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Suspicious death in vehicle fire

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SOMETIME around 9pm Saturday police received information of a vehicle on fire on Step Street, Fox Hill. Fire Services responded. After putting out the fire the police discovered a body in the front passenger seat of a Honda-type vehicle. The body was burned beyond recognition. According to the police the gender has not been established because of the extent of the burns. However, police are continuing their investigations.

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Mass confrontation at the polls is predicted

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MASS confrontation at the polls has been predicted for the Elizabeth by-election next week as hundreds of registered voters are still unaccounted for in the constituency.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) campaign coordinator Dr Bernard Nottage both attested to the hundreds of registered voters who have not yet been found in the constituency and might not have the right to vote.

Although Mr Ingraham said the voters in question will be chal-



lenged at the polls next Tuesday, Dr Nottage warned the sheer number of them is likely to lead to confrontation on the day and an election court battle in the aftermath.

He said there could be up to 400 registered voters who do not have the right to vote for one

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PRISONERS SHOWING PROGRESS GET FAMILY DAY



INMATES of Her Majesty's Prison Fox Hill that have showed rehabilitative progress were treated to a reunification fun day with their families at the weekend, which consisted of an outdoors sit down and meal.

Government aims to make illegal voting harder in general election

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WITH claims and counter claims about the integrity of the electoral register before the Elizabeth by-election, the Prime Minister yesterday said that his government will ensure steps are taken in the run up to the next general election to make it harder for people to vote illegally.

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62 Haitian migrants detained

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SIXTY-TWO Haitian migrants are being processed by Defence Force and Immigration Officers after their unseaworthy boat was found in waters in the Exuma chain on Saturday morning, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force reported.

A release from the RBDF yesterday afternoon said the migrants were detained after being spotted by a Defence

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Paradise Island resident founds the world's first global mobile high school

THINK GLOBAL SCHOOL (TGS) announced today that it will become the world's first global mobile high school when it opens to welcome its first ninth grade class in September 2010.

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The school is the brainchild of Mrs. Joann McPike of Paradise Island, who is its executive chair and founder. Its opening was announced from Los Angeles on Friday.

THINK Global School is a private, non-profit high school that

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JOANN MCPIKE

Seven armed robberies in 15 hours

POLICE are investigating seven armed robberies and a shooting that took place within a 15-hour period in New Providence on Friday.

The first masked gunman to strike held up a man in a West Bay Street parking lot at around 7.45am. Dressed in a blue sweatsuit and armed with a handgun he demanded cash from the man and stole his money before driving away in a black 2003 Mitsubishi Mirage, registration number 124412.

Later that morning two Galleria Cinema employees were

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LOCAL NEWS

Climate change and coastal erosion in the Bahamas

CLIMATE CHANGE and coastal erosion will be the subject of a special public meeting at The Bahamas National Trust on Village Road on Wednesday, February 10, at 7 p.m.

Neil Sealey, a former senior lecturer at the College of The Bahamas who has written several textbooks on regional geography, will discuss the vulnerability of the Bahamian shoreline to sea-level rise and other possible climatic changes, such as increased hurricane activity.

The focus of the talk will be on

beaches. Most existing coastal studies do not include limestone islands with high levels of sediment production offshore like The Bahamas, and very few studies relate to tropical regions with low tidal ranges and tropical vegetation. Therefore, local knowledge and understanding is essential if the threat of a rising sea level is to be accommodated without major damage, or inappropriate coastal development.

Mr. Sealey will present a broad range of comparisons and local observations, including a review of the evi-

dence for casuarina-induced beach erosion from around the Bahamas — much of which has never been published before.

Mr. Sealey has been studying the Bahamian shoreline for more than 30 years and has been published widely on this and other aspects of Bahamian and Caribbean geography. A selection of his books in print will be available at the meeting. He was educated in the West Indies and England, completing his graduate and postgraduate studies at Oxford and London universities.



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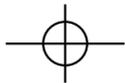
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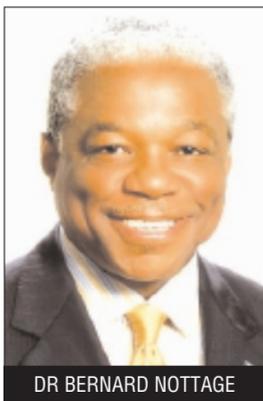


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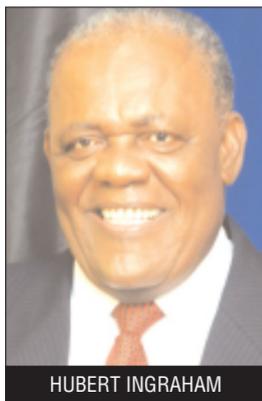
PLP claims PM's address violated broadcasts code



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DR BERNARD NOTTAGE



HUBERT INGRAHAM

THE PLP hopes to broadcast a national address tonight as the party claims the airing of Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's address last Monday violated the code for political broadcasts.

According to Bain and Grants Town MP and Elizabeth by-election campaign coordinator Dr Bernard Nottage, the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas (BCB) broke the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) Interim Code of Practice for Political Broadcasts by playing Mr Ingraham's February 4 national address during an election period.

The Prime Minister's 15-minute speech about the economy, crime and other issues of national importance played on ZNS TV 13, Cable 12, JCN and radio was not of sufficient importance to require a national broadcast during election time, the PLP claimed.

And subsequently the party has called for permission to give a national broadcast of the same length on ZNS TV 13 and radio tonight.

However BCB general manager Edwin Lightbourne maintains the corporation acted within the Code and is under no obligation to provide the PLP with 15 minutes of airtime for a counter-address.

Regulatory body URCA is investigating the matter and should come to a decision on the PLP's right to broadcast by the end of the day, Dr Nottage said.

In an official complaint lodged by Dr Nottage and the PLP prior to the broadcast, the by-election

campaign coordinator claims the BCB breached clause seven of the Code by making a government broadcast in an election period.

Dr Nottage said: "Notwithstanding the decision by the BCB to allow such a broadcast, in flagrant violation of the Code, the BCB has similarly refused to allow the official Opposition equal time to make a similar broadcast or a rebuttal.

"This in our view is a clear violation of the terms and spirit of

the Code and amounts to a policy that seeks to favour one political party to the disadvantage of the other in respect of broadcast time."

However the BCB has defended its position as acting within the regulations of the code and specifically clause 16, which allows for messages of national importance to be broadcast by ministers, such as the Prime Minister's address.

Mr Lightbourne said: "The information was of such national

importance that practically every media house carried it."

But Dr Nottage rejects this view and has pursued the complaint with URCA as well as the request for a PLP broadcast in response to the Prime Minister's.

The PLP hopes URCA will respond to the party's complaint in time for the PLP to make a counter-address tonight.

Dr Nottage wrote in a letter to Mr Lightbourne: "We respectfully disagree with the corporation's interpretation of the Code and reiterate our request for a 15 minute air time on radio and television to respond to the national address of the Prime Minister.

"It remains our view that to refuse the official Opposition equal time is a breach of the spirit of the Code."

At a press conference held in the PLP Headquarters on Farrington Road yesterday, Dr Nottage added: "We cannot broadcast on the radio or television unless we have the station's cooperation and in this case the BCB says they are meeting URCA's code. But if they have violated the code, we ask them to violate it for us too."

Suspected burglar arrested

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were able to arrest another man who had broken into a residence in the Coral Reef area.

FREEPORT - A suspected burglar was arrested by police Friday evening while attempting to burglarize a home in the South Bahama area.

Asst Supt Loretta Mackey reported that sometime around 8.47pm police received a call that a prowler was at a residence on Jolly Rodgers Drive.

When officers arrived at the residence to investigate they arrested a 54-year-old male resident of Holmes Rock.

The suspect was wearing dark clothing and had attempted to gain entry to an apartment through a sliding glass door.

Police are continuing their investigations into the matter.

ASP Mackey thanked the public for alerting police to a crime in progress.

Two weeks ago, police

She said the support and partnership of the public is critical in the fight against the crime.

UPDATE ON STABBING VICTIM

The 55-year-old Holmes Rock man who was stabbed last Tuesday remains in hospital in critical condition.

A 45-year-old woman - Ernestine Bartlett of Eight Mile Rock - has been charged with causing grievous harm in connection with the incident.

She remains in police custody pending the outcome of the victim's medical condition.

According to the latest reports, Ms Mackey said the victim was still listed in critical condition in the ICU at Rand Memorial Hospital at 4.20pm on Saturday.

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A dictionary with the 'sex' word is banned

WE HAD a call last week from a young person, who was in a state of bemused shock. Did we know that a few weeks ago a California school had pulled a dictionary from its fourth and fifth grade classrooms after a parent "complained about a child stumbling across a definition for 'oral sex'"?

No we did not know, but we agreed that it was madness, that we were living in a confused world, a depraved world, and near a country in which many of its citizens seriously consider Alaskan-born Sarah Palin — a master of delivering catchy one-liners from public platforms, but little else — as a future president.

As we babbled on, words from Ecclesiastes quickly brought us to our senses. We recalled that "there is no new thing under the sun." This set us thinking.

Almost any book that is worth reading — including the Bible — has been under the censor's hammer or on some group's banned list for one reason or another — religion, sex, or just not being politically correct for the times in which the authors wrote.

As a university student we recall our annoyance at the Vatican's Index Librorum Prohibitorum — the "Index" for short — which banned almost every book on our required reading list for our English Literature course. For Catholics to read or possess any book on that list could mean excommunication. The priest always had to apply for exemption from the ban for Catholic students in the class. And so we read the books — but only those for which we had exemption.

We recall going through an Alexandre Dumas faze in our reading with a particular itch to read the "Hunchback of Notre Dame." However, the "Hunchback" with Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables", and Dumas "Count of Monte Cristo", were all on the Index.

In 1966 someone in Rome came to their senses and the Index of Forbidden Books and all excommunications relating to it were abolished.

We were even more annoyed after reading the Dumas and Victor Hugo books to discover that they were like child's Pabulum when compared to the racy international scandals crossing our desk as a newspaper editor.

We still bristle with indignant anger recalling the Inquisition and the 1633 trial

before it of Galileo Galilee, a brilliant Florentine physicist, mathematician, astronomer and philosopher, who ended his days under house arrest for claiming that the Earth revolved around the sun — supporting the Copernican theory.

Today Stephen Hawking, the famous British theoretical physicist, says that "Galileo, perhaps more than any other single person, was responsible for the birth of modern science."

Yet in the 17th century he was forced by the Inquisition to recant a scientific truth and was sentenced to jail for the rest of his life. In deference to his age he was kept under house arrest.

But that one narrow-minded, ignorant act shut down Italy's forward movement in science, leaving it to Northern Europe to take up the gauntlet and move on.

And then in 1497 — five years after Columbus discovered our part of the world — there was the "Bonfire of the Vanities" when a madcap Italian priest — Girolamo Savonarola — decided to wipe out immorality by burning books, paintings, musical instruments and all frivolous trivia. He hated the Renaissance and preached against the moral corruption of those times. It is said that he personally threw a painting by Sandro Botticelli on the heap, which went up in flames in the public square in Florence.

Eventually the town got tired of the mad zealot.

He was excommunicated, and himself burned at the stake in the same place that he had held the "Bonfire of the Vanities."

As for the dictionary that started this discussion, there were enough California parents who protested the ban that a compromise was arrived at.

The controversial Merriam-Webster dictionary was returned to the classroom with an alternative McGraw-Hill student dictionary also available.

A letter will now be sent to the parents asking them to sign a form if they do not want their child to use the Merriam-Webster.

Although "there is no new thing under the sun," it can probably be said that man has taken a small step forward in the past 513 years — at least we no longer have a bonfire of books in the public square, nor do we burn people at the stake.

However, we still debate the banning of books.

How gangsterism came to Bahamas

EDITOR, The Tribune

IT IS quite astonishing to hear PLP politicians trying to pin the blame for our current wave of violent crime on the FNM and talking nonsense about urban renewal. We are experiencing basically two kinds of violent crime.

One is domestic crime which is not exclusive to The Bahamas but is nevertheless deeply disturbing. This is due to our failure to properly socialize our children in our homes, and to imported elements of a violent western culture being fed to our children by way of television, internet and electronic games — not to mention the guns.

The other is the gangsterism which first took root in the Bahamas in a big way during the height of the drug dealers' occupation of the late 1970s and early 1980s in the middle of the PLP's quarter century hold on political power.

I can still remember the warnings by the late Sir Kendal Isaacs that what we were experiencing then would haunt us for many years to come, but few listened until it was too late.

We were wallowing in a deluge of cocaine money which corrupted our country from top to bottom while many in authority very largely looked the other way or actively facilitated the Colombian cocaine cowboys' takeover.

It was then that our country was changed forever and our society accepted and even celebrated criminals. Before that, decent people were ashamed to be associated with criminals. Suddenly the thieving, murderous drug gangsters were being courted as they threw their money around. Money literally rained down from the skies!

Many lives were ruined. Many fine young women were hooked and debauched. That's when gangster-style hit killings first came to the Bahamas. But many mothers welcomed the new refrigerators, TVs and cars their drug-dealing sons brought home. Some churches got carpets and air-conditioning and some bank accounts

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were stuffed.

When young males were asked what they wanted to be when they grew up, many said they wanted to be drug dealers — we called them "lords" and "barons". That is why we have this culture of violent gangsterism today with more young men being suck into it. We sowed the wind, now we reap the whirlwind.

The PLP Government of Sir Lynden Pindling was grossly derelict in dealing with it. In fact, a Commission of Inquiry found that the corruption reached the highest levels of government.

I remember well the spectacle of Prime Minister Pindling uncomfortably struggling to explain to the Commission where all the unidentified deposits in his bank account came from. At times it would have been laughable if it was not so serious.

In the end Sir Lynden's

good friend, Bishop Drexel Gomez, who was a member of the Commission, said: "... I find it impossible to say that the payments [in Sir Lynden's bank account] were all non-drug related." Lest we forget.

It is interesting to note that in different circumstances some of the other deposits — Paradise Island Bridge, Bahamas Catering Shares — would have been considered highly irregular.

When the PLP returned to office in 2002 one would have expected that they had learned the sad lessons of those days.

But they returned to the same old free-wheeling, all-for-me, scandalous behaviour and attitude of entitlement and immunity which threatened to make us a laughingstock.

Now they have the nerve to pontificate about the causes of violent crime while the FNM tries once again to clean up their mess. Spare me!

LONG MEMORY

Nassau,
February 6, 2010.

Crawfish industry

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I THANK you for giving the environmental issues in the Bahamas the chance to see the light in your newspaper and I would like to encourage you to continue. I want to express concern for the way in which Bahamians are viewing the MSC guidelines being followed around the world. These guidelines are needed here, now more than ever and as usual short-sighted people only see the money and change needed in the short term.

Though fishermen are complaining about the new regulations, this is the one thing that will stop the extinction of some of our fisheries. Remember Cuba once far out stripped the Bahamas in Nassau grouper fisheries. Their Nassau groupers are now extinct. We can see how the small amounts of protection are helping our grouper, but, what about the way snapper aggregations that are being fished out? We all see the trend in conch getting smaller and the bags of crawfish and conch getting more and more expensive.

The fishermen need to realise that one day the turning point will be reached when the conch/crawfish and other fish are too small or poor quality for anyone to want to purchase. By following the regulations, not only will we have more of the species we want to eat, but our export product quality will be higher and the acceptable prices will also increase. We need to start looking Forward, Upward and Onward Together, Bahamas.

Alternatively, we can struggle against the regulations, kill off our fisheries, lose the export industry and sell phone cards.

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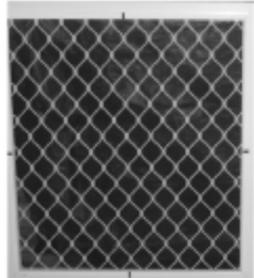
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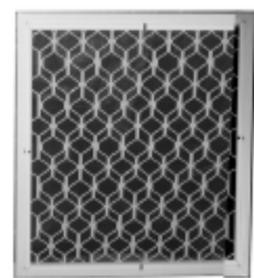
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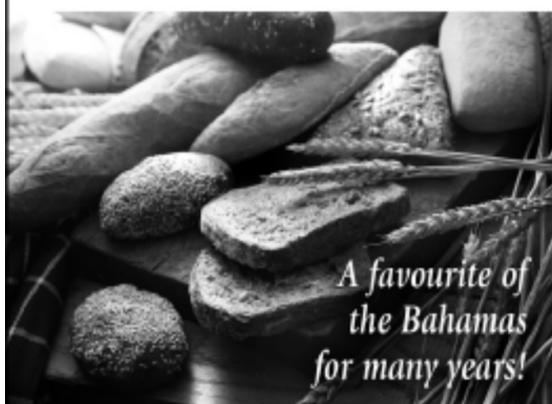
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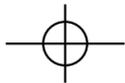
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LOCAL NEWS

WRITE ON! A chance for children to see their hard work published

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THE word is out that young Bahamian writers now have the opportunity to see their work in print in the Bahamas' biggest-selling newspaper, and published world wide on the internet.

Starting next week, Write On is a unique joint initiative by the Ministry of Education and *The Tribune*, and sponsored by our good friends at Vitamalt.

Its aim is simple ... to give every school-age child in the country the chance to see their hard work published.

We want to encourage children to use their imaginations to create a piece of work that will not only entertain *Tribune* readers, but will boost literacy skills and have the young authors and their families beaming with pride.

Desmond Bannister, the Minister of Education, said: "I am extremely pleased that a partnership has been established between the Ministry of Education and *The Tribune* network through the initiative Write On.

"This programme will serve to inspire, promote and develop a cadre of young writers who will make their contribution to a growing body of Bahamian writings.

"Through this forum we also will have the opportunity to hear from and appreciate younger voices as they express their creativity and passion through poetry, essays and other literary formats. I am certain that the styles and diversity of messages will expand our personal insights on the topics presented and offer new and



IN THE NEWS: the staff and pupils of the newspaper club at Carlton E Francis Primary School.

interesting perspectives.

"The fact that *The Tribune* is also widely read via the internet will expose our young writers to a larger audience, who will have the opportunity to experience their talent and writings. I am certain that this programme will also positively impact literacy in our schools as students grow from strength in writing — their first article, poem or story — to a collection of work which generates feedback from teachers, editors and readers.

"Let us find wisdom and pleasure in our students' works through Write On, and may it evoke a new generation of Bahamian writers who will contribute to our history and culture through their resourcefulness.

"To all of the students who use this opportunity to share their thoughts and creativity, I applaud you. I know that this opportunity for exposure will assist you in your development as productive citizens of the

Commonwealth of The Bahamas."

Tribune Managing Editor John Fleet described Write On as a great opportunity for school-age youngsters to express themselves.

He said: "I am very excited by this project, and looking forward to seeing the first short stories appearing in *The Tribune* and on our website.

"*The Tribune* is very proud to showcase the excellent work being done in Bahamian classrooms, to give young writers a new audience, and hopefully improve literacy skills at the same time.

"I am very grateful to the

staff of the Ministry of Education for their hard work, cooperation and organisational skills."

The rules for Write On are simple. All we ask is that stories/poems are no more than 350 words long, and have the signed/written permission of a teacher to show that it is a genuine piece of class work.

Write On is also open for staff and pupils to show off their school newspapers. Write and tell us who your young reporters are; how you get your stories; and how you put your publication together.

Email your stories to Tribune@tribunemedia.net with the subject marked "Write On" or drop them off in an envelope at *The Tribune* reception desk. You must enclose your name, age, address, school and a brief summary of your hobbies and interests.

WRITE On begins on Monday, February 15, featuring the talented youngsters from Carlton E Francis primary school. In their own words, they will describe how they put together their own school newspaper, and ended up being the special guests of Education Minister Desmond Bannister.

Police appeal for help in murder investigation

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - Grand Bahama Police are appealing to the public for information to assist them in a murder investigation that has been going on since November.

Asst Supt Loretta Mackey said police are still investigating the shooting death of 29-year-old Steffon "Tommy" Mitchell.

Mitchell was shot during an attempted robbery at Albacore Drive, Lucaya, on November 14, 2009. He was shot while trying to assist a resident at the address.

"We are requesting the public's assistance. We are making an appeal to persons in the Grand Bahama community with any information that could bring this matter to closure, especially for the grieving family," said ASP Mackey. Persons may call 350-3107/8, 352-9774/5 or 911.

Woman in court in connection with stabbing

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - A woman was arraigned in the Eight Mile Rock Magistrate's Court on Friday in connection with the stabbing of a 55-year-old man early this week.

Ernestine Bartlett, a 45-year-old resident of Bartlett Hill, Eight Mile Rock, appeared before Magistrate Gwen Claude on the charge of causing grievous harm.

It is alleged that on February 2, the accused stabbed a male resident of Holmes Rock in the jaw at Eight Mile Rock.

Bartlett is being held in police custody pending the status of the victim, who was still listed in critical condition in ICU on Friday evening at Rand Memorial Hospital.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ministry concerned over PTA threat to remove children from school

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THE Ministry of Education has expressed its "concern" over threats from an Exuma Parent Teachers Association that they will remove their children from the L.N.Coakley High School if certain teaching vacancies are not quickly filled.

In a statement released Friday, the Ministry warned that it "does not condone actions by any parent to deliberately keep children away from school in order to force the Ministry to meet his/her demands."

On Thursday, the PTA at L.N.Coakley High School said the government has failed to supply the school with teachers for core subjects, which they claimed the Ministry had

promised in September 2009 would be done by January 15 this year.

The PTA said that if the vacancies are not filled by today, parents will not allow students at the high school to attend their classes.

The PTA said the ministry's failure to meet the January 15 deadline evinced a "blatant disregard" for the students and their dreams of future success.

Teachers are reportedly needed for biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, English and computer science. There is also need for an auto mechanic teacher, a physical education assistant and a guidance counsellor.

In its release, the Ministry said it had "already informed the relevant school authorities that it is aware of the needs of the school, and as promised, those needs will be met upon

proper processing of the teachers identified to fill the needs."

It added that it "is unfortunate that individuals, not in any way connected to the school have sought to use this opportunity to advance their own agenda in a manner that has brought disrepute to the L.N.Coakley High School."

The threat by the Exuma PTA comes shortly after similar action by the PTA at the North Eleuthera High School, which for almost two weeks up to last Friday kept children out of school to protest a decision by the Ministry to transfer and replace its Principal and Vice Principal in the middle of the school year.

That move was said to have been predicated on "the provision of equitable leadership for the schools of the district", in the face of continuing concerns over child sex claims.

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Policies for checking candidates' financial disclosures questioned

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THE current policies for scrutinising election candidates' financial disclosure forms have come into question.

Observers Friday argued that the measures in place appear lax, without accountability. They also argue that the policies should be updated, with proper penalties in place to minimise incorrect disclosures.

The concerns were raised after the public financial disclosures of the five Elizabeth by-election candidates, which were published in a local daily on Monday. It should be noted that the observers did not accuse any of the candidates of purposely submitting wrong information, but said it is easy for them to provide inaccurate data in the absence of clear guidelines.

"I think that many times when people prepare their disclosure statements they do so without really understanding what is being required of them," said accountant Philip Galanis, managing partner of forensic accounting firm HLB Galanis Bain.

"For example in many instances where persons are asked to indicate the cash surrendered value of their (life) insurance policy,



they actually put in the face value amount and not the cash surrendered value — that radically distorts their assets," he continued.

Both Mr Galanis, and attorney Wayne Munroe, questioned if this oversight occurred with Bahamas Democratic Leader

Cassius Stuart. In his disclosure forms, Mr Stuart claimed that his cash value of life insurance was half a million dollars.

This seemed irregular to Mr Munroe, who argued that Mr Stuart would have most likely paid premium over "20 to 30 years" on a multi-million dollar policy in order to have such a hefty cash out amount.

"If a young man tells you he has cash surrendered value life insurance of \$500,000 you should ask him to produce that policy," Mr Munroe told The Tribune Friday.

He thinks that assets and liabilities of potential members of Parliament should be thoroughly checked so that persons with unsound financial practices can be questioned.

"If you see someone declare large sums of income with a small (amount of) cash in the bank, then you should ask them why — that might be a sign of financial irresponsibility. If

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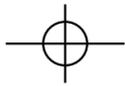
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Suspicious death

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However, rumours in Fox Hill last night identified the body as that of a well known community trouble-maker. It was claimed that his throat had been slit and he had been shot, before his body was put in the vehicle and set on fire.

Stabbing

Sometime around 2 am on Sunday police received information of a stabbing on Woodes Rodgers Wharf. When police arrived they were told that there had been an argument involving a number of people which resulted in the stabbing of two men.

One of the men was stabbed in the chest and abdomen while the second was stabbed in the chest. Both men were taken to hospital where they are listed in stable condition. Police are investigating.

Wounding

Sometime around 10.20 am on Sunday police received information that a man was chopped about his body. Police investigated and were told that a man was standing in the area of Minnie Street and Robinson Road when he was approached by an unknown man who took a cutlass and chopped him in his arm and shoulder. The victim was taken to hospital where he is listed in stable condition. The culprit fled the area, heading east on Robinson Road. A few minutes later, police received information that a woman was also chopped on her arm and hand while in the area of Marathon and Robinson Roads. The woman was taken to hospital where she is listed in stable condition. Police have taken a man into custody. Investigations continue.

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Policies

Commission is the agency responsible for policing financial disclosure forms of members of Parliament. It is unclear if they would penalise or investigate an election candidate, however there are laws in place to address falsified financial disclosures by sitting members of Parliament.

Attempts to reach an official at the Commission for comment were unsuccessful up to press time.

you see someone declare a large mortgage and their income on face value (appears to) not be able to service it, you should find out more of that.

"They just send in their disclosures and it doesn't appear to be scrutinised."

To avoid these mistakes — which could lead to a misrepresentation of a candidate's net worth — universal rules should be applied to the disclosure process, said Mr Galanis.

"The statements should provide guidelines as to the basis on which they should be prepared, so that certain guidelines are universally applied, so that we are comparing apples and apples rather than apples and oranges," he suggested.

Mr Galanis, a former senator, also feels the forms should all be vetted by a certified chartered accountant to provide a level of accountability to the process, along with proper penalties for false information.

"There ought to be some penalty imposed for persons who purposefully disclose incorrect information. It really defeats the objective of making such statement available to the public," he said.

In the case of the by-election candidates, their financial disclosure forms were submitted to nomination Returning Officer Jack Thompson.

They were then published in a Government gazette and available for public scrutiny and comment, said Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel.

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LOCAL NEWS

FPO Primary gives to Haiti relief

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COINS OF LOVE - A grade one student presents a container of money that was collected from his classmates for the victims of Haiti to Diane Wildgoose, a representative of Carry Your Candlelight The Bahamas. Principal Sheila Scavella (centre) looks on.

FREEPORT – The Freeport Primary School demonstrated compassion on Friday when students and teachers made a “heartfelt” donation towards relief efforts in Haiti.

Principal Sheila Scavella reported that more than half of the student body consists of children of Haitian descent – some of whom have lost family members in Haiti.

During a special assembly held at the school on Friday, students presented water, clothing, toiletries, grocery items, and a \$450 cheque to Diane Wildgoose and Rehuder Rolle, representatives of Carry Your Candlelight The Bahamas.

Ms Scavella said that giving to those in need teaches students the importance of compassion and love for their fellowman.

“This morning was a demonstration of love, empathy and compassion for the persons affected by the recent earthquake in Haiti.

“We took it upon ourselves to have a dress-up day last Friday and we all wore yellow as a sign of hope for the persons in Haiti.

“We felt it a whole lot here because about 65 per cent of the students are of Haitian descent, and when we did a statistical interview we found that some of them lost many family members,” she said.

Ms Scavella stated that one student had lost 13 family members in Haiti.

“That is very devastating to hear and so our hearts go out to them. We collected a small amount but we feel happy we were able to contribute something towards the relief efforts here on Grand Bahama.

“What was really touching and significant is the fact that the little grade ones, who made sacrifice every day from their lunch money, were able to make their own special presentation and wrote a story about the earthquake in Haiti.”



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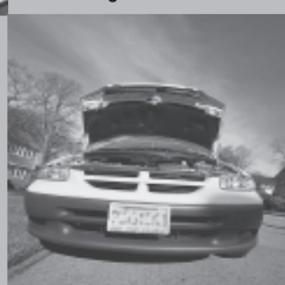
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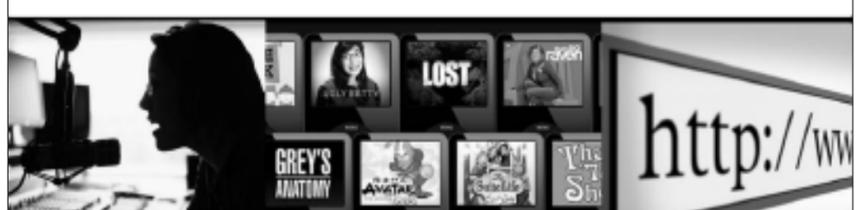
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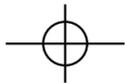
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School set to launch 'Love the Books Day'

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FREEPORT – The Freeport Primary will launch Love the Books Day this week in an effort to promote and improve literacy and numeracy skills of students at the school.

Principal Sheila Scavella said there has been a small, but significant improvement in the GLAT results for the past three years.

"Small as it may be it was great to us because we saw improvement, and so on 'Love the Books Day' we will focus on the importance of learning to read and mathematical skills," she said.

Although the GLAT is a diagnostic test and not an achievement test, Ms Scavella reported that they have seen students getting A's in Science

and Social Studies.

"When we looked at it we also saw improvement in the reading comprehension, but there is still much improvement for mathematics application, and that seems to be nationwide," she said.

"So we came up with action plans on how we can improve on mathematics and feel that this is certainly one way we can do that."

Ms Scavella said the school will register this month in World Math Day, which is held in March.

She explained that schools from around the world participate online in a math competition.

"On that day our students will be in the library answering Math questions competing against students all around the world.

"Last year our school placed

high in that and we are excited to be participating in that again in March," she said.

In light of recent sexual molestation incidents, Ms Scavella said staff have started talks with their students.

She also noted that the Ministry of Education has planned a special seminar from Monday, February 15, for all boys in grades four to six at St Georges' High.

While the boys are out attending the seminar, she said they will have a seminar with the girls.

"That is one of the topics we'll be zeroing on. We want to tell them about protecting themselves, about the importance of abstinence, and we want to inform them that no one is supposed to touch them where they shouldn't be touched, and not to go in cars with strangers," she said.



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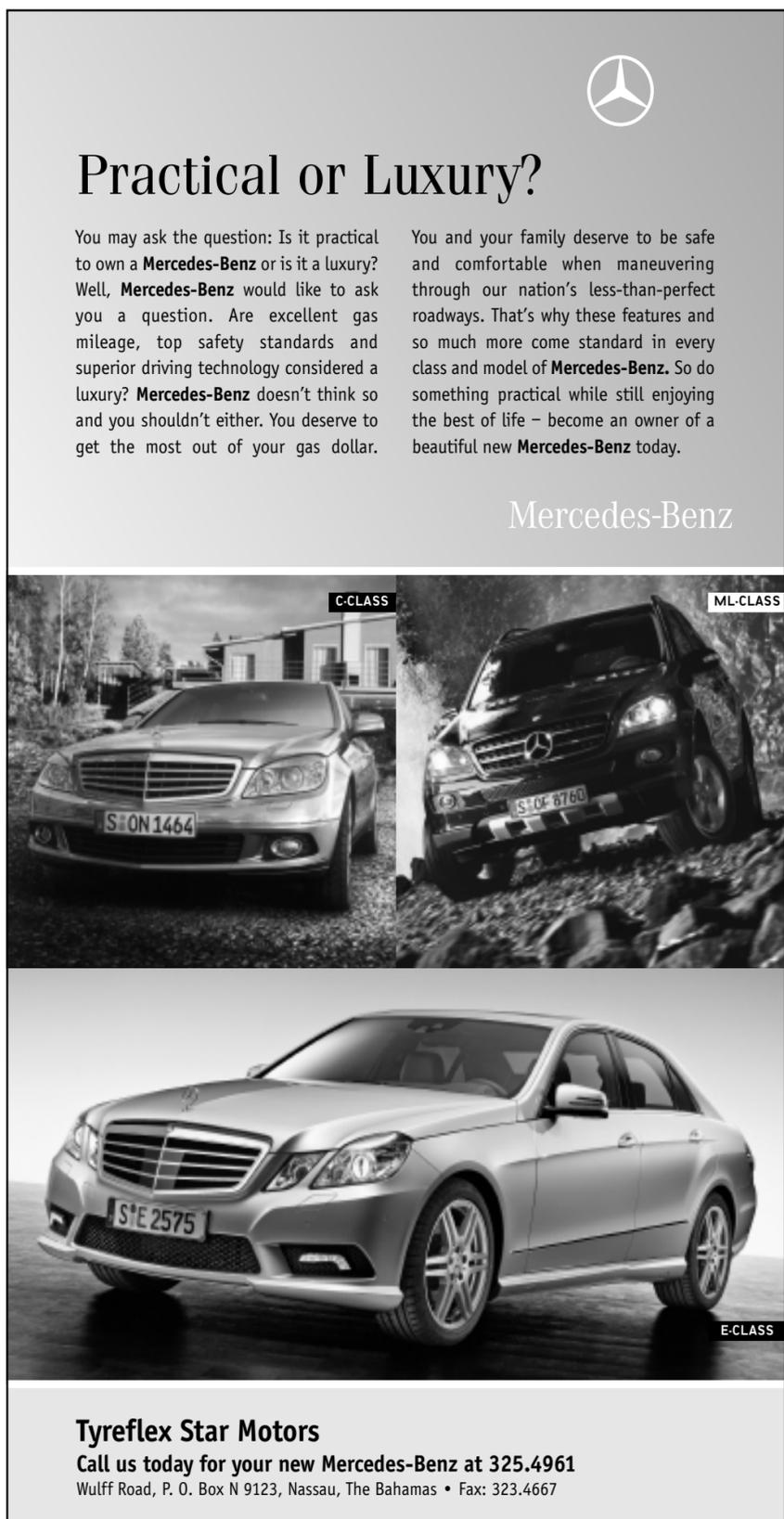
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Reverend William R. Higgs, President of The Bahamas Conference of The Methodist Church will officiate and interment will be in Ebenezer Methodist Cemetery, East Shirley Street.

Mrs. Albury is predeceased by her husband, Leonard Parks Albury and is survived by her sons, Gary and Lester Albury, daughter, Mary Lou Saunders, grandsons, Andrew Saunders and Lenny Albury, granddaughters, Debbie Ranson, Dawn Walkine, Valerie Albury, Hope Albury, Patrice Lleida and Amanda Albury, brother, Sidney Albury, son-in-law, Cedric Saunders, daughters-in-law, Teddy Albury and Patricia Albury, grandson-in-law, Stephen Lleida, granddaughter-in-law, Ingrid Saunders, sisters-in-law, Persis Albury and Norma Albury, great-grandchildren, Tara Van Volkom, Kimberly Ranson, Kristen Scarsellato, Michelle Ranson, Chelsea Saunders, Alex Saunders, Madison Saunders, Ashlyn Lleida, Amber Lleida, Andre Walkine and Jasmine Walkine, great-grand son-in-law, Ian Scarsellato and many other relatives and friends.

Instead of flowers the family request that donations be sent to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas, P.O. Box S.S. 6539, Nassau in memory of Mrs. Edna M. Albury.

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five parliamentary candidates, including Ryan Pinder for the PLP and Dr Duane Sands for the FNM.

"If we have extensive challenging it's going to be very confrontational," Dr Nottage said.

"I would wish to avoid that. I am not saying there are definitely two or three hundred, but there are many people, in the hundreds, who have not been found in the constituency despite intensive work done so far, and the governing party seem to have the same deficiency, so I anticipate there will be people who can't be found turning up to vote."

At press conferences held in the PLP and Free National Movement (FNM) headquarters yesterday, each party blamed the other for bringing the integrity of the electoral register into question.

Dr Nottage blamed the Parliamentary Commissioner for not

Illegal voters

ensuring the authenticity of the register prior to the by-election as he cited the 2008 Supreme Court ruling in the Pinewood election court case which found it was the Commissioner's statutory duty to protect the integrity of the parliamentary registration process.

The PLP campaign leader attested to a "whopping" 16.64 per cent increase in the number of Elizabeth voters between 2007 and 2010, following a 2.6 per cent rise between 2002 and 2007 and a 9.53 per cent rise in between 1997 and 2002.

He said: "The increase in the number of registered voters in the Elizabeth constituency is unprecedented. It is our belief that such an increase is highly unlikely and there are on the Elizabeth register many persons who do not have the right to be there. Some have moved out. Some may have died;

some may have registered without being eligible to do so."

Dr Nottage called on the Minister responsible for elections Tommy Turnquest to investigate the high number of new and transferred voters as well as claims of altered voters cards, and alleged harassment of voters by the Parliamentary Commissioner's staff.

"We are double checking the present and 2007 registers before we make a formal complaint," Dr Nottage said.

"It is clear such random and ad hoc relocation of voters would complicate the voter identification process, create mass confusion and frustration, and discourage the voter from exercising his or her democratic right. This is bad for democracy."

"The PLP calls on the minister responsible to immediately investigate these claims and pro-

vide a full and clear explanation as to why these transfers were done and what corrective actions are being taken to remedy this unfortunate situation.

"We wish to encourage the voters of Elizabeth to remain calm and to resist frustration even though on the surface it appears their democratic rights are being frustrated."

However, Mr Ingraham argued any question over the authenticity of the register arose under the leadership of former Prime Minister PLP leader Perry Christie.

The Prime Minister maintains the electoral register was intact until the 2007 general election was called under Mr Christie's leadership and he gave the Parliamentary Commissioner's office just four weeks to prepare the electoral register before the general election, creating a recipe for confusion and errors.

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Seven armed robberies

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robbed at gunpoint as they were leaving the back door of the movie theatre with a deposit bag containing an undetermined amount of cash.

Police said two men, one armed with a handgun, robbed them of the deposit bag just after 11am and drove off towards Claridge Road in a grey Ford Explorer.

Budget Meat Market in Cowpen Road was brought to a standstill when an armed man, dressed in a white shirt and dark trousers, burst into the store at around 12.15pm and stole cash from the store.

He then fled the area on foot. Herbie's Chinese Cafe in the Tonique Williams Darling Highway was held up by a man wielding a handgun just after 8pm on Friday. The gunman who had a scarf covering his face and was wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans, stole cash from the take-away before he ran off in an unknown direction.

There was a shoot-out during the day's fifth armed robbery at the Fire Trail Convenience Store in Fire Trail Road leaving a third person caught in the crossfire.

Police said gunshots were fired by the robber armed with a handgun and a shop employee after the robber stole cash from the store and turned to leave at around 8.20pm.

Gunfire hit a third person in the right arm and back just before the armed robber got away in a grey four-door right hand drive Honda Inspire. The injured person was taken to hospital.

An armed robber disguised in a black-hooded jacket robbed Zelmar Enterprise in Maxwell Lane, Rock Crusher, of cash at around 9pm on Friday, before he fled the area in a silver coloured vehicle.

And two masked men, one armed with a handgun, robbed a man outside his home in Dignity Gardens at around 10.40pm the same night and stole his grey 2000 Nissan Maxima.

In other crime news, Drug Enforcement Unit officers recovered a .9mm pistol and 15 live rounds of .9mm ammunition when executing a search warrant at a home in Evans Street, off East Street, Nassau at 5.30pm on Saturday.

Two women were taken into custody.

Police are appealing for information to assist investigations into all matters and asks that anyone who may be able to assist to call police urgently on 911, 919, or call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).

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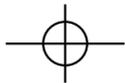
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Govt aims to make illegal voting harder

Prime Minister Ingraham said that "competent people" will be found to register new voters — suggesting that prior to the last general election the employment of people with overt political biases to do this job tainted the process — and street names and house numbers will be put in place throughout the country to assist with the process of documenting and validating would-be voter's whereabouts.

again seek to cast a ballot in the election despite having moved out of the area since the 2007 general election, thereby losing that entitlement.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham has suggested that the integrity of the register was not primarily compromised during the 2010 registration process, but as far back as before the 2007 general election.

He linked discrepancies in the register in large part to the fact that then Prime Minister Perry Christie left only four weeks between the issuance of the Boundaries Commission's report on the new make-up of the constituencies for that election and the date of the election itself, giving the parliamentary registrar's office the "physically impossible" job of properly registering all new voters in that short period of time.

His assertions contradicted those made by the PLP in their earlier press conference, when they blamed the parliamentary commissioner and the Minister responsible for the parliamentary registrar's office, Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest, for failing to ensure

the integrity of the register prior to its closure last month when the election writ was issued. The PLP suggested more steps could and should have been taken to ensure ineligible voters were kept off the register, thus avoiding the potential for a "confrontational" scene at polling stations throughout Elizabeth on election day when questionable voters show up at the polls.

Yesterday Mr Ingraham noted that based on findings presented by members of his party, the names of some people deemed to be ineligible to vote were "purged" from the Elizabeth electoral register by the parliamentary registrar's office, but the parliamentary commissioner was not able to deal with all of the findings presented before the register was certified, leaving many challenges still likely on election day.

"They were mainly people known to be deceased, people who were registered in Elizabeth but lived in Yamacraw and a few people who have moved out of the constituency," he said.

Ultimately, 4,943 people's names appeared on the register

at the time it was certified, an increase of around 700 from the number of individuals registered at the time of the 2007 general election.

Looking ahead, Mr Ingraham said: "When we have the next election, God willing, there will not be a problem with the register because you will have a prime minister in office who will have his hands on the tiller and who will make sure he will do his job as the Prime Minister is supposed to do to ensure the country will have a reliable voters register so people can go and vote for the candidate of their choice without being concerned whether hanky-panky is taking place."

"The first thing we will do is make sure that competent people are doing the registration, we will not seek to choose FNM or PLP supporters to do so. We will make sure people who have experience in doing so, who have done so before (do so again).

"They still exist in The

Bahamas you know. The same people who did the register in 1992, 1997, 2002 still live — they are here (but) many of them were changed, changed for various reasons," he stated.

Mr Ingraham said naming streets would also be key to enhancing the legitimacy of the register and electoral process.

"Elizabeth is but one example but Golden Isles is a far better example of not being sure where people live. There are all sorts of dirt roads. We have committed since last year November publicly to cause all streets in this island to be named, we've begun that process.

"We've also announced that we will have numbering of houses, so we will know when you are registered to vote you are living in house number 12, on Croatan Avenue in the Grove. Not just on a street. Many people are unsure what side of the street they are on, some doing the registration are not sure themselves, and so

many of the problems in registration came about as a result of that sort of thing.

"But yes you will have a good clean register before the next general election as you had in 2002, 1997 and 1992," said Mr Ingraham.

Mr Ingraham also advised those who are on the Elizabeth register, but who for one reason or another are not in fact entitled to vote, not to show up at the polls on election day.

"I want to say if you are not living in Elizabeth, if you were registered to vote in the last election, if you have moved out for more than six months please do not show up to vote.

"If you were not living there for more than three months before you registered you were not entitled to register, please do not show up to vote," he said.

The FNM will hold a mass rally on Thursday, February 11, at its Prince Charles rally site. The election is set for February 16.

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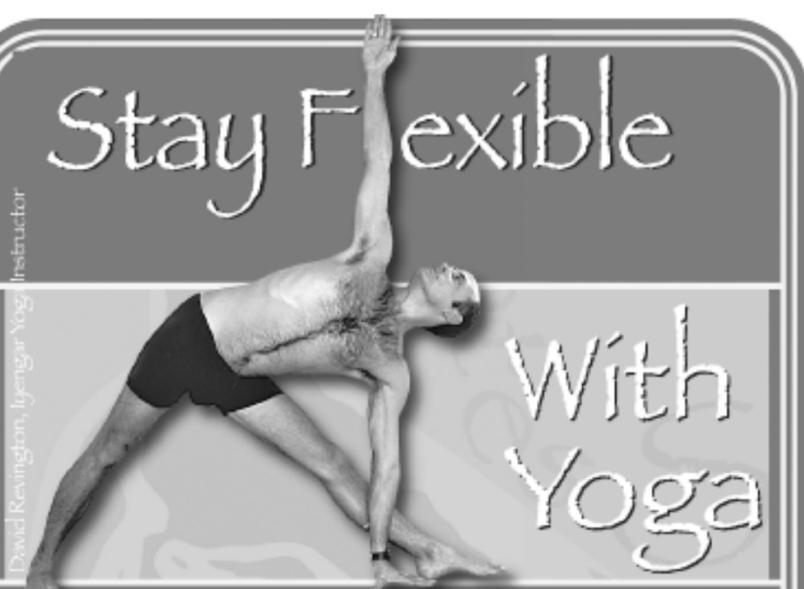
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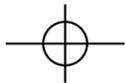
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Haitian migrants

Ingraham, and Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest when asked earlier that day about the then unconfirmed reports that a new group of migrants had been detained on Saturday. Speaking at a press conference on the Elizabeth by-election Sunday afternoon, the Prime Minister stated: "There's a boat in our territorial waters that has not been apprehended but is in a contained position and we expect that boat to be returned to Haiti with its occupants."

Mr Turnquest later added that the boat had entered an inlet to escape rough seas.

"We have it in a protected area and are waiting for word to have them repatriated."

Mr Turnquest said he did not wish to release the location of the boat.

on January 25 said they had set off from Port-au-Prince.

Forty-nine from among that group were charged in Magistrate's Court with illegally landing in the country and sentenced to six months in prison, following Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's announcement that as a result of the earthquake repatriations from The Bahamas to Haiti would be suspended as the Haitian government was not in a position to accept them back into the country.

The origin of this latest group has not been released.

The statement from the force on Saturday's apprehension differs slightly from that provided by the Prime Minister, Hubert

Force vessel, HMBS P-45, which was on routine patrol about 13 nautical miles southwest of Barretarre, Exuma.

"Upon further investigation, they discovered the migrants (49 males, 13 females), who all appeared to be in fair health. The migrants were transferred from their unseaworthy vessel and taken aboard the Defence Force craft P-45 and 49 for further processing."

The migrants form the second large group of Haitians to be apprehended in Bahamian waters since the devastating January 12th earthquake struck Port-au-Prince. Officers reported that the majority of the more than 50 Haitians apprehended off Adelaide, New Providence,

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