to play all my matches like this without knowing the score. I think it would help."

The sisters broke Huber's service to open the second set and won the match when they again broke Huber, clinching it on a winning reflex volley by Serena. They high-fived each other at the side of the court

after the win.

The Williams sisters won the Australian title for the first time in 2001 and added championships in 2003 and last year. Black, of Zimbabwe, and Huber, a South African-born American citizen, won the Australian Open doubles title in 2007 and were the top-seeded team in the tournament this year.

"I have to congratulate Venus and Serena for a great tournament — you guys are too good," Black said.

It was the 11th time the Williams sisters have combined for a Grand Slam doubles title. Serena has 11 singles majors, also, and is hoping for a 12th in the Australian Open final on Saturday against Justine Henin.

Venus Williams has also won a mixed doubles title at the Australian Open — in 1998 with American Jason Gimelstob. Serena Williams was a losing finalist in mixed doubles here with Max Mirnyi of Belarus in 1999.



Mark Baker/AP Photo

**SERENA** Williams of the United States, right, and her sister Venus Williams celebrate during the awarding ceremony, after beating Cara Black of Zimbabwe and Liezel Huber of the United States to win the final of the Women's Doubles at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Friday Jan. 29, 2010.

# No. 13 Gonzaga rallies past Santa Clara 71-64

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**SANTA CLARA, Calif.**  
**Associated Press**

ALL it took was taking a step back, clearing the mind and keeping it simple. It helps when you have a returning first-team all-conference player there to lead the way.

Matt Bouldin and Steven Gray each scored 19 points, and No. 13 Gonzaga rallied from a 14-point deficit in the second half to beat Santa Clara 71-64 on Thursday night for its ninth straight victory.

"We just kept trying to close the gap and keep making stops," Bouldin said. "We were just trying to win." Elias Harris had 16 points and 14 rebounds for the Bulldogs (17-3, 6-0 West Coast Conference), who closed with a 12-0 run over the final 5:55 and beat the Broncos for the eighth straight time.

"We just slowed down and made simple plays," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "We were playing a little frantic, just like the way we were practicing yesterday. Sometimes you don't need to try to make a play that has a 30 percent chance of working. You make the simple plays."

Bouldin was at his best over the final 15 minutes, scoring seven points, recording two of his four steals and three of his six assists as the Zags eventually got back into the game.

"In my mind they have an All-American guard in Bouldin who is not going to get rattled," Santa Clara coach Kerry Keating said. "He has been through the wars since day one." Niyi Harrison scored 14 points to lead the Broncos (9-14, 1-5), who have lost seven of their past eight home games. Robert Smith added 13 points and Marc Trasolini had 12.

"They made a couple of pushes when we were turning the ball over," Trasolini said. "They were getting easy looks, getting to the foul line and converting our mistakes. They just kept pushing and

pushing."

Harris hit a pair of free throws with 6:17 left to bring Gonzaga within two. Michael Santos converted a three-point play to extend the lead to 64-59, but Santa Clara didn't score again.

Robert Sacre hit one of two free throws before Bouldin made a steal and fed Gray for a 3-pointer that pulled the Bulldogs to 64-63 with 5:09 remaining.

Mangisto Arop gave Gonzaga its first lead since early in the game on a putback with 4:02 to go. The Zags controlled the offensive boards, 11-6.

Sacre hit a short jump hook to make it 67-64, then the Broncos missed two attempts at a tying 3-pointer. With 1 second left on the shot clock, Gray hit a layup to put the Zags up by five with 19 seconds to go. After a turnover, Bouldin sealed it with a layup with 7 seconds left.

"We settled down on both ends of the court and we got into the right spots," Few said.



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**GONZAGA'S** Steven Gray, right, looks for a way around Santa Clara's Robert Smith (1) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, in Santa Clara, Calif.

LOCAL NEWS

RIDGELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE AND HONOUR ROLL

Felipe Major/Tribune staff



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GRADE 6

GRADE 2 students of Ridgeland Primary School received awards of Excellence and Honour roll yesterday as the school honoured their outstanding students from each grade level with the Theme "Hard Work and Determination Equal Success".

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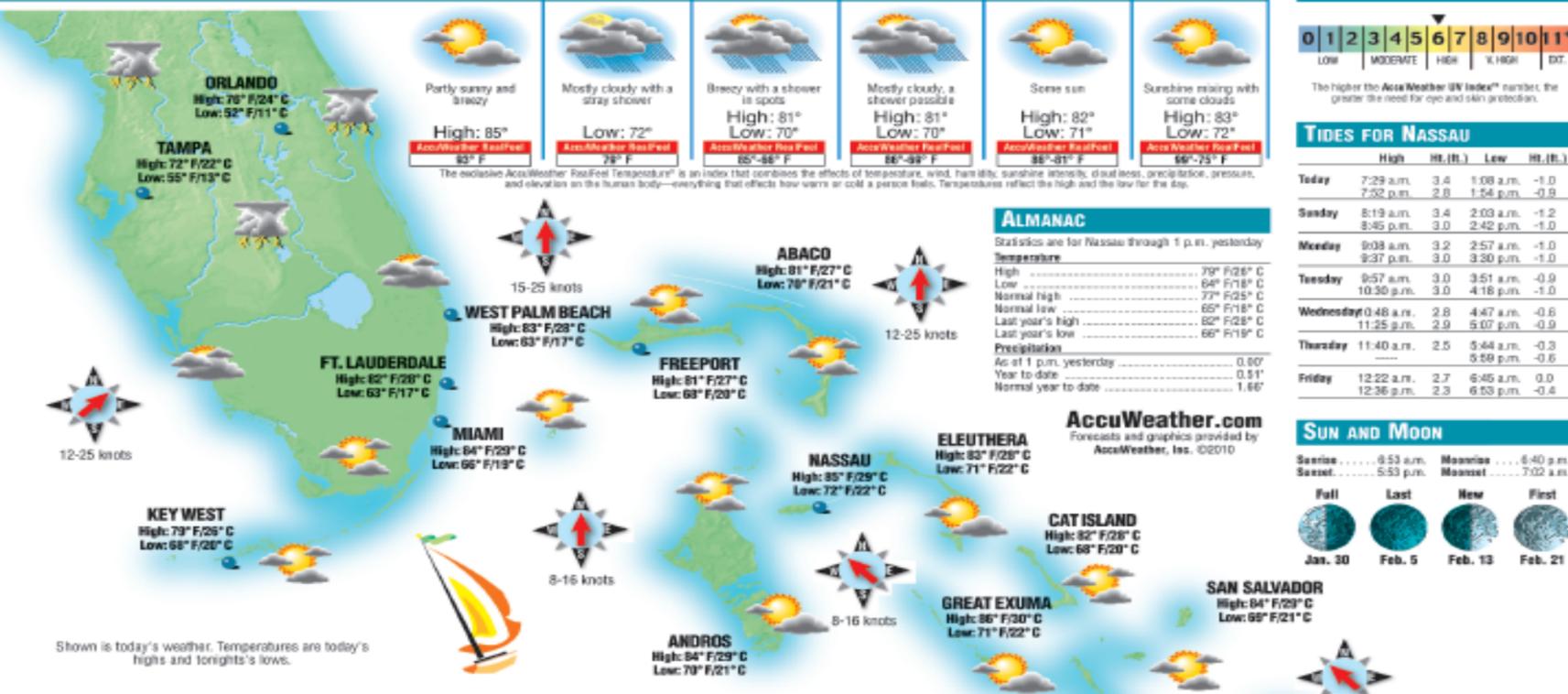
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