

WEATHER

TRY OUR **DOUBLE FISH FILET**



HIGH 87F
LOW 72F

SUN WITH T-STORM

The Tribune

ANY TIME...ANY PLACE, WE'RE #1

USA TODAY

BAHAMAS EDITION

www.tribune242.com

WAKE UP!

Try our **Big Breakfast Sandwich**



Volume: 106 No.92

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010

PRICE – 75¢ (Abaco and Grand Bahama \$1.25)

BUSINESS

City Markets cuts net losses by 55%

SEE PAGE B1

INSIDE

CARS FOR SALE, HELP WANTED AND REAL ESTATE

BAHAMAS BIGGEST

SPORTS

High School track and field

SEE PAGE NINE



SEE PAGE NINE

Ministry probes fraud allegations

Claims that businessman was coerced into inflating invoices

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
Tribune Staff Reporter
thompson@tribunemedia.net

AN investigation is under way into claims that civil servants at the Ministry of Agriculture coerced a businessman into inflating company invoices in order to pocket the extra cash, *The Tribune* can reveal.

The alleged fraud came to the attention of ministry officials in late February, during its Agribusiness expo at the Gladstone Road Agricultural Centre. Agriculture Minister Larry Cartwright, who confirmed an investigation was under way, said ministry officials "kind of suspected" something was amiss when they noticed that a bill for tent rentals for the recent expo varied significantly from what the ministry paid for tents during the same event in previous years.

"It was brought to my attention and I am having it investigated," Mr Cartwright told *The Tribune*.

According to a well-placed source, a business owner renting tents to the ministry for the event was asked by a high-ranking civil servant to adjust an invoice by several thousand dollars, with

instructions that the public servant would take the extra money.

The source further claimed that the business owner was promised more government work if this request was agreed to.

When these claims were put to Mr Cartwright, he denied a high-ranking employee was involved.

He said the investigation was in its initial stages and that the person/s believed to be behind the alleged scheme has not yet been identified.

"There have been no firings, the ministry wasn't able to identify any particular person as yet," he said.

When asked if he suspected the allegations may be part of wider fraudulent acts throughout the ministry, the Long Island representative said: "It is difficult to say but this is the first time I heard about a matter like that."

At the moment, it does not appear that the ministry will file criminal charges against any employee if their suspicions are substantiated.

"From our end, no, we will not file charges. I would expect to hear from the sales person, they should have gone to police," said Mr Cartwright.

FNM bid to have PLP election court petition struck out fails

By **NATARIO MCKENZIE**
Tribune Staff Reporter
nmckenzie@tribunemedia.net

ATTORNEYS for Dr Duane Sands yesterday sought to have the election court petition of Leo Ryan Pinder struck out, claiming it was "fundamentally flawed."

The court, however, did not accede to the application and also refused a subsequent application by Dr Sands' legal team for a stay of proceedings and for

leave to appeal the decision in the Court of Appeal.

The Elizabeth by-election court case began before Senior Justices Anita Allen and Jon Isaacs yesterday with the court hearing preliminary arguments raised by counsel for Free National Movement candidate Dr Duane Sands. QC Thomas Evans who is lead counsel for Dr Sands submitted that the

SEE page 11

REMEMBERING TRAGIC KEISHA



MICHAEL AND CARAL THURSTON, the parents of Keisha, at the memorial service last night.

FAMILY members and close friends gathered at D W Davis Junior High last night in a memorial service for Keisha Thurston. The young athlete's apparent sui-

cide has shocked all who knew her. Just 18 years old, Keisha was in her second semester at the College of the Bahamas on an athletic scholarship, and proactive in the athletic commu-

nity through its women's volleyball team. Keisha was found hanging from a rope at the family's home in McKinney Drive, Nassau, on Sunday, February 28.

Former Turks and Caicos Premier wants Prime Minister to assist territory

By **ALISON LOWE**
Tribune Staff Reporter
alowe@tribunemedia.net

THE disgraced former Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands has pleaded for Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham to

"become more engaged" in the plight of the British overseas territory over which the United Kingdom assumed control.

Michael Misick said the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) "really needs the assistance of Caricom and particularly The Bahamas — no one less than Prime Minister of the Bahamas himself — to educate on our behalf (and) to intervene on our behalf with his counterpart in London (British Prime Minister Gordon Brown)."

Mr Misick was the highest profile member of the Turks

SEE page eight

US report contains claims that children trafficked from Haiti for sex in Bahamas

CLAIMS that children are being trafficked from Haiti into the Bahamas to be used for sex and forced labour have been raised for a second time in a US government report — this time attributed to independent social workers.

The State Department's 2009 Human Rights Report, released yesterday, said representatives of non-governmental organisations on the ground in Haiti reported the problem of child trafficking for sexual and labour purposes, "especially to the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas."

The researchers noted that Haiti continues to be a source

country for persons trafficked to a number of other places as well, including Jamaica, the United States, Europe and Canada.

The report said: "Trafficked citizens reported conditions of bonded servitude, slavery, and forced labour. Extreme poverty and lack of employment were among key risk factors supporting human trafficking."

It added that no information could be collected on the principal traffickers, their networks, or methods, and noted that there were no anti-trafficking laws in Haiti and

SEE page eight

NEW

SPICY CHICKEN SANDWICH



BURGER KING

SPICY or not SPICY?

First Quality Ceramic & Porcelain Tiles from Italy, Turkey & Brazil!

VARIOUS SIZES • GREAT PRICES

NOW IN STOCK!

Vitra® Moliza® KUTAHYA SERAMIK formigres

JBR Building Supplies

Visit us on Wulff Road Opposite Mackey Street
Tel: 393-0512, 393-8006, 393-3513

Open Monday to Friday 7am - 4pm • Saturday 7am - 3pm

LOCAL NEWS

Arraignment of officer postponed

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
Tribune Staff Reporter
mreynolds@tribunemedia.net

THE arraignment of a police officer facing a number of fraud charges was postponed until Monday for court dockets to be put in order.

Eddie Florival, 40, of Sweet Lane off Faith Avenue, had been ordered to appear before Magistrate Carolita Bethel in Court Eight, Bank Lane yesterday morning to be arraigned on charges of conspiracy to commit fraud by false pretences and abetment to commit fraud.

Some of the charges were concerned with others who had already been charged: prison inmate Shane Mackey, 29; prison officer Freeman Basden, 45, of Cox Way; and Tamanica Bethel, 38, a store manager of Whites Lane.

But when Florival, who is currently free on bail, appeared before Ms Bethel at 10am she said she could not arraign him on the charges as the particulars were inconsistent and listed others who had already been charged.

The magistrate asked for Royal Bahamas Police Force prosecutor Erecell Dorsett to re-order the dockets and for Florival to return to court at 2pm.

However Florival's arraignment was then further postponed until Monday as Ms Bethel was still not satisfied with the dockets.

And as she began to read two charges stating Florival was concerned with others in a conspiracy to commit fraud by false pretences and abetment to commit fraud, she asked the prosecutor why the dockets were not directed solely to Florival.

Referring to the others named in the docket, she asked: "Why aren't they here?"

"I don't have a difficulty reading the charges to him, but when you bring it on the same docket, and my docket has a person already charged with abetment on the same facts - how can you charge him unless you put a new docket in?"

Inspector Dorsett said his officers had not understood the command to correct the dockets, and Ms Bethel made the prosecutor give his assurance the new dockets would be corrected and submitted on Monday morning.

"They have already taken a lot of my court time so they better get this fixed," she said.

Florival remains on bail.



EDDIE FLORIVAL

Prison criticised in Human Rights Report

THE CARMICHAEL Road Detention Centre along with Her Majesty's Prison once again featured negatively in the United States government's Human Rights Report which was released yesterday.

Calling conditions at the prison "harsh", the US report said that overcrowding remains a major problem in the men's maximum security block.

"Originally built in 1953 to hold 450 inmates, it held 624 of the country's 1,319 prisoners," the report prepared by the US Department of State reads.

"The remaining prisoners were held in medium- and minimum-security units that were at intended capacity. A remand centre held 265 detainees. Male prisoners in the maximum-security unit were crowded into poorly ventilated and poorly lit cells that generally lacked regular running water.

"Prisoners lacked beds, slept on concrete floors, and if not participating in work programmes, were locked in small cells. Maximum-security inmates were allowed outside for exercise four days a week for one hour per day. Inmates complained of inadequate potable water, lack of medical care, and

poor treatment," the report states.

The US State Department's report further said that there continued to be allegations of abuse by prison guards.

"Local attorneys and human rights observers asserted that the prison's Internal Affairs Unit lacked the independence needed to investigate impartially allegations of abuse and misconduct; it conducted no investigations during the year.

Access

"Conditions for female prisoners were less severe than for men; however, women did not have access to the same work-release programmes available to male prisoners."

Despite the existence of a separate section to hold offenders between the ages of 16 and 18, the report said there is "occasional mixing" of juveniles and adult inmates "depending on the severity of their crimes".

As it concerns the Carmichael Road Immigrant Detention Centre, the US report said that the facility held up to 500 detainees (with tent space for an additional 500), and women and men were held separately.

It said: "Haitians and Jamaicans were the most commonly interdicted migrants. The highest occupancy during the year was approximately 664. Observers complained of continuing abuse by guards, although immigration officials stated that no such complaints were filed during the year."

However, human rights groups have expressed their concern that complaint investigations were being handled internally without any independent review or oversight.

"Children under the age of 14 were held in the women's dormitory. Many children arriving with both parents were not allowed contact with the father except during weekly visitation. Despite the possibility of being held for months, children did not have access to education.

"The government made improvements to the Carmichael Road centre during the year, including benches for seating and recreation, cable television, bunk mattresses, fans, and 100 roll-away mattresses for overflow. Two nurses conducted medical screening of detainees on a weekly basis; authorities issued care packages upon entry into the facility and installed a

washer and dryer and additional pay phones for detainee use.

"(Amnesty International) as well as local media wrote and released reports throughout the year alleging systemic abuse of detainees at the Carmichael Road centre.

"In February the media reported that three Cuban detainees went on a hunger strike to protest conditions at the centre.

Detainees

"In an expansive interview with a local daily newspaper in June, an anonymous former officer at the centre alleged widespread abuse of detainees that included killings. Media reports also claimed that detainees exchanged sex for food due to insufficient rations.

"Neither domestic nor international human rights groups made any requests to visit the detention centre or prison during the year.

"However, organisations providing aid, counselling services, and religious instruction had regular access to inmates," the report read.

• SEE PAGE SIX

POLICE COMMISSION SEVEN NEW VEHICLES



THE SEVEN NEW police vehicles at yesterday's presentation on Thompson Boulevard.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

THE Royal Bahamas Police Force commissioned seven new vehicles last night to assist in their presence in the Eastern, Western, and Southern districts of New Providence.

Speaking with the press at the Central Detective Unit's headquarters on Thompson Boulevard, Superintendent Stephen Dean said they want the public to know that the funds that the police

force has received to assist in the fight against crime are being utilised properly.

"We will be developing new strategies in fighting crime and this is a testament to the general public today that we are serious, and this is also a message to the criminal element, and we want them to know that we are hot on their trails," he said.

Superintendent Dean said he also

wanted to assure the public that they will be having a strong presence at the national high school track and field competition. As such, he said, gangs and troublemakers should be forewarned that the police will be there in "full force."

The vehicles that were presented to CDU were four Jeep Explorers, two Dodge Chargers, and one Jeep Cherokee.

Man wanted for questioning in connection with murder

AN all-points bulletin has been issued for 48-year-old Kirkwood Mario

Storr who is wanted for questioning in connection with murder.

Storr's last known address is Johnson Terrace.

He is described as being of dark complexion, medium build, 5'8" tall and weighing 150lbs.

Storr is considered armed and extremely dan-

gerous.

Persons with any information about his whereabouts are asked to contact the following numbers:

Police emergency at 919/911; police control room at 322-3333; Crime Stoppers at 328-8477; the Southeastern police station at 392-4333/9 or the nearest police station.



KFC WINGS

A few more steps and you'll satisfy your cravings

Hot Wings

3 Wings \$2.95

6 Wings \$5.55

12 Wings \$9.95

24 Wings \$19.25

Add a 22oz Drink & Regular Fries for \$2.10

Nassau

KFC, Colonel Sanders' image and related marks are trademarks owned by KFC. © 2008 Kentucky Fried Chicken, all rights reserved.

TROPICAL EXTERMINATORS PEST CONTROL

PHONE: 822-2157

Sandals Worldwide Representative

"Unique Vacations Limited"

Invites applications for the following positions:

ACCOUNTING

- Chief Financial Officer
- Director of Credit & Collections
- Financial Controller / Treasurer
- Bookkeeper/Accountant
- Accounting Clerk
- Accounts Receivable Supervisor
- Accounts Payable Supervisor
- Collections Clerk
- Credit Card and Charge Back Clerk

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Vice President of Information Technology
- Director of Information Technology
- Global Networks Manager
- Emarketing Manager
- Cisco Certified Network Associate
- IT Project Manager

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

- Secretary
- Administrative Assistant to CFO/VP IS

Applicants must have at least five years experience in the travel industry in the respective positions, exposure to Oracle systems, be proficient in all Microsoft office applications, excellent communication, organizational and Interpersonal skills are required, must be able to train and motivate team members. Formal qualifications and computer skills are essential and must be able to work flexible and long hours.

Fax or email resume with proof of qualifications and experience to:

hrreport6@gmail.com

Fax: 677-6828

Closing date March 27, 2010

LOCAL NEWS

Concern over party reportedly planned at 'Brave' Davis' home

Resident fears possible traffic congestion, violent behaviour

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
Tribune Staff Reporter
tthompson@tribunemedia.net

ADVERTISEMENTS for a commercial party in the residential area of West Ridge, reportedly to be held at the home of opposition member Philip "Brave" Davis, have angered at least one resident.

According to a flyer advertising the party, billed as "Platinum Status", patrons must pay \$20 to enjoy music, food and an open bar at the "Davis residence" in West Ridge this coming Saturday. There is also a \$100 "champagne room", *The Tribune* was told.

According to one of the event's multiple sponsors, the party is being organised by Mr Davis' son.

Yesterday, an employee at the Department of Physical Planning said internal records did not show an application for a permit to host a commercial party in West Ridge, as is required under zoning guidelines.

The area in western New Providence is zoned strictly for single-family dwellings, the employee said, adding that such a party would require permission from his department.

According to physical planning guidelines, the permit application should have been submitted for review at least two weeks before the party.

One resident is afraid the event will attract scores of patrons due to the multiple radio commercials promoting the party.

She is concerned about possible traffic congestion and the potential for violent behaviour from intoxicated party-goers.

"It's pretty much like having a night club in a residential area. We all know the amount of violence happening at night clubs and I'm worried the party will end with a shooting or stabbing.

Worried

"I'm worried that if it happened once it would keep happening because they would think that it's okay," said the concerned resident, who did not want to be named.

Meanwhile, the physical planning employee said if residents complain to police on the night of the party, the event will be shut down if the organisers cannot produce the required permit. He added that party organisers would need another permit from the Licensing Authority if alcohol is on sale at the event.

But yesterday an employee from the Licensing Authority claimed there was no need for a permit at a "private party."

Attempts to reach Mr Davis for comment were unsuccessful up to press time last night.



PHILIP 'BRAVE' DAVIS



Galleria Cinemas

The Mall-at-Marathon
BOX OFFICE OPENS AT 10:00 AM DAILY

EFFECTIVE MARCH 12TH, 2010

Movie	Rating	1:00	3:25	N/A	6:00	8:20	10:50
GREEN ZONE	NEW	1:00	3:25	N/A	6:00	8:20	10:50
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE	NEW	1:10	3:40	N/A	6:10	8:30	10:40
OUR FAMILY WEDDING	NEW	1:15	3:35	N/A	6:15	8:35	10:50
ALICE IN WONDERLAND	A	1:00	3:30	N/A	6:00	8:20	10:45
BROOKLYN'S FINEST	C	1:20	N/A	4:20	7:20	N/A	10:40
COOP OUT	C	1:00	3:25	N/A	6:00	8:25	10:55
THE CRAZIES	C	1:05	3:30	N/A	6:05	8:30	10:45
SHUTTER ISLAND	C	1:10	N/A	4:10	7:10	N/A	10:10
PERCY JACKSON	B	1:05	3:35	N/A	6:05	8:25	10:45
FROM PARIS WITH LOVE	C	1:10	3:40	N/A	6:10	8:35	10:55
THE WOLFMAN	C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8:30	10:55
THE SPY NEXT DOOR	B	1:15	3:35	N/A	6:15	N/A	N/A

GALLERIA 6 - JFK DRIVE

USE YOUR E-CARD TO RESERVE TICKETS AT 380-3549 OR WWW.GALLERIACINEMAS.COM

Movie	Rating	1:00	3:25	N/A	6:00	8:25	10:45
GREEN ZONE	NEW	1:00	3:25	N/A	6:00	8:25	10:45
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE	NEW	1:10	3:40	N/A	6:10	8:35	10:50
ALICE IN WONDERLAND	A	1:00	3:35	N/A	6:00	8:20	10:40
BROOKLYN'S FINEST	C	1:15	N/A	4:15	7:15	N/A	10:15
COOP OUT	C	1:10	3:30	N/A	6:05	8:30	10:40
THE CRAZIES	C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8:35	10:45
SHUTTER ISLAND	C	1:05	N/A	4:05	N/A	N/A	N/A

380-FLIX

Use your e-card to reserve tickets at 380-3549 or visit us at www.bahamaslocal.com

BCB: No tampering of employee valuations forms occurred

THE BROADCASTING Corporation of the Bahamas has denied that any tampering with employee evaluation forms took place, as claimed in an article appearing in yesterday's *Tribune*.

According to a statement issued by the government-run news agency, in mid-2009 the Broadcasting Corporation (BCB) began training all managers and staff to enhance the productivity and efficiency of all aspects of its operations with particular emphasis on performance.

This, the BCB said, was in accordance with industrial agreements with both the Bahamas Communications

and Public Officers Union and Bahamas Communications and Managerial Union (BCPOU and BCPMU) and necessitated a change in the evaluation system which requires persons to be "more accountable for their performance".

"The process is still in its infancy stage and will undoubtedly experience a number of growing pains as the changes are quite significant compared with evaluations in previous years.

"The corporation denies any 'tampering' as alleged. Out of the 240 plus staff evaluated, less than six per cent of the evaluation forms

reviewed, following complaints made of procedural non-compliance, were found to have not followed procedure," the BCB said.

The statement further stated that the BCB will follow all procedures which call for evaluations to be redone following the "appropriate guidelines", noting that the BCPOU and the BCPMU are aware of the situation and the steps being taken.

On Thursday, *The Tribune* reported that staff at ZNS were in shock after learning that a senior manager at the Broadcasting Corporation had allegedly tampered with employee evaluation forms.

The claims of tampering – which allegedly saw staff members' scores lowered, to the potential detriment of their promotion and salary adjustment hopes – came to light this week when certain employees obtained copies of their evaluation forms only to find the documents had been altered after being signed by their immediate supervisor.

FOR 3 IN 1 LAWN SERVICE
Fertilizer, Fungicide,
Pest Control
Tropical Exterminators
322-2157

Some things just belong together

Whirlpool® Kitchen Suite

\$5,595
Save 25% when you pay cash.

*Shown is just a partial list of the options. Much more to see.

Energy Star® Qualified Tall Tub Dishwasher DU1055XTSQ

AnyWare™ Plus silverware basket fits in three places for maximum flexibility. NSF Certified Sani Rinse eliminates 99.999% of food soil bacteria.

30" Freestanding Self-Cleaning Gas Range WFG371LVQ

Two 15,000 BTU Power™ burners provide high heat for rapid boiling and frying. Adjustable Time Self-Cleaning System makes cleanup easy.

1.6 Cu. Ft. Microwave-Range Hood Combination WMH1162XVQ

2-speed fan hood beneath this 950 watt microwave helps keep kitchen air fresh. Easy operation with Auto cook, defrost and reheat cycles.

22 Cu. Ft. Energy Star® Qualified Side-by-Side Refrigerator ED2FHEXVQ

Electronic ice and water dispenser with standard push button controls. Adjustable door bins accommodate jugs and other large containers.

Master Technicians
APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

Open Monday thru Saturday, 8:30am 'til 5:30pm
Village Rd., Nassau, Bahamas
Ph: 393-5310 Fax: 393-8094
www.mastertechbahamas.com

You will be satisfied!

EDITORIAL/LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Tribune Limited

NULLIUS ADDICTUS JURARE IN VERBA MAGISTRI
Being Bound to Swear to The Dogmas of No Master

LEON E. H. DUPUCH, Publisher/Editor 1903-1914

SIR ETIENNE DUPUCH, Kt., O.B.E., K.M., K.C.S.G.,
(Hon.) LL.D., D.Litt.

Publisher/Editor 1919-1972
Contributing Editor 1972-1991

EILEEN DUPUCH CARRON, C.M.G., M.S., B.A., LL.B.
Publisher/Editor 1972-

Published Daily Monday to Saturday

Shirley Street, P.O. Box N-3207, Nassau, Bahamas
Insurance Management Building., P.O. F-485, Freeport, Grand Bahama

TELEPHONES

Switchboard (News, Circulation and Advertising) 322-1986
Advertising Manager - (242) 502-2352
Circulation Department - (242) 502-2387
Nassau Fax: - (242) 328-2398
Freeport, Grand Bahama: 1-(242)-352-6608

WEBSITE

www.tribune242.com – updated daily at 2pm

We need more understanding from administration of Queen's College

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I am writing concerning the letter that appeared in your newspaper dated February 17, 2010 under the heading "Concern about the new rule at Queen's College."

I am also in agreement with the letter writer. Primary school children are to be dropped at the security gate and it's up to these children to walk up that long drive and go to class.

Bear in mind these include grade one children who are as young as five years old. A lot of these children do not want to go to school and therefore wander around the school hoping to delay the start of school and possibly getting into mischief: This is all over an alleged child abduction which QC, along with the police, say did not happen. If it did not happen, why are we, the innocent parents, being made to suffer for this child's imagination? This child should be dealt with and not the rest of the student body.

We need some sort of communication from the Administration of QC, who from what I understand do not have children themselves, so they are unable to understand the concern that we have for our children.

LETTERS

letters@tribunemedia.net

dren. We as parents entrust our children to QC every day, and we expect the same trust returned to us.

QC in my opinion is falling down on their part of the agreement, unless they have administration or teachers down at the bottom of the drive for us parents to hand our children off to, they have failed! Not us parents! Also nights the children are released and they wander all over the field and parking lots looking for their parents which may not have even arrived in the parking lot yet.

There is no supervision and this situation that QC has created could result in major problems and law suits against the school. What happens when someone's child is beaten as the previous letter writer says or even worse really kidnapped?

I also want the opportunity to meet with the other parents and teachers in the morning. The ELC was a very loving section of the school where parents chatted before and after

school together outside the classrooms. But the primary school is another matter. I understand that after about grade three there should be no need for parents to walk the kids up the drive, but we still should be afforded that right.

If QC does not want outside people on the campus, have them issue two walking passes for every child in the primary school. The reason I say two is that it took two people to make the child so therefore a minimum of two passes should be needed. The same person does not pick up the child every night. We do need more understanding from the administration of Queen's College. I only can say that the people that can afford to will move their children to other schools like St Andrews.

We are paying a lot of money each term for our kids in QC and we are being dictated to. I have had an experience at another private school in Nassau and parents were allowed to walk their kids to and from class everyday.

MARSHA BETHELL
Nassau,
February, 2010.

Ban smoking in public places

IN A letter published in Wednesday's Tribune retired assistant police commissioner Paul Thompson urged government to introduce legislation to ban smoking in public places.

About four years ago it was announced that government was drafting legislation to protect non-smokers from the dangerous fumes of smokers. However, nothing more was heard of the draft. Whether it was never brought forward due to the slow-moving Christie administration or whether there were protests behind the scenes that stayed the draughtsman's hand, we shall probably never know.

However, the matter is once more before the public. There must be a movement out there — whether organised or not — that is becoming agitated by the proliferation of smoke in certain public places. We say this because of the number of telephone calls that we are suddenly receiving from those who want us to put our fingers to our keyboard and reopen the issue. This is an issue that we have written about many times before.

Mr Thompson has now re-opened the debate. But this time because of the increasing respiratory problems in this country, it is time for smoking to be taken beyond the debating stage. Action is now necessary.

The smoking lobby will protest that they have rights too. We agree they have rights, but the rights extend only to destroying their own health, not the health of others. Each man's right ends when it infringes on the rights of others. And second hand smoke is that infringement from which in a public place the non-smoker has a right to be protected.

No one is asking for legislation that will ban the committed smoker from blackening his own lungs. All that is being asked is that he remove himself and his dirty weed a safe distance from those who don't want to share his fate.

There is now conclusive evidence that inhaling second hand smoke causes lung cancer in non-smokers.

This has been proven by scientists over many years. However, in 1604 James I of England (James VI of Scotland) needed no scientist to tell him what was so obvious to the eye and the resulting congestion in the chest.

The king described smoking as a "custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs,

and in the black, stinking fume thereof, nearest resembling the horrible Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless."

Four centuries ago James would have had no problem banning such an evil, which he saw not only as "a great vanity, but a great contempt of God's good gifts, that the sweetness of man's breath, being a good gift of God, should be wilfully corrupted by this stinking smoke."

James did not know then what we know now. According to statistics there are about 3,400 cancer deaths annually among adult non-smokers in the US due to their exposure to second hand smoke.

The US Surgeon General has estimated that living with a smoker increases a non-smoker's chance of developing cancer by 20 to 30 per cent.

It has also been suggested by some researchers that there is evidence that second hand smoke may increase the risk of breast cancer, nasal sinus cavity cancer, nasopharyngeal cancer in adults, and leukemia, lymphoma, and brain tumours in children. However, it is claimed that more research is necessary to conclusively confirm what present research so far is suggesting.

In the US second hand smoke is believed to be the cause of about 46,000 heart disease deaths each year. The researchers have gone so far as to suggest that second hand smoke might be linked to the risk of a stroke and hardening of the arteries.

Researchers also say that second hand smoke can cause an increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), ear infections, colds, pneumonia, bronchitis and more severe asthma. It can also slow the growth of children's lungs and cause breathlessness and wheezing.

"There is no safe level of exposure to second hand smoke," say the experts. "Studies have shown that even low levels of second hand smoke exposure can be harmful. The only way to fully protect non-smokers from second hand smoke exposure is to completely eliminate smoking in indoor spaces."

Apparently separating smokers from non-smokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot completely eliminate second hand smoke exposure.

So what are we waiting for? Time is overdue for the complete banning of smoking in all public places.

The smoker can light up in the wide open spaces on the outside where he has all the freedom he needs to do harm to himself.

Mediate, do not bully, Mr Allen

EDITOR, The Tribune

I feel obliged to comment on the letters written in the paper between Mr Abner Pinder and Mr Algernon Allen. I am a devoted listener to "Issues of the Day" and although I may not completely agree with the comment by Mr Pinder that Mr Allen "hates" Prime Minister Ingraham — I would say that Mr Allen is no Wendall Jones.

Mr Jones manages each guest and caller with integrity and respect. I find him sometimes to be painfully non-biased.

Mr Allen on the other hand needs to realize that the show is a forum for guests and callers. He is to act as a mediator between the two. When Mr Allen is not laughing, he is running on with his own life experiences. To you, Mr Allen, I say: Take a step back and humble yourself. Learn from your co-worker Mr Wendall Jones. Mediate, do not bully.

And to Mr Pinder: Go ahead and express yourself for you are not alone.

A CONCERNED READER
Nassau,
March 5, 2010.

It's time to be transparent, GBPA

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The young management of the Port are putting on a good face, however, everyone knows that with Sir Jack still cruising there has to be a person who was there till the New Year as you simply cannot leave such an enterprise without a pilot.

Surely it is time that GBPA make the appropriate announcement who is the chief who is running and acting as chairman of the port? Yes, we are told we should become washers of windows, but the real potential is not there but in what the management of the GBPA and the group of companies can generate.

None of us can be reassured when we know the immediate past chair did not have his permit renewed for whatever reason, but who is running the show?

Time to be transparent Grand Bahama Port Authority.

W DARVILLE
Freeport,
February, 2010.

Having a nation to call your own

EDITOR, The Tribune.

My husband and I make our home in Marsh Harbour during the winter months and are just concluding our fifth season here. It is very fulfilling for us to be involved in our community, and have come to appreciate the concerns of this country, from food supply stability to immigration issues.

In regards to the latter I had occasion to help with one young lady's desire to establish herself as a Bahamian who, even though born here, was essentially without any legal status.

I will withhold comment on the laborious, time consuming, frustrating, and inefficient bureaucracies that she encountered along the way to legally accord herself franchise in a country which had always been her home. I came alongside her (and her brother) and made another trip to Nassau (her sixth) this time with her mother, to get proof of her birth from PMH.

We were successful and I would like to thank publicly Ms Ellis from Medical Records at Princess Margaret Hospital who works in a very crowded setting. She is to be commended for a job well done, and has been instrumental in the process for two young people to be embraced legally into a nation which has always been home to them. They can now become solid contributing members of Bahamian society. It is only a matter of how far you go back in your heritage to find parents, grandparents, great grandparents or great great grandparents who did the same thing for you so that you would have a nation to call your own.

It was very satisfying to facilitate this process, and I encourage other young people to persevere in their application to do the same. The Bahamas will be the better for it as we live according to the Scripture, Micah 6:8, "He has shown you, women and men, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

DEBORAH R BALLARD
Nassau,
February 27, 2010.

OVER 60?
Want To Be Computer Savvy?
Please Call ERC @
394-3304
Seminars begin March 19th, 2010

TYREFLEX STAR MOTORS
"Tire Special"
P235-65 R17 \$165.00
FITS MERCEDES ML350
OTHER SIZES ALSO ON "SPECIAL"
TELEPHONE: 325-4961

Quality Auto Sales
PRE-OWNED CARS & TRUCKS
TRADE-INS ON NEW CAR SALES ACCEPTED
Check Out These Great Values
'06 HYUNDAI SONATA
'01 HYUNDAI
'04 FORD EXPLORER
'95 NISSAN BLUEBIRD
'98 HYUNDAI COUPE
'01 HYUNDAI COUPE
'01 MAZDA MPV WAGON
'99 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER
'00 HYUNDAI GALLOPER
'04 HYUNDAI SANTA FE
'08 HYUNDAI SONATA
'06 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
'97 TOYOTA AVALON
'91 VOLVO 740 GL
'98 HONDA ACCORD

QUALITY auto sales LIMITED
#1 AUTO DEALER IN THE BAHAMAS
EAST SHIRLEY STREET • 322-3775 • 325-3079
Visit our showroom at Quality Auto Sales (Freeport) Ltd for similar deals, Queens Hwy, 302-6133 or Alisco Motor Mall, Don MacKay Blvd, 367-2916
OPEN: Mon to Fri 8:30am - 5:30pm • Sat 8:30am - 12:30pm

CHOOSING HURRICANE SHUTTERS
This guide offers a look at the benefits of five varieties of Hurricane Shutters

Don Stainton (Protection) Ltd.
SERVING THE BAHAMAS SINCE 1978
HILLSIDE PLAZA, THOMPSON BOULEVARD
FREE ESTIMATES 322-8160/322-8219

HURRICANE SHUTTERS

- ROLL SHUTTERS**
Aluminum rolling shutters are custom-fitted and available in a choice of colours. They provide security and hurricane protection. Easily operated by hand crank or electric motor, Roll shutters add beauty, security and convenience to any home.
• We guarantee motors for 5 years, material and labour for two years and respond to service calls within 48 hours, usually on the same day.
- ALUMINUM LOUVERED SHUTTERS**
The look of colonial wooden shutters, but with the strength and maintenance - free qualities of aluminum. Add a finishing architectural touch to your home with these functional yet decorative shutters. Provides protection against storms, sun and vandals.
- ALUMINUM ACCORDION SHUTTERS**
Light enough to slide easily, yet strong enough to withstand severe storm conditions. Heavy-duty key lock mechanisms for secure fastening.
- ALUMINUM HURRICANE AWNINGS**
Economical and convenient, these easy-to-use awnings are permanently installed and close quickly for storm protection. They give everyday protection from heat and rain, and help prevent fading of carpets and drapes.
- CLIP-LOCK ALUMINUM STORM PANELS**
The most cost-effective protection available. Lightweight, easy to store and to use. We give you 10% extra spring steel clips and use closed-end headers to prevent the panels "creeping".

LOCAL NEWS

Call for website to name accused criminals on bail

Former Attorney General makes proposals to tackle crime

By ALISON LOWE
Tribune Staff Reporter
alowe@tribunemedia.net

FORMER Attorney General Allyson Maynard-Gibson has called on the government to immediately create a website where members of the public can easily find out which accused criminals have been released on bail.

The proposal was one of several put forward by the PLP Senator and leader of Opposition business in the Senate during Wednesday's session.

Mrs Maynard-Gibson suggested this website should be launched right away by the government to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Monitoring

The Senator's other proposals included that anyone who attacks or threatens a policeman or judge should be tried right away; that accused murderers should be subject to immediate trials so as to avoid the chance of them being released on bail; that electronic monitoring of those on bail should be implemented; that regular checks on the status of evidence, witnesses and those accused in crimes should be made to ensure that cases do not fall by the wayside.

Mrs Maynard-Gibson said crime should not be made into a "political football", but noted that the FNM's general election campaign included the message that "if you want to

reduce crime, vote FNM."

"Well, the FNM has been in charge since 2008 and crime has steadily increased since then," she said, quoting several recent crime related headlines.

Mrs Maynard-Gibson accused the government of "dismantling a multi-faceted strategy to address the problems in the administration of justice and crime" left in place by the former PLP government prior to the 2007 election.

Projects

"Unfortunately law and order is another area where projects left in place were not built on. They were stopped or cancelled and Urban Renewal was subsequently reinstated. I understand that Swift Justice is partially reinstated. I do not understand why games would be played or risks taken with the safety of our citizens and the vitality of our tourist industry. Urban Renewal and Swift Justice were working for the benefit of Bahamians. If they were not perfect they should have been fixed, not stopped and reinstated two years later while crime continues to spiral out of control," said the Senator.

She said that if the 2009 murder rate were to take into account all of the "unclassified deaths" the increase in the rate from 2008 to 2009 would be just under 40 per cent.

"They show murders (are) at 85 to end December 2009. We



SENATOR Allyson Maynard-Gibson

know that the police reported more than 100 deaths, some of which are yet to be classified. We Bahamians know that they were not due to natural causes and we know that they are crimes, which is why the police are involved," she said.

Law

It seems "people are more and more feeling that they must take the law into their own hands because the government seems to be inept and unable and at very least, helpless. Bahamians are under siege in their homes. Home invasions are increasing. Bahamians are not safe on the streets. Tourists

are not safe on Bay Street."

Mrs Maynard-Gibson commended the police force for its efforts to combat crime but added that the full effectiveness of their attempts will be diminished unless matters be swiftly brought to trial.

"Judges are ready to hear matters. They can only hear what is brought before them. They do not prepare matters for trial," said the former Attorney General.

She suggested that full and effective collaboration between various government agencies is lacking and that this is impinging upon the number of matters which are being put forward for trial.

Police officers carry out 'operation disrupt'

IN the first of a planned series of exercises, officers of the Southwestern Division last week conducted an operation to ensure the businesses in that area were secure, school children were not harassing members of the community and motorists were abiding by the laws of the road.

The police officers set out last Friday at about 2.45pm to carry out "operation disrupt" with the aim of disrupting persons who seem to have little or no regard for law and order.

The operation commenced at the junction of Baillou Hill Road and Carmichael Road, and officers paid specific attention to "school children who usually annoy members of the community after school," the police said in a press release.

Additionally, road checks were conducted, halting bus drivers whose licences were expired or did not meet the required dressed code.

The officers also conducted a walkabout in the community, assuring residents of the police's commitment to reducing and eventually eradicating crime.

Residents were encouraged to be their brother's keeper and to report all suspicious persons, vehicles and activities.

"The residents were excited and pledged their support," the police said.

Further, officers also ensured that the business community of Carmichael was secured. Patrols were increased during the evening thus creating a safer environment for businesses.

The operation was a success, and the officers arrested two men for suspected dangerous drugs, four men for house break-ins and recovered three suspected stolen vehicles.

"This initiative is just the beginning of a number of activities geared toward ensuring the residents and business communities of the Southwestern Division (Carmichael) are safe. The officers of the Southwestern Division are focused and determined to create a safe environment for persons to live, work, visit and play," the police's press statement said.



Employment Opportunity

Financial Controller

Description:

Provide leadership and coordination for the company's financial actual reporting, planning and budgetary management functions. The position is accountable for the accounting operations of the company which include the maintenance of an adequate system of accounting records, and a set of comprehensive controls designed to maintain the integrity of the company's financial results. Responsibilities will include:

- Directing and coordinating the company's financial planning and budgetary management functions.
- Leading the daily operations of the company's business controls, cash management, fulfillment, pension management, accounting systems and balance sheet processes.
- Maintaining an organizational structure and staffing to effectively accomplish the company's strategic goals and objectives.
- Acting as a trusted business advisor to the IBM Bahamas Leadership Team.
- Recruitment, training, supervising and evaluating department's staff.

Qualifications:

- University Degree in Accounting, with either a CA, CPA, CGA or CMA accounting designation.
- 3 to 5 years of experience in a similar senior level finance or accounting position.
- Work requires strong professional written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to motivate teams and produce high quality work within tight timeframes.
- Required to simultaneously manage several projects and must be willing to work a flexible schedule.
- Ability to effectively work in an international, fast-paced, matrixed organization.

An equal opportunity employer, IBM provides competitive salaries. Thus, compensation will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Please mail detailed resume or in electronic format to the attention of:

Financial Controller
IBM Bahamas Limited
Fourth Floor
Atlantic House
Second Terrace & Collins Avenue
Nassau, Bahamas
e-Mail: nseaton@bs.ibm.com

Deadline for receipt of resumes is: Friday, March 19th 2010.

All applications will be held in the strictest confidence. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

IT'S A TIME OF JOY AND JUBILATION!
IT'S A GRAND TIME
OF PRAISE
AND CELEBRATION!

89th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

March 14-21, 2010 - East Street Tabernacle

THEME: "RISEN, UPRIGHT, RESTORED AND READY!"

Psalm 20:8

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS:

MINISTER CATHERINE H. PAYNE
International Director of Women's Ministries from Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A.

BISHOP JOHN N. HUMES
National Overseer of the Church of God, Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands

BISHOP CLARENCE N. WILLIAMS
National Overseer of the Turks & Caicos Islands

BISHOP BRICE H. THOMPSON
General Presbyter of the Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands.

MINISTERING IN MUSIC WILL BE: The Convention Praise Team, National Convention Choir, Tabernacle Concert Choir, the Church of God National Choir, Bahamas Public Officers Choir and various soloists, choirs and singing groups. The Bahama Brass Band, Bahama Youth and Junior Brass Bands will provide special music.

Monday, March 15th, 2010
Bishop Dr. Elgarnet B. Rahming, CMG, DD, JP, National Overseer and Moderator will deliver his **Annual National Address on Monday, March 15th live over ZNS 1540 AM and 810 AM, and live over Television Channel 55.**

LOG ON TO:
www.cogpbahamas.org
FOR LIVE WEBCAST EVENING SESSIONS

Bring the family and be blessed!

For further information, call 322-3097



Moderator:
Bishop Dr. Elgarnet B. Rahming & Minister Jacqueline B. Rahming

LOCAL NEWS

Ambassador Joshua Sears in London for two days of intensive discussions

Bahamas awarded 'signal honour' of helping with Commonwealth's human rights review

THE Bahamas has been awarded a "signal honour" by being given the opportunity to contribute to the Commonwealth's review of human rights records and laws, said Ambassador Joshua Sears, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The ambassador travelled to London this week to attend the two-day Commonwealth Mid-Term Review of Universal Periodic Review Process which concludes today.

One of the primary instruments of

the Human Rights Council established by the United Nations General Assembly in March 2006 is to monitor and review the human rights records of 192 member states of the international community.

Expert

An expert panel convened in London to review the implementation of the Universal Period Review Process and to make recommendations to the

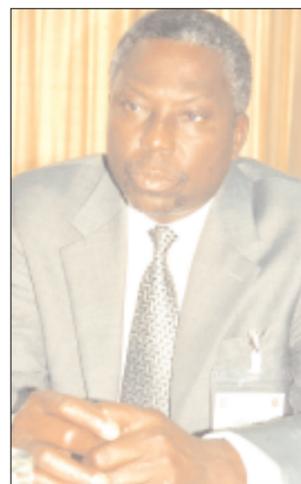
UN. A document of best practices in the Commonwealth will be one of the outcomes of this review.

To date, 142 countries of the UN have been reviewed.

The Bahamas was the first CARICOM country to be reviewed, which was done at the Third Session in December 2008, and Ambassador Sears has been invited to share the Bahamas and Caribbean experience with the Commonwealth Expert Group.

Secretary General Kamelesh Sharma delivered the keynote address and the panel engaged in two days of intensive discussions, which made an important contribution to the UN review process.

Ambassador Sears said that this opportunity to contribute to the Commonwealth's position of the review of this new instrument and the further development of human rights laws and practices globally is an honour for the Bahamas.



JOSHUA SEARS

Legal Notice

NOTICE

FOREST STORM INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 9th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Legal Notice

NOTICE

FENUGREEK ENTERPRISES LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 9th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

EAST WATER RESEARCH GROUP LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

- EAST WATER RESEARCH GROUP LIMITED** is in voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act 2000.
- The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 10th March 2010 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.
- The Liquidator of the said company is Peter Leppard of c/o 1 Raffles Link #05-02 Singapore 039393.

Dated this 12th day of March A. D. 2010

Peter Leppard
Liquidator

Legal Notice

NOTICE

OLD GELLINGSLY INVESTMENTS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 9th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Legal Notice

NOTICE

AVLONA LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 9th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

ECLAIRE LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

- ECLAIRE LTD.** is in voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act 2000.
- The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 10th March 2010 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.
- The Liquidator of the said company is Gizeh Management Ltd. of Wickhams Cay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 12th day of March A. D. 2010

Gizeh Management Ltd.
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

PAPEIRA LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

- PAPEIRA LIMITED** is in voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act 2000.
- The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 10th March 2010 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.
- The Liquidator of the said company is Orbitron Limited of Wickhams Cay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 12th day of March A. D. 2010

Orbitron Limited
Liquidator

Legal Notice

NOTICE

GRENOBLE FALLS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 9th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Community clean-up on Saturday



KGBC SCHOOL VISITS – Keep Grand Bahama Clean committee members participated in a special morning assembly at Walter Parker Primary School. Some of the students got up close and personal with the KFC mascot 'Chicky' as he helped spread the anti-littering message.

THE Keep Grand Bahama Clean Committee's (KGBC) first community clean-up for the year is planned for this Saturday in Coral Gardens.

KGBC in conjunction with Dominion Community Church, Access Ministries and the Seahorse Urban Renewal, will spearhead an early morning clean-up of loose litter throughout the community, beginning at 7.30am.

The event culminates with a much anticipated health fair and fun day.

To increase public awareness amongst Coral Gardens' residents and garner support for Saturday morning's event, representatives of the various groups took to the streets on Wednesday afternoon distributing flyers and speaking with residents.

Nakira Wilchcombe, KGBC chairperson, described the clean-ups as an integral part of their mission and invited Coral Gardens' residents, civic

groups, other organisations and the general public to join in the activities.

Prior to Saturday's clean-up, KGBC participated in a special assembly at the nearby Walter Parker Primary School. Committee members were on hand to spread the message of love of country and the environment to the entire gathering of students, faculty and administrators.

Addressing them was KGBC member Rehuder Rolle of Love 97.

Excited

"We are excited to stop by your school to encourage you to 'Keep Grand Bahama Clean'. Even though you are young now, you're not too young to begin to be proactive and aware of the importance of keeping Grand Bahama and your entire country, clean."

A highlight of the school visit was a special appearance by Kentucky Fried Chicken's mascot 'Chicky'.

KFC is an official corporate partner of the 'Keep Grand Bahama Clean' initiative.

"Once again, KFC has joined forces with KGBC in an effort to reach the youth in our schools by using our much-loved 'Chicky' to reinforce the importance of their part in keeping Grand Bahama Clean," said Aniska Saunders, assistant marketing manager at KFC.

"Through anti-littering campaigns we hope to promote pride in our country and personal responsibility in keeping our island litter free which is a benefit we all enjoy."

School visits and community clean-ups will continue throughout the course of the year, along with other special KGBC-sponsored events.



CORAL GARDENS CLEAN-UP – Representatives from the Keep Grand Bahama Clean committee and other organisations delivered personal invitations to Coral Gardens' residents in advance of Saturday's clean-up in their community. Pictured (l-r): Lonna Munroe, KGBC committee member; Rowena Albury, facilitator with Seahorse Urban Renewal; Nola McKenzie, resident, and Geneva Rutherford, director of community relations at GBPA.

LOCAL NEWS

One of world's largest cargo ships in Freeport

By DENISE MAYCOCK
Tribune Freeport Reporter
dmaycock@tribunemedia.net

FREEPORT- THE arrival of one of the world's largest cargo ships in Grand Bahama this week signals the importance of the Freeport Container Port in the face of a growing global population and the expansion of China's exports, said Environment Minister Dr Earl Deveau.

And although the amount of shipping traffic at the port is still down due to the global recession, things are slowly starting to look up with more orders from China.

Dr Deveau was in Freeport on Wednesday for the arrival of the Northern Jasper - one of the largest container vessels in the world.

The vessel, which is operated by the Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), arrived in port carrying some 8,200 containers.

Minister Deveau and Container Port CEO Gary Gilbert went onboard the ship, where they presented a plaque to Captain Serebyn Dariusz and chief engineer Scarlet Alexandru to commemorate the occasion.

"This ship (Northern Jasper) is the biggest ship we ever had in Grand Bahama - so this is a real big plus for Grand Bahama," Mr Gilbert told reporters.

This is the second mega container ship of its kind that has docked at the harbour here.

The Tomoko, the sister ship of Northern Jasper, came in February, carrying some 8,000 containers.

Dr Deveau said the ship's arrival is a very significant one, not only for the container port, but also for Grand Bahama and the Bahamas.

"In order for this ship to go into New York they have to lower the top deck to get under the bridge, but yet Freeport is able to accommodate it."

"This ship is about half the size of the one that will come later in the year that actual carries 14,000 containers (and) that can't even go on the eastern seaboard of the US, yet the freight of the world will come to Grand Bahama to unload containers."

"MSC is one of our biggest (on) register, and of course the Bahamas is seeking to promote the maritime register," said Dr Deveau.

He noted that the port's



ENVIRONMENT MINISTER Dr Earl Deveau (right) onboard the Northern Jasper.

proximity to the eastern seaboard of the US makes Freeport a "vital link" in international shipping from South America to Asia and Europe.

Dr Deveau said the continued expansion of the container port and the harbour in Freeport is important as the world population grows and exports continue to increase from China.

He reported that China exports for February increased by 46 per cent compared to last year this time.

Minister Grant said Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's decision to approve the container port for Freeport was the right decision. He noted that the port continues to pro-

vide hundreds of jobs for Bahamians.

Mr Gilbert said Freeport has the deepest harbour in the Western Hemisphere, with a depth of 54ft to accommodate the largest vessels in the world.

He said every week one of MSC's mega container vessels will dock at the container port.

In addition to MSC, Mr Gilbert revealed that the container port is looking for another major shipping customer.

He said that business at the container port is still down, but has improved slightly over the recession.

"We are not to the 2,000 levels but at the rest of

Hutchison's other ports we are starting to see more orders coming from China ports. They are not as long in duration but we are back about 25 per cent of what we were at the low of last year, and that is not all the way to when we were 30 per cent down from 2008. So it is a very good sign that things are coming back," he said.

Mr Gilbert said that expansion is continuing with Bahama Rock to excavate the harbour for an additional 1,800 meters of quay side and other 10 cranes.

He said their safety record at the container port is very good, with no fatalities, although there were minor accidents.

STOP LIVING IN FEAR - AVOID BEING NEXT HOW TO AVOID BEING SHOT BY THE POLICE - PART 3

GO AND tell your young men these things.

Under no circumstances should you ever become verbally abusive to a police officer. Even if you are innocent, you are exposing yourself to potential violence.

A police officer deals on a daily basis with members of the general public who are cursing at him in the course of doing his duty.

It is quite human to lash out at the officer; I know I don't feel "served and protected" when someone is writing me a ticket for speeding.

Truth be known, most officers in this country just ignore the verbal threats against their person. They appreciate the violent language of our new culture, and the immaturity of



D'Arcy Rahming

some people.

The problem comes when the officer is in a combative state, because he may be stopping cars to look for a criminal whose profile you fit. Any resistance - including verbal abuse - on your part, could escalate the situation rapidly and dangerously.

Always remember, we outnumber the Bad Guys.

• D'Arcy Rahming is a violent crime researcher and Adjunct Faculty Member at the College of the Bahamas. He holds Black Belts in several martial arts and is an internationally renowned seminar leader for corporations, private groups and police and security groups. You can follow him on his blog at www.stoppinginfear.org.

Demeritte's Funeral Home

BAHAMAS' OLDEST MORTUARY
MARKET STREET • P.O. BOX GT-2097 • TEL: 323-5782

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR

Sylvia Lousie Davis Brown, 79



a resident of Davis Street, Fox Hill, who passed away on 2nd March, 2010, will be held at Macedonia Baptist Church, Bernard Road, Fox Hill, on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Officiating will be Rev. Dr. David S. Johnson, assisted by other Ministers. Interment follows in Woodlawn Gardens, Soldier Road.

Sylvia's true spirit of loving, caring, sharing and cherished memories will continue to linger in the hearts of her beloved family three sons, Roderick, Rev. Dr. Anthony and Servant Elect Bob Brown; one adopted son, Timothy Capronfour

daughters, Advilda Lockhart, Jacqueline Comarcho, Patricia Cartwright, and Donna Brown; two brothers, Samuel Davis Jr. of New York, and Calvin Davis; one sister, Vernell Davis; twenty seven grandchildren, Yvette "Sandy" Kerr, Eddie, Anishka, Tito, Kino and Candice, Carol, Lloyd, Latoya, Amanda, Jamie, Roderick Jr.; Lakisha, Anton, Antoinette, Monate, Amanda, Albert Jr., and Cyril Cartwright Jr; Isrick, Robert, Zahane, Brinique, and Bobby Jr. Brown; Gia Finley, Timea and Timothy Jr. Carpron; fifteen great grandchildren, Aysha-Cassidi, Tito Jr., Rasha, Donica, Angelica, Ryan, Ramold, Lloyd Jr., Brandon, Dillon, Garnet, Rotisha, Laquell, Antrielle, Denoughn Knowles and Demeco Dean; thirteen nieces, Vandria Forbes, Cindy Cartwright, Kim Thompson, Jill Hanna, Janet Rolle, Ethel Pinder, Peggy Davis, Gail Cochiamogulos, Sharona, Shabraka, Lakeisha, Sherelle, and Sherese Davis; eight nephews, Calvin Jr., Marvin Davis, Troy Davis Larry Pinder, John Pinder President of the Public Service Union and N.C.T.U, Fredrick and Valentino Davis; nineteen grand-nieces, Daria, Darrinika, Deshanna, Brittany, Tina, Yvette, Amy, Narrissa, Theodosia, Petiere, Keshia, Claudina Cooper, Kera Cartwright, Inderia, Ileanna Thompson, Taniesha Davis, Katera Thompson, Renna Rolle, and Trishae Davis; twenty-one grandnephews, Darrien, Steven, Dwight, Theo, Theron, Theodore, Theophilus Cochiamogulos, Antereu, Javan, Jamar, Larrez, Lamar, Patrick, Valentino Forbes, Jamal, Jermaine, Cecil, Calvin Davis III, Malvin Davis Jr., Macfado Thompson, Rodolph Rolle, sister-in-law, Cora Davis; one son-in-law, Albert Cartwright Sr., two daughters-in-law, Esther Brown, Quillie Capron; grand-daughter-in-law, Nadia Brown; godchild, Shirley Dames of Acklins Island; numerous relatives and friends including, The Community of Black Point Exuma, Browns, Smiths, Minnis', Ferguson's, Rolle's, Robinson's, The entire Davis family of the Fox Hill Community, Irene Davis, Cleomy Saunders, Theologus Cochiamogulos, Steven Kerr, Dorothy Davis Rahming, Rev. Dr. William Thompson, Minister Betty Davis Thompson, Rev. Julia Bain, Sophie Davis Forbes, Rubey, Margaret, Debra and Anthony Davis, Beryl Davis Wright, Linol Davis, Martie Davis, Trevor, Burky, Dillian Davis, Joyann Davis Thompson, Elenor Forrester Smith, Dr.Carrington Pinder, St. Marks Native Baptist Church, Evangelist Carolyn Demeritte, Rev. Sherry Saunders, Ena and Madolyn Timothy, Elsie Mae Johnson, Dola Anna Smith, Shirley Johnson, Ralno, Sammy, Karvol, Junior and Glen Mackey, Beverley Bain, Anna Smith, Bruce Davis, Maud Bain, Derek Davis, Urskin Davis, Cora Davis Mackey, Senitor Doctor Jacinta Higgs, Fred Ramsey and family, Cynthia Davis, Rev. Estella Davis of Orlando Florida, Oline Francis, Janique Francis, Miriam Brennen, Sylvia Sealy, Honorable Minister Fred Mitchell, Martin Kemp, Paula Tynes, Bishop Dr. Evin Hart, William Hall Senior, Buster Hall, Maxine and Marium Rolle, Rev.Dr. Cari Rahming, Samuel Kemp, Evangelist Margaret Strachan and family, Mt Senior Preston Moss of the St. Anselm's Church and Miriam Roker. The Soup Kitchen of Mt. Carey Church, and The Soup Kitchen of Macedonia Baptist Church, The staff of the Ministry of Health, the staff of the Department of Environmental Health Services, Elizabeth Estate Clinic, Nurse Debra Watson, and the Fox Hill Clinic, Present Day Bible Ministries, Mount Tabor Full Baptist Church, Pastors of Prayer, Macedonia Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. David Johnson, Friends of Davis Street Fox Hill, Rev. Dr. Phillip Rahming, Demeritte's Funeral Home, Princess Margaret Hospital, The Fox Hill Police Station, Inspector Smith, and Woodlawn Gardens.

Friends may pay their last respects at **Demeritte's Funeral Home, Market Street**, from 10-6:00 p.m. on Friday & on Saturday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until service time.



8 piece Poster Bedroom Suite

* With Approved Credit.
* Some Stipulations May Apply.



8 piece Bedroom Suite
Also available in this finish



6 piece Bedroom Suite

Believe it!
Bedroom Suites starting as low as **\$27** per week*

Best Bedroom Selection In Town!

FURNITURE PLUS

NASSAU • Town Centre Mall
Tel: (242) 397-PLUS (7587)
Mon-Sat 9am-9pm
Fax: (242) 325-6368
FP1089

GRAND BAHAMA • Madeira Croft
Tel: (242) 352-PLUS (7587)
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm • Sat 9am-4pm
Fax: (242) 352-9823

Bahamas Chamber of Commerce
OUTSTANDING BUSINESS
OF THE YEAR AWARD 2009

Nassau • Grand Bahama • Abaco Coming Soon
www.furnitureplus.com

LOCAL NEWS

FROM page one

and Caicos government to have been accused of malfeasance by the British-led commission of inquiry that ultimately resulted in the suspension of the country's constitution and its democratic institutions last year by the United Kingdom government.

Mr Misick stepped down as Premier in March 2009, denying charges of corruption. The British then took direct control of governing the country for what they forecast would be a period of up to two years — a move that was criticised by Caricom as “not the most effective tool to bolster good governance and effective administration in the territory.”

On Monday, a “Unity march” in Providenciales against the imposition of direct rule by the British, supported by both major political parties in Turks and Caicos, drew a turnout estimated at between 750 and 2,000. Putting this in perspective, there are around 8,000 people on the country's electoral register.

Some local observers say the turnout proves the strength of opposition nationally to the direct British rule — which also involves the suspension of trial by jury in the British Overseas Territory — and more recent proposals by

Former Turks and Caicos Premier wants Prime Minister to assist territory

the British to change the island's constitution to allow a certain class of foreign nationals to vote and seek political office in the islands.

The day after the march — which was heralded as an unprecedented and symbolic show of unity by the political parties — the British interim government drew the ire of Turks Islanders by announcing that it would be slashing civil servant's pay by 10 per cent effective April 1.

The British put this decision down to falling revenue in a poor economy, however, former Premier Mr Misick told *The Tribune* yesterday that he views the action as “subtle intimidation for misbehaviour” in the wake of the protest march.

Yesterday Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette said the Bahamas' position on the situation there “has not changed.”

“The Bahamas has already stated its position. The Bahamas is not going to intervene in any of the issues regarding the TCI until they resolve their internal matters.”

The PLP, meanwhile, have taken a slightly different view of the situation. In a statement issued Tuesday, the PLP

called the joint march “a positive development in the development of Turks and Caicos democracy,” adding that it is pleased the two parties have “come to a joint position” on the question of British rule.

“We urge the British to restore democratic rule to the Turks and Caicos and to resist any move that would weaken the ability of the native peoples of the Turks and Caicos to run their own affairs,” read the statement.

Yesterday Fred Mitchell, the MP for Fox Hill and former minister of foreign affairs under the Christie administration, said he believes the Bahamas and Caricom have a responsibility to keep the plight of TCI “on the front burner.”

“I will certainly try to be in touch with friends at Caricom to see whether issue can be raised. There is a heads of government meeting going on now. I don't think Caricom should ignore the fact that democracy has been suspended in TCI. TCI is an associate member of Caricom, so Caricom has a responsibility in line with the statement issued last year saying that they would keep it on the front burner.”

The MP said he is of the



MICHAEL MISICK

view that the Bahamas has a “special interest” in the affairs of the TCI, “because anything that happens in TCI of course affects us.”

And he added the PLP supports giving the TCI people the opportunity to have a general election in which they can elect the government of their choice.

“It is the same thing they (the British) would do in their own country if there was political or constitutional crisis — dissolve parliament and have fresh elections, so that you deal with new people. The way to deal with people alleged to be individually responsible for criminal conduct is to bring charges before the courts,” he said.

Mr Mitchell said he and some of his parliamentary colleagues have discussed the possibility of “mobilising the

Turks and Caicos population in the Bahamas to see if we couldn't bring some more sensitivity on this issue and to help with whatever is going on in TCI”.

According to Mr Misick, the population of Turks and Caicos islanders and their descendants in the Bahamas are larger than those who currently reside in the Turks and Caicos.

Mr Misick describes the British Governor of TCI as a “dictator” and the current situation in the islands as an “occupation” by the British.

He told *The Tribune* that “particularly because of the long history” shared by the

Bahamas and TCI, he feels the Bahamas “more than any other country in Caricom has a greater responsibility to educate for fairness and change in Turks and Caicos in the same way the Bahamas under (Sir Lynden) Pindling led the way on educating for change in South Africa when there was apartheid.”

“I certainly take this opportunity to call on the Prime Minister to become more engaged in the matters that are taking place, in the the injustice that has taken place in the Turks and Caicos,” Mr Misick stated.

US report contains claims that children trafficked from Haiti for sex in Bahamas

FROM page one

therefore no prosecutions or convictions during the year.

This comes after noted anti-slavery campaigner Aaron Cohen warned that the Bahamas is “at risk of falling into the tentacles of organised crime in the Caribbean”.

In an interview with *The Tribune* last week, he said that while the country is already a transit stop and destination for women and children either tricked or forced into servitude, the problem could be about to get much worse.

He fears that in the wake of the January 12 earthquake in Haiti, the Bahamas could replace that country as a chief transit hub for human traffickers.

Mr Cohen pointed to the State Department's Trafficking in Persons (TIP) reports for 2008 and 2009, which mentioned the Bahamas as a destination for sex workers from the Dominican Republic and “restaveks”, or children exploited for domestic labour, from Haiti.

The most recent TIP report, released last week, noted that in 2008, parliament passed the Trafficking in Persons Prevention and Suppression Act which sets out penalties for offenders that range from three years to life imprisonment.

However, the State Department criticised the tendency of local officials to lump human trafficking together with human smuggling — the transportation of persons engaging in voluntary illegal immigration — and punish the victims with arrest and deportation rather than offering them help.

• SEE PAGE TWO

You can find our interview with Aaron Cohen at: http://www.tribune242.com/editorial/Insight/03082010_slavery_Insight-pg



PUBLIC NOTICE

TENDER 2010 - 2011 DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS/ EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited (BTC) is pleased to invite qualified Companies/Firms to submit a proposal to provide insurance coverage for Directors and Officers and Employment Practices policies.

Interested Companies/Firms may collect a tender package from the Security's Desk located at the Administrative building on John F. Kennedy Drive, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The deadline for submission of tenders is March 23rd, 2010. Tenders should be sealed and marked “TENDER FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS/EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES INSURANCE” and should be delivered to the attention of the Acting President and CEO, Mr. I. Kirk Griffin by the above date and time.

BTC reserves the right to reject any and or all Tenders.

www.btcbahamas.com • www.facebook.com/mybtc

Legal Notice NOTICE

WHISPERS OF THE MUSE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Legal Notice NOTICE

PERANNA PARK INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Legal Notice NOTICE

PEACESTONIA RIVER INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

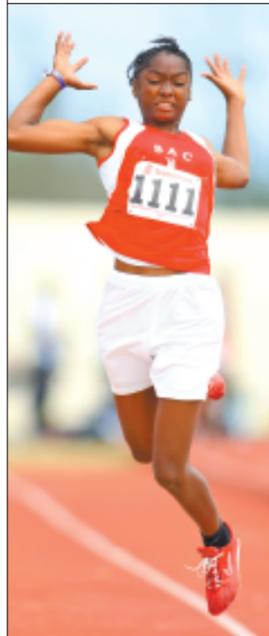
SEE PAGE 10
CARIFTA SWIMMING TEAM PICKED

PAGE 10 • Local sports news

HIGH AMBITION: School track and field



CV BETHEL'S Terrane Roker takes part in the high jump during the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations' annual Scotiabank National High School Track and Field Championships. The event is taking place at the Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium.



SAC'S Danielle Gibson jumps during the long jump.



NCA'S Lathario Minnis in the triple jump.

PHOTOS:
 Felipé Major
 /Tribune staff

NOTICE

SANTANDER MERCHANT BANK LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders was held on 5th day of December, 2009 at which time all accounts showing the manner in which the winding up of the above company had been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of was laid before the meeting and approved by the Shareholders.

Pablo Rodríguez Müller

LIQUIDATOR

P.O. Box N-1682, Nassau, Bahamas

NOTICE

PAN AMERICAN BANK LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders was held on 5th day of December, 2009 at which time all accounts showing the manner in which the winding up of the above company had been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of was laid before the meeting and approved by the Shareholders.

Pablo Rodríguez Müller

LIQUIDATOR

P.O. Box N-1682, Nassau, Bahamas

IAAF WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bahamian athletes eye international medals

Nine take to track today in Doha

A contingent of Bahamian athletes vie for spots on the international medal stand and an opportunity to be crowned World Champion at the biggest gathering of nations in the history of the IAAF World Indoor Championships.

Nine Bahamians take to the track today on day one of the meet in Doha, Qatar.

Christine Amertil, a two-time World Indoors bronze medalist in the event in 2003 and 2006, opens competition for the Bahamas in Heat One of the Women's 400m.

Amertil, who has posted a season's best time of 53.43s, will run out of lane five.

Also in the heat will be Debbie Dunn of the United States, world leader in the event with a time of 50.86s.

In the Men's 400m, Chris Brown will start his trek towards a third World Indoors medal. Brown, who has previously captured two bronze medals in the event, will run in heat five out of lane six.

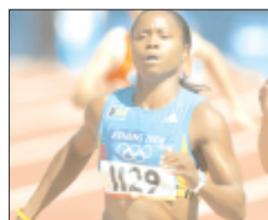
Brown has posted the fastest qualifying time of his heat with a time of 46.20s.

Michael Mathieu will also join Brown in the field of quartermilers.

Mathieu will run in heat one out of lane four and enters with the third fastest season's best



CHRISTINE AMERTIL



CHANDRA STURUP

of his heat with a time of 46.82s.

Chandra Sturup, the first Bahamian to capture a gold medal for the Bahamas at the event, when she took a first place finish in 2001, makes yet another appearance in her signature event.

Sturup will run in lane two of heat two coming in with a qualifying time of 7.20s.

Sturup will be paired against Veronica Campbell-Brown of Jamaica who in her first appearance at the World Indoor Championships enters the heat with the fastest qualifying time of 7.14s. In the Men's 60m, Rodney Greene will make his first appearance at the event when he runs in heat four out of lane three. Green's time of 6.66s is the second fastest qualifying time of the heat behind

Mike Rodgers of the United States with 6.52s.

Shamar Sands will run in heat two of the 60m hurdles out of lane seven, and enters with a season's best time of 7.54s.

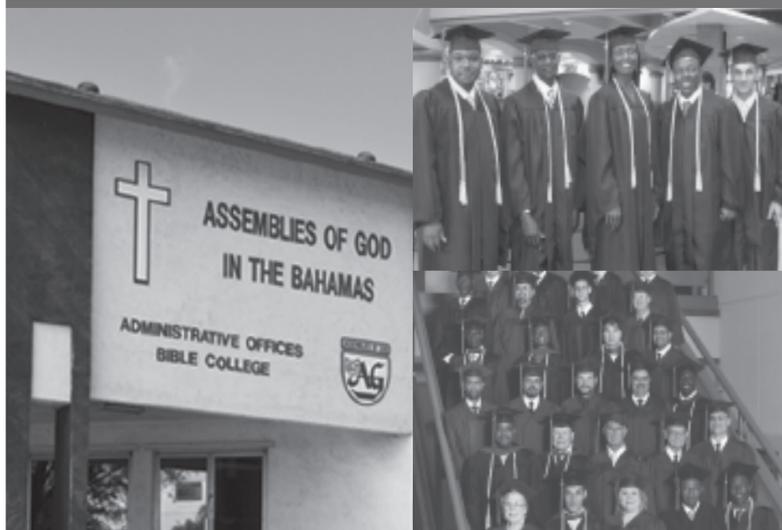
Former world champion Donald Thomas and Trevor Barry will be the lone competitors in the field when they compete in the men's high jump.

Thomas has posted a season's best leap of 2.25m while Barry has reached 2.19m on the year. With 150 countries confirmed to compete in Doha at the Aspire Dome, it surpassed the record of 147 countries set two years ago in Valencia.

The World Indoor Championships, which were first called the World Indoor Games in Paris took place in Paris in 1985 and 69 nations took part

CARIBBEAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

BACHELORS & MASTERS PROGRAMS



MINISTERIAL REFRESHER COURSES*

Two Week Courses | March 15-26, 2010
 Early Registration March 8-12, 2010

BACHELORS PROGRAM \$120.00
Guidelines for Leadership (2 credits)

MASTERS PROGRAM \$350.00
Conflict Management (2 credits)

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD BIBLE COLLEGE

Empowering Believers for Effective Ministry



*Fully Accredited Courses with Global University, Springfield, MO

For Information: 393-3453/393-3141

SPORTS

NOTICE

SANTANDER MERCHANT BANK LIMITED

Creditors having debts or claims against the above-named Company are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned c/o P.O. Box N-1682, Nassau, Bahamas on or before 30th day of March, A.D. 2010.

Pablo Rodríguez Müller

LIQUIDATOR

P.O. Box N-1682, Nassau, Bahamas

36-member team picked to compete at Carifta swimming championships

A traditionally successful Carifta team fielded by the Bahamas Swimming Federation looks to extend its legacy after naming what promises to be another group of top-notch performers.

The BSF has selected and ratified a 36 member team to compete at the 25th annual Carifta Swimming, Synchronized Swimming, and Water Polo Championships Championships, April 3-6 in Kingston, Jamaica.

The Bahamas returns several veteran swimmers from a team that finished second in the points standing last year with 691.50 points and tallied 18 gold, 17 silver and 14 bronze.

Nearly 20 countries will field teams for the 25th edition of the games including defending champions Aruba.

THE TEAM: Boys and girls

Girls 15-17 Maya Albury Ashley Butler Kadesha Culmer Bria Deveaux McKayla Lightbourn Shaunte Moss Je'Nae Saunders	Jacinda Williams 11-12 Jourdan Bevans Leslie Campbell Joanna Evans Doran Reed Simone Sturrup Andreas Weech	Mancer Roberts 13-14 Zarian Cleare Peter Farquaharson TAuren Moss Dustin Tynes Anibal Hernandez Valdes
13-14 Gabrielle Greene Abigail Lowe Berchadette Moss Laura Morely Riquel Rolle Taryn Smith	Boys 15-17 Evante Gibson Matthew Lowe Toby McCarroll Delano McIntosh Armando Moss	11-12 Dionisio Carey Farion Cooper Aaron Levarity Zach Moses Meshach ROberts

Legal Notice
NOTICE

EVERLASTING WONDERS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Legal Notice
NOTICE

COVENDALE SEAS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Legal Notice
NOTICE

ST. PETRUS BUSINESS CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Legal Notice
NOTICE

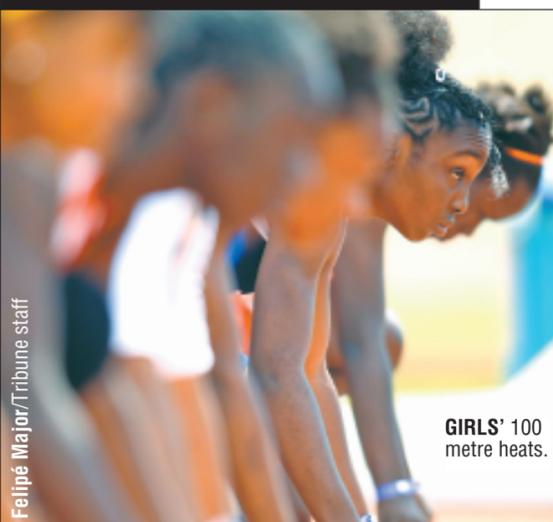
GRAVITY FORCES INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

High school track and field



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

GIRLS' 100 metre heats.

NOTICE

PAN AMERICAN BANK LIMITED

Creditors having debts or claims against the above-named Company are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned c/o P.O. Box N-1682, Nassau, Bahamas on or before 30th day of March, A.D. 2010.

Pablo Rodríguez Müller

LIQUIDATOR

P.O. Box N-1682, Nassau, Bahamas

Legal Notice
NOTICE

ENTERPRISE IVORY INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Legal Notice
NOTICE

POTATORI CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of March 2010. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)



Introducing the all new

2010

Drive one.

FORD "Edge" SEL

In a class by itself

Shop & Compare

3.5L V6 with a six speed automatic transmission, LEATHER INTERIOR, SYN HANDS FREE COMMUNICATION AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM POWERED BY MICROSOFT, sync up your mp3 player, ipod and bluetooth telephone and enjoy hands free conversations, 18 in chrome wheels, power windows locks and mirrors, dual zone air conditioning dual power seats, ambient lighting, change the colour of your interior lighting to suit your mood, dual chrome tipped exhausts, keyless entry, reverse warning sensors, plus all standard requirements, in addition to all this, you receive 3 years/36000 mile warranty, 3 years roadside assistance, 3 years rust protection, licence and inspection to birthday, full tank of gas, floor mats, first five services, "SYNC" is a leading edge entertaining and communications solution, one that lets drivers take full advantage of their mobile phones and digital media players while their hands are on the wheel and their eyes on the road ahead, thanks to state-of-the-art voice-activation technology.

YOU TALK - SYNC LISTENS



If you are looking for the best value available

You owe it to yourself to visit our showroom



Introducing The All NEW

2010

Drive one.

FORD TAURUS SEL

ALL NEW - ALL NEW - ALL NEW. European styling with American performance and luxury one of the largest performance sedans available in The Bahamas at the most competitive prices, comparing apples to apples, there is nothing like it that comes close, you owe it to yourself to come and look at the all new 2010 Ford Taurus. Equipped with 3.5 L V6, automatic transmission, leather interior with dual heated power seats side curtain airbags, 4 wheel Abs Disc Brakes, full power equipment, alloy wheels, and something you won't find any where else, paddle shifters for enhanced manual driving experience, 3 years/36000 mile warranty, 3 years roadside assistance, 3 years rust protection, Licence and inspection to birthday, first five services, full tank of gas and floor mats.



Reserve yours now available at

FRIENDLY MOTORS CO. LTD

THOMPSON BOULEVARD
TEL.: 356-7100 • FAX: 328-6094
EMAIL: friendlymotors@hotmail.com
WEBSITE: friendlymotorsbahamas.com

LOCAL NEWS

FROM page one

FNM bid to have PLP election court petition struck out fails



RYAN PINDER

petition filed on behalf of Mr Pinder — the Progressive Liberal Party's candidate — was fundamentally flawed.

"In the prayers of the petition, the petitioner asks the court to exercise the jurisdiction conferred by section 69(1) — of the Parliamentary Elections Act. A petitioner who is seeking to avail himself of the jurisdiction of the court ought to say what he is seeking," Mr Evans submitted. "In this case one would expect that he would reveal exactly what it is that he seeks to receive from the court. If he does not do that he puts the respondents in a position of not knowing what case they have to meet, not knowing what they have to respond to," Mr Evans told the court.

"First of all he must assert that the voters were properly registered and entitled to vote. The petition contains no prayer in his favour. There are no grounds given for finding

that the voters were properly registered and entitled to vote," Mr Evans said.

"A petition has particular characteristics, one of which the petitioner must set out the brief facts. Notwithstanding the discreet nature of the petition, the court must deal with

it in the same manner as it deals with any other petition," Mr Evans said. Mr Evans argued that the defect in the petition cannot be cured by an amendment. Mr Evans also argued that the fact that he had not highlighted the issue earlier did not prevent the court from striking out the petition.

Attorney David Higgins, who is lead counsel for Returning Officer Jack Thompson and Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel, adopted the submissions of Mr Evans.

"We adopt them to the extent that the petition lacks the necessary facts and grounds as is required by a regular petition. The petition should contain all the facts relevant to the application. The petition ought to be able to stand on its own," Mr Higgins told the court.

Mr Ryan's attorney Philip

"Brave" Davis, however, maintained that the application to have the petition struck out was misconceived. "The application presupposes that we don't know why we are here," he said. Mr Davis noted that the respondents had filed affidavits and played an active role in the proceedings thus far. Mr Davis submitted that the application should not be entertained and should be dismissed. He said that the petition satisfied all the mandatory requirements.

The judges, after deliberations on the matter did not accede to Mr Evans' application and awarded cost for two attorneys to Mr Pinder's legal team. Mr Evans then made an application to appeal the decision in the Court of Appeal and also sought a stay of the proceedings.

"Having regard to the nature of the proceedings, the only just remedy would be to

grant us leave to appeal and grant us a stay," Mr Evans said. Mr Higgins also joined in the application. Mr Davis, however, opposed the application.

"Assuming but not conceding that there is a right of appeal, it would seem to me that if a right resides now, the same right would reside at the completion of the proceedings," Mr Davis said. To this Mr Evans responded by saying, "In terms of the effect of the application, if the appeal is launched at the end it would avail us nothing."

After deliberating, the judges refused that application as well. "We feel that any appeal which is necessary, can be brought at the end of the process without prejudice to any of the parties," Senior Justice Allen said. Mr Evans then asked the court to grant a conservatory stay until Monday so

that his team could approach the Court of Appeal today. Mr Davis, however, objected stating that the court did not have the jurisdiction to grant such a stay but only a superior court. Mr Evans, however, claimed that he had once been involved in a case in which such a stay was granted.

Senior Justice Allen, however, said that in the absence of any such authorities the court was minded not to grant the stay. The case is now expected to proceed at 10 o'clock this morning.

The election court petition was filed by Ryan Pinder of the PLP, who gained 1,499 votes to Dr Sands' 1,501 in the February 16 Elizabeth constituency by-election. Mr Pinder is claiming that five protest votes cast in his favour should be counted, thus making him the elected MP for Elizabeth.

Monday, March 15th, 2010
Salons I & II, Wyndham Nassau Resort
Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Nutrition, Fitness & Psychological Workshop

PREPARING MIND AND BODY FOR LONDON 2012

THE BAHAMAS SPORTS FOUNDATION

Dr. Ross Flowers, PhD
Senior Sports Psychologist
United States Olympic Committee
San Diego, California

Dr. Patti Symonette, PhD
Nutritionist & Exercise Physiologist
The Wellness Centre
Nassau, Bahamas

Mr. Jermaine Rolle, MS
Athletic Mental Conditioning Coach
Velocity Sports Performance
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Dr. Kieran Kingston, PhD
Discipline Director -Sports Psychology
Cardiff School of Sport, University of
Wales Institute, Cardiff, Wales

Who Should Attend?

- Athletes
- Parents
- Physical Education Teachers
- Coaches
- Personal Trainers
- Physiotherapists
- Chiropractors
- Nutritionists
- Dietitians
- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Orthopedic Surgeons
- Sports Medicine Specialists
- Junkanoo Participants

Registration Fee: \$50.00 per person
 Email: alpheusfinlayson@gmail.com Tel.: 676-2936

Register at:

- Bally's Total Fitness
Sandyport
- CopiMAXX
Collins Ave & 6th Terrace
- The Sport Centre
Harbour Bay Shopping Centre,
Marathon Mall, Sandyport

SILVER PARTNER

Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture

BRONZE PARTNERS

Oops!

Have no fear. Bounty is here.

Bounty's super absorbent quilts soak up just about anything PLUS its superior strength when wet allows each sheet to be reused. Try Bounty paper towels to take the stress out of disastrous household mess.

The Best Ever Quilted Quicker Picker-Upper

Available in The Bahamas

Get It Done With One!