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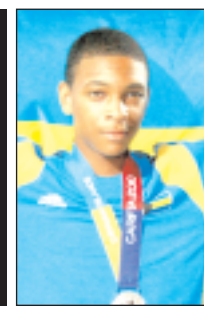

Bahamian duo help to win gold

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Six rescued after plane crash at sea

Quick response is praised after aircraft is forced to ditch

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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SIX people, including a six-months pregnant woman and two children, were plucked to safety after a small aircraft ditched in waters off Grand Bahama.

The pilot and his five passengers clung to the aircraft for about three hours in 10 to 12ft deep waters until they could be rescued and brought to shore at Dover Sound, where police, ambulance and the victims' relatives were waiting for them.

A police boat, piloted by Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association official Jamie Rose and Colin Rose, arrived shortly before 2pm at a remote site, where the survivors were taken to two ambulances.

The first persons assisted off the boat were the two children who appeared to be uninjured and in good condition. One woman, however, sustained an injury just above the left eye, but was able to walk with some assistance to the ambulance.

Pilot Fritz Cambridge also sustained a minor cut to his forehead.

According to reports, Mr Cambridge contacted the Control Tower at Grand Bahama International Airport around 9.30am and reported that he was experiencing engine trouble.

The aircraft had left Walker's Cay and was headed to Grand Bahama. The passengers onboard – Jennifer Bullard, 40 and her two children Terranique, 14, and Tamasio, nine, Tanya Miller, 27, and Miriam Gibson, 45 – were returning to Freeport after attending a funeral in Grand Cay over the weekend.

Jamie Rose, chairman of BASRA Grand Bahama, said a BASRA rescue aircraft, a US Coast Guard C-130 aircraft, and a Defence Force vessel were dispatched to assist in locating the downed aircraft.

Mr Rose and his father, operators of OBS Marine and BASRA volunteers, went in a newly-built RBPF boat.

"We did not have a BASRA vessel on scene at the time to help us, however, we did have a police boat on property which had not been delivered yet. It was a new RBPF boat and it has not officially been turned

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Bid to stop registration for schools outside of parents' area

By ALISON LOWE
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EDUCATION chiefs are looking at stopping parents from registering their children in schools outside of their immediate area as they look at ways to reduce the high student populations in some public schools.

According to Minister of Education Desmond Bannister, while some schools such as CV Bethel and SC McPherson have seen their

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BUS ROBBERY SUSPECT SHOT DEAD BY POLICE

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

POLICE SHOOTING: Emotions run high yesterday after the shooting. Inset is the man's body being removed from the scene.

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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A MAN brandishing a knife was shot dead by police yesterday.

The incident happened shortly after a bus driver said he was robbed at knifepoint in Pinewood Gardens.

Officers from the East Street South police station responded to the bus driver's call for help and tracked a suspect down on Breadfruit Street.

It is understood that as they cornered him behind a house, he threatened the officers with a silver-bladed knife.

An officer responded by shooting the man in the upper body. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Emergency Medical Services personnel.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Glenn Miller praised the prompt response of his officers.

Mr Miller said the suspect threatened the police officers

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The PLP 'still want Baha Mar vote to be carried by govt'

THE Progressive Liberal Party has reportedly voted in favour of continuing to allow the government to carry the burden of whether or not the Baha Mar labour resolution is passed in the House of Assembly when it is brought before Parliament next month.

According to party sources who spoke to *The Tribune* yesterday, the PLP met and discussed the matter on Sunday night, and have stuck to their initial position that this vote will have to be carried by the current "FNM government."

On Sunday, PLP leader Perry Christie said the party will of course be directly influenced by the "complete urgency" to do something for the economy of the Bahamas.

"It is an increasing serious state of affairs that exists here. The country is

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Kenyatta Gibson 'is set to run in South Eleuthera'

By PAUL G TURNQUEST
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FNM MP: Kenyatta Gibson

THE Free National Movement's Member of Parliament for Kennedy, Kenyatta Gibson, is reportedly set to gain his party's nomination to run in the South Eleuthera constituency.

Well-placed sources within the party have confirmed that the two-time MP, who has family ties to the island and a division of his law practice there, has already started campaigning in the area.

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Arawak Homes and family in property dispute

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A DISPUTE has erupted over a piece of property along the new Corridor 5 highway between Arawak Homes and the family of 78-year-old Kenneth Gibson.

Arawak Homes is claiming ownership of the land to which the Gibson family says it has title.

Last week, Arawak Homes cleared land they plan to use for a subdivision. They bulldozed several trees the Gibsons say were planted years ago, and other plots they claim were used for farming. Signs were erected around the cleared land saying private property of Arawak Homes.

"Arawak Homes takes it upon themselves to bust through the gate to our yard. We never got any notice. We never got

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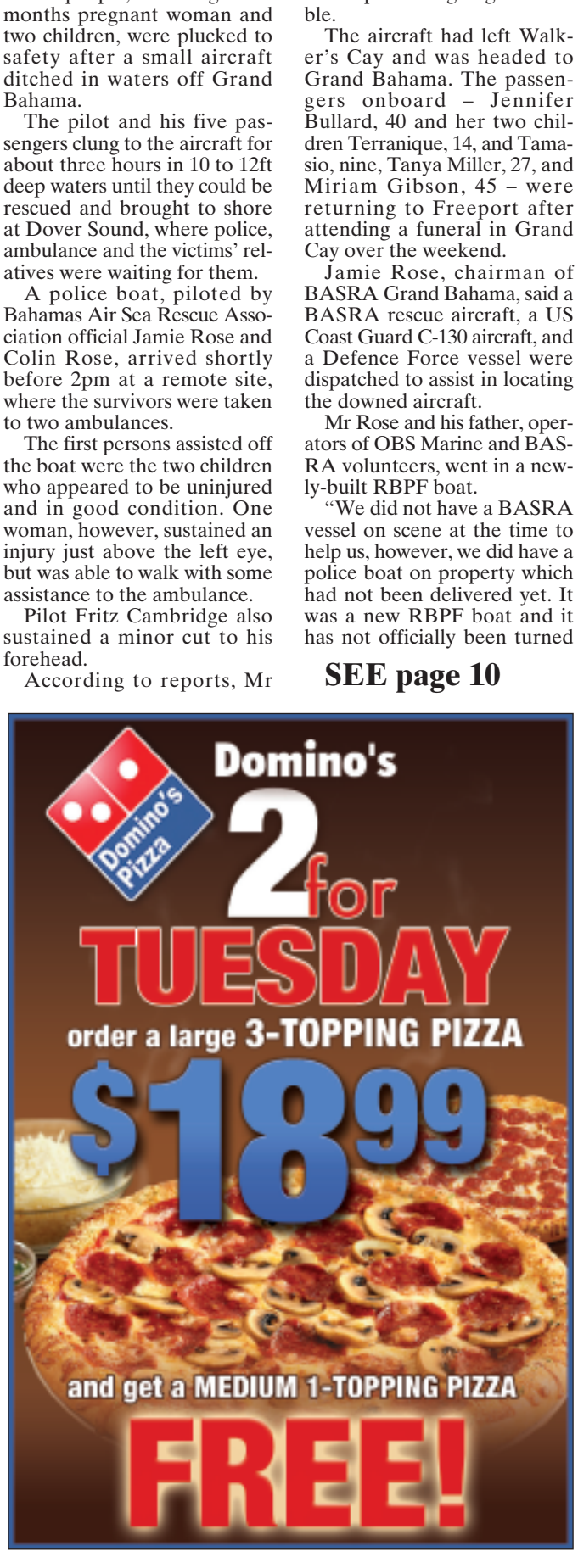

LOCAL NEWS

'Brave' Davis denies claims PLP funded $1m study

PLP DEPUTY Leader Philip "Brave" Davis denied claims yesterday that the party funded a $1 million study to ascertain the PLP's chances of winning seats in the southern corridor of New Providence.

Shooting down these claims, which appeared in a local tabloid and were repeated on the airwaves, Mr Davis said that such accusations were "totally" without foundation.

Considering the impact that a million dollars can have on any one area – especially now because of the poor economic times – Mr Davis said that his constituents, and Bahamians on the whole know that such funds can be put "to better use."

"I have not commissioned any survey or study or spent a million dollars. I am sensitive to the needs of my constituents and to Bahamians as a whole and know that funds of that magnitude can be put to a better use," the PLP's deputy leader said.

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POTHOLE BLAMED AS CONTAINER OVERTURNS

A CONTAINER filled with unknown merchandise overturned as the truck carrying it approached the gate of the Customs facility on Arawak Cay yesterday morning.

The driver, who emerged from the incident unharmed, was trying to get the container into the yard when he hit a six-inch deep pothole, which caused the container to tilt and eventually fall.

People who work at Arawak Cay say they have been complaining for years about the poor condition of the roads, but have heard nothing from the Ministry of Works, which usually undertakes road repairs.

Tyler McCormack – a US teen keen to make a difference

ON A MISSION: Tyler McCormack prepares to make his donation to Children's Emergency Hostel.

Photo: Rodney Moncur

By REUBEN SHEARER
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AFTER his family's usual June getaway to Nassau, American teen Tyler McCormack returned to Washington, DC with the Bahamas fresh on his mind as a location for his non-profit organisation's next charitable project.

The 15-year-old founder of Reach Out For Kids decided to start by Googling "orphanages in the Bahamas." He eventually chose the Bahamas Emergency Hostel and the Ranfurly Home as the institutions that would receive $700 in school supplies, slightly used books, games, toys and clothes.

The 10th grader, who is returning home today, feels satisfied that he was able to make a difference through his charity's first international mission. He said: "I have so much, so I was glad to give back. I feel like I need to contribute to other people. I was very pleased to deliver backpacks to the kids at the Ranfurly Home and the Bahamas Emergency Hostel.

"We want to help make the world a better place," said Tyler, who uses corporate and individual donations to support his projects.

Joyce McCormack, Tyler's mother, said she is looking forward to Tyler's next project.

"I've always encouraged my children to give back," said the physician. "Tyler's already begun finding sponsors and donors for his next project in the Christmastime.

"We're happy to bring them something, even if it's not a whole lot. When we deliver books, the children are waiting for you at the door," she said. "They're happy, and that's all that matters."

Tyler said he is now looking forward to completing his second overseas mission. He eventually wants to have four projects a year. For Tyler, philanthropy runs in the family. He explained that he first got a taste for helping others when he took part in the efforts of his sister's organisation, Reading Offers Amazing Rewards, which promotes literacy in the United States.

Then, seven years ago, Tyler helped deliver 300 pounds of school supplies to Grenada after Hurricane Ivan devastated the island. As he returns home, the teen vowed to keep in touch with the Emergency Hostel and the Ranfurly Home, in case they need further assistance.

LOCAL NEWS

Neymour: I have not recently been made aware of daily power cuts

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PHENTON NEYMOUR

Minister of State for Public Utilities Phenton Neymour said it has not been brought to his attention that Harbour Island has been experiencing ongoing daily power cuts as some residents claim.

Mr Neymour made this comment as he explained that a five hour power cut in Harbour Island which frustrated residents yesterday morning has been attributed to a weather-related "system disturbance".

Residents complained that power went out from around 3am on Monday until just before 8am. However, numerous residents and business operators *The Tribune* spoke with yesterday also described ongoing, almost daily power cuts that have plagued the popular Eleuthera tourism destination for over a month.

Mr Neymour said he was aware that some of these outages last week were due to a fault in a submarine power cable linking Harbour Island to mainland Eleuthera. He said that new cables are being installed which would reduce electricity cuts related to this systemic weakness.

However, when pressed to comment on the cause of the previous and ongoing cuts residents have complained of, Mr Neymour admitted that he had "not recently" been made aware that such chronic outages were being experienced on the island.

"I only have reports on ones which have been brought to my attention," said Mr Neymour. Robert Arthur, a Harbour Island resident told *The Tribune* power cuts have been a persistent problem on the island, "really intensifying" over the last two months, allegedly causing visitors to "leave in droves."

"How bad it is depends on where you live on the island. On the South End, Triana Shores where the Romora Bay Club is, that area would be out literally for five to eight hours a day every day. In the centre of town, where we are, we have it better than most. An average of maybe twice a day for two to three hours a day."

"The place stinks of diesel and there's the constant hum of generators," he added, noting that the chronic outages have raised concerns for some homeowners about the proximity of their neighbours' generators.

A manager at the Pink Sands Resort told *The Tribune* the power situation is "appalling and not getting any better at all."

"We've continued hearing excuse after excuse and no one seems to know what's going on. I think I can say on behalf of all residents of Harbour Island that we're frustrated beyond frustration."

He too stated that the power has gone off "every day and night for various periods" reaching "epidemic proportions" over the last month. "We have a generator but it has affected our operating costs. Our diesel costs are up 250 per cent. While we have been able to keep the power on with the generator it has inconvenienced our guests who want to go out and experience the local restaurants and spend money locally because not all of those places have generators, and I certainly know it has affected staff morale, since they can't sleep at night a lot of the time because the electricity is out," said the manager, who did not wish to be named. Meanwhile, resident Rosie Mitchell, who called immediately after yesterday morning's cut, said the power problems are "ruining people's lives."

"It's hot, there are mosquitoes, it's miserable. It's difficult for people to go about their usual business."

The Bahamas Electricity Corporation is presently in the final stages of completing the development of a new power plant in Hatchet Bay, Eleuthera, which will serve both the mainland and Harbour Island.

Major work on the new plant is by and large complete, said Mr Neymour yesterday, however work still remains to be done to strengthen the distribution system to diminish the chance of cuts.

Mr Neymour said the government long ago recognised the need for enhanced power infrastructure in both Eleuthera and Abaco – another island where residents have suffered from chronic outages this summer as they await the full implementation of a new power plant there – and acted to assure that generation of power could meet demand, but "putting these things in takes time."

"I said at an Eleuthera town meeting two years ago in a presentation I gave that it would take at least two years for us to address the major infrastructural works in Eleuthera. Essentially I was saying it would be at the end of this year when we would expect to address major components of infrastructural works dealt with, so we did not foresee us being totally out of the woods until end of 2010," said Mr Neymour.

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Final preparations for National Prescription Drug Plan

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FINAL preparations are underway for the launch of the first ever National Prescription Drug Plan next week.

Around 10,000 patients suffering from non-communicable chronic diseases such as diabetes, asthma and arthritis have signed onto the plan so far, and they should be able to pick up free medication from more than 30 private pharmacies across the Bahamas as of August 30.

Minister of Health Hubert Minnis said final test runs of the scheme will be carried out this week to ensure all systems are go before the end of the month. He said around 35,000 people are expected to sign on for phase one of the National Prescription Drug Plan (NPDP) which invites National Insurance Board (NIB) pensioners, NIB invalids, Bahamians over 65, children under 18 and students under 25 to register for an ACE prescription card so they may receive medication from participating pharmacies free of charge.

All other patients will be entitled to free medication when the Ministry of Health and NIB launch phase two of the scheme, but Dr Minnis said he cannot yet predict when that might be. Before the plan is made available to the wider community and taxpayers, the National Insurance contribution rate must be agreed.

"The second phase will be a challenge for all of us," Dr Minnis said.

"First I have to make sure that the first phase is running well, and we will do customer surveys to find out how satisfied patients are and how we can improve before we launch the second phase."

Right now Dr Minnis is focused on launching the first phase as he is ready for pharmacies and NPDP customer service representatives to test the ACE card system.

He is also working to ensure participating pharmacies have all the required medication in stock. NIB director Anthony Cargill urged doctors to forward patients ACE card applications to the NPDP office or NIB at a preparatory meeting held by the Ministry of Health last week so patients will be eligible to receive medication at the launch of the plan.

NPDP manager Tami Francis is confident medication will be widely available to patients as she said new pharmacies are requesting to join the plan every day.

Dr Minnis asked doctors to stick to the formulary of more than 160 prescription drugs and medical supplies for 11 chronic diseases,developed by doctors and pharmacists over the last two years, as closely as possible.

However, the minister said there is room for adjustment to the formulary as needed and he advised medics to apply for additional medications to be included as they see fit.

President of the Medical Association of the Bahamas Timothy Barrett has praised NIB and the Ministry of Health for the NPDP's progress in developing the first ever national medication provision scheme.

He said: "I look forward to this plan being implemented to help persons in the Bahamas who have these chronic diseases not only to have access to medication, but the system will supervise it, so they will be encouraged to take it on a regular basis.

"If we can get the percentage of people that take their medication on a regular basis up, we know that it will going to cause mortality to decrease.

"We are going to have a healthier population and it's going to save us money in the long run."

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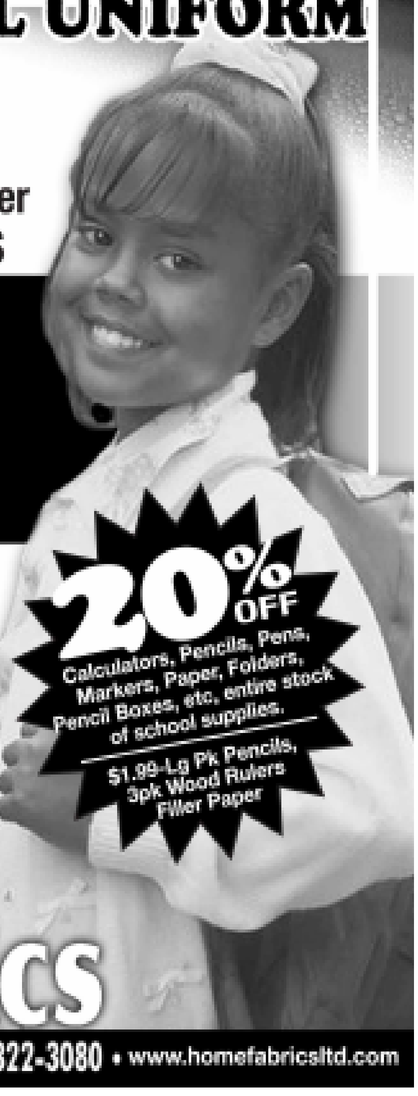
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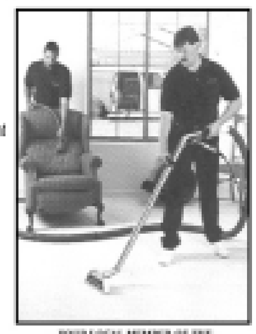
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Bahamian woman selected to be a peace pioneer in international youth project

CRYSTAL Alexander, 24, of the Bahamas, has been selected as one of 35 young participants in the 2010 Nkabom Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme.

The Nkabom Programme is a flagship project of the Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS), the oldest and largest non-governmental organisation devoted to Commonwealth affairs.

The word Nkabom (pronounced ink-a-bom) means "coming together" in parts of Ghana where the programme was first held in 2004.

Ms Alexander, who is also the Commonwealth Youth Caucus representative for the Bahamas, is an ardent youth activist.

Beating out the competition of over 500 other international applicants, she has emerged as the Bahamas' sole representative in a group comprising 28 diverse nationalities.

PEACE PIONEER: Crystal Alexander

Interactive

In September 2010, 35 young people aged between 18 and 25 from around the world will gather in Kigali, Rwanda for an interactive 10-day programme focusing on international understanding, peace building and conflict resolution skills.

Rwanda, which is the Commonwealth's newest member state and where the average age of the population is 18, will be an ideal setting for an initiative that propagates the potential of young people to be agents of peace and development.

Speaking about her appointment, Ms Alexander said: "I am delighted to have been offered a place on the programme. I am sure that Nkabom will reinforce my belief that young people are the most powerful resource to any nation and the wisest investment of any people."

RCS youth programmes manager Claire Anholt said: "The standard of applications received this year has been outstanding.

"The knowledge, experience and perspective that Crystal will bring to the programme will, I am sure, empower her fellow participants to promote peace within their own communities and in the wider world."

Ms Alexander is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with a major in Social Science. Concurrently, she is working as a teacher in the public school system and is involved in a youth conclave dealing with violent teens and gang-leaders.

The Nkabom Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme strives to engage young people in international issues, particularly conflict resolution; foster friendships and encourage the exchange of ideas among people from diverse cultural backgrounds, and develop a network of young leaders who can pioneer and revitalise peace-building initiatives in their communities, their countries and beyond.

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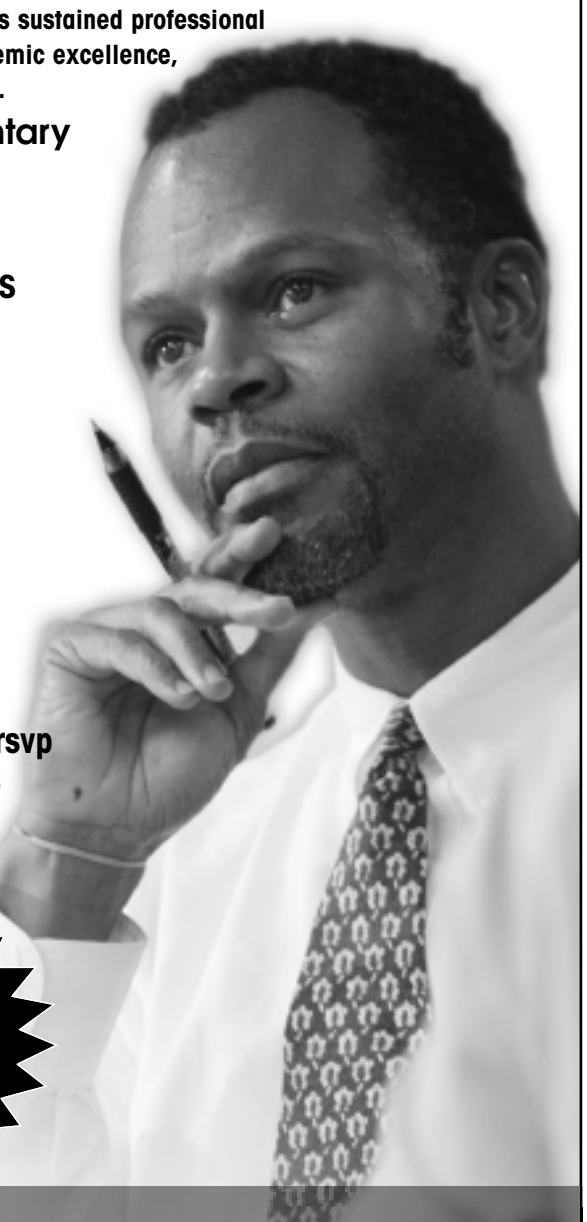

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
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No. **2010/PRO/npr/00488**

Whereas **THOMAS COOPER** of Seven Hills, on the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for letters of administration of the Real and Personal Estate of **SHIRLEY ELIZABETH COOPER** late of Seven Hills in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **14** days from the date hereof.

Tabitha Cumberbatch
(for) Registrar

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
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IN THE ESTATE OF **WHITELAW REID,** late of 73 West Patent Road in the Town of Bedford Hills, Westchester County, in the State of New York, one of he States of the United States of America, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of fourteen days from the date hereof, application will be made to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas in the Probate Division by **PETER G. FLETCHER** of the Western District of the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Attorney-At-Law, the Authorized Attorney in The Bahamas for obtaining the Re-sealing Grant of Letters Testamentary in the above estate granted to **ELIZABETH B REID** and **WILLIAM B WARREN** the Executors, by the State of New York, Westchester County Surrogate's Court, on the 1st day of June, 2009.

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No. **2010/PRO/npr/00508**

Whereas **SHARON STURRUP,** of the City of Freeport, in the Island of Grand Bahama, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for letters of administration of the Real and Personal Estate of **ROSALEE WELLS a.k.a ROSEALEE WELLS a.k.a ROSALIE WELLS** late of the City of Freeport, in the Island of Grand Bahama, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **21** days from the date hereof.

Tabitha Cumberbatch
(for) Registrar

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
THE SUPREME COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

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IN THE ESTATE OF **GEORGE S. BAYOUD,** late of the County of Dallas, in the State of Texas, one of the States of the United States of America, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of fourteen days from the date hereof, application will be made to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas in the Probate Division by **CLEMENT T. MAYNARD III** of Gibson &company, the G.K. Symonette Building, Shirley Street, on the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Attorney-At-Law, the Authorized Attorney in The Bahamas for obtaining the Re-Sealing Grant of Letters Testamentary in the above estate granted to **GEORGE S. BAYOUD JR.** the Executor, by the State of Texas, Dallas County Probate Court, on the 8th day of February, 2010.

Tabitha Cumberbatch
(for) REGISTRAR

AUG 26 2010

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
THE SUPREME COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

2010/PRO/npr/00510

IN THE ESTATE OF **JAMES FOSTER SCHAEFFER SR.,** late of 1914 Poplar Avenue, Apartment 812, in the City of Memphis in the County of Shelby, in the State of Tennessee, one of the States of the United States of America, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of fourteen days from the date hereof, application will be made to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas in the Probate Division by **ADAM D.R. CAFFERATA** of Poinciana House, West Mall & Poinciana Drive, in the City of Freeport, on the Island of Grand Bahama, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Attorney-At-Law, the Authorized Attorney in The Bahamas for obtaining the resealed Grant of Letters Testamentary in the above estate granted to **AMY MCQUEEN** and **JAMES F. SCHAEFFER JR.,** the Co-Executors, by the State of Tennessee, Fayette County, on the 21st day of April, 2006.

Tabitha Cumberbatch
(for) REGISTRAR

LOCAL NEWS

Video shows Anna Nicole denying drug use at awards show

LARRY BIRKHEAD

HOWARD K. STERN

LOS ANGELES

Jurors in the Anna Nicole Smith drug trial were shown a video Monday in which the former model denies being on drugs during a performance on a TV awards show in 2004, *according to Associated Press*.

Defence attorney Steve Sadow presented the video during a surprisingly brief cross-examination of Larry Birkhead, the father of Smith's daughter.

Birkhead made the video with Smith four days after the American Music Awards show in which her slurred speech raised questions about whether she was under the influence.

"People thought I was drunk, on drugs, losing it," Smith said on the video that Birkhead said was broadcast on TV. "I'm not losing it, America. I'm fine, happy."

It was the jury's most extensive look at the demeanor of Smith and the first time her voice was heard in the drug conspiracy case denying she was on drugs.

The prosecution last week played the AMA footage in an effort to show she was impaired by taking too many prescription drugs. Birkhead suggested Smith had just been projecting her public personality on the show.

The judge stressed that jurors should evaluate the video shown Monday only in relation to Smith's mannerisms, not what she said.

Smith appeared bright-eyed and her speech was not slurred. She was carefully coifed and made up, projecting her signature, glamorous image, and held a small white dog on her lap.

"When I go out on stage, I always work it. I work the crowds," she said, explaining the AMA performance that Birkhead had described as "loopy."

She said she had been up sick the night before and was nervous. All her remarks were scripted, and other than the one line she couldn't see on the teleprompter, she followed the script, she said.

Birkhead previously testified about his concerns that Smith was taking too many prescription medications on a regular basis.

The night before the awards show, he said, she suffered a seizure and was almost too sick to go on. He said he urged her to cancel, but she insisted on going forward. He said he didn't see her take any drugs that night.

Smith said on the video shot by Birkhead that she was shocked when the calls began coming after the AMA show asking if she was under the influence during the performance.

Among those who eventually called, according to testimony, was her doctor, Sandeep Kapoor, who was worried she might have been taking too many prescription drugs.

Smith's lawyer-boyfriend Howard K. Stern, who is represented by Sadow, Kapoor and Dr. Khristine Eroshevich have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to provide Smith with massive doses of opiates and sedatives. They are not accused of causing her 2007 overdose death.

Rotary District Governor visits Bahamas Rotary and Rotaract Clubs

ALL SMILES: Seated (left to right): Joanne Smith, president of Rotary Club of East Nassau; Janine Carey, past-president of the Rotaract Club of East Nassau and assistant district Rotaract representative 7020; Diana White, Rotary governor, District 7020; Anne Myers, president of the Rotaract Club of East Nassau.
Standing (l-r): Charles Sealy, past-president of Rotary Club of South East Nassau, assistant governor, District 7020; Rishad Bain, president of Rotaract Club of South East Nassau; Roger White, Rotary Club of Charlotte Amalie; Lindsey Cancino, past-president of Rotary Club of East Nassau, deputy assistant governor of District 7020.

DIANA White, Rotary Governor for District 7020, which comprises the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos, this month visited Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in Nassau.

Ms White attended a joint Rotaract-Rotary reception hosted by the Rotaract Club of East Nassau at Van Bruegel's restaurant in downtown Nassau.

In attendance were Rotaracters from the East and South East Nassau clubs, as well as Rotarians from the sponsoring Rotary Clubs.

Kenyatta

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According to sources in the PLP and the FNM, Mr Gibson was said to always have had intentions of representing the area even before he left the PLP and became an FNM MP in 2009.

"The leadership of the PLP has known of his intentions and desire for Eleuthera before he departed that 'sinking ship' in 2009, so there isn't much surprise there," the source said.

"Mr Gibson is also a young man with a lot of promise and talent, so we expect him to do well in this area. But we are not ones to promote candidates for seats and the like, this far out. That is for the Opposition, who feel in some misguided fashion that they are building momentum. We are still in the business of governing."

Currently, there are two probable PLP opponents in the area who Mr Gibson will face – the seat's incumbent representative, former Speaker of the House of Assembly Oswald Ingraham, and attorney Damien Gomez.

While it is uncertain which PLP candidate would get the final nod for the area, there is a feeling among some PLP MPs that their colleague Mr Ingraham will make another run for his seat – considering what they claim is the "national swing" that will be forthcoming in 2012.

However, this "momentum" was questioned by an FNM strategist who said the PLP will not have this leg to lean on.

"The FNM is in government. We know more about what is going on in the country and the economy than the PLP. We know more about what is in the pipeline than the PLP. This 'momentum' that the PLP speaks of is only in a vacuum.

"So this discussion that they are having about Kennedy must be taken in that vein," he said.

Plane crash

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over to them, but we commandeered it as the manufacturers of the boat and volunteers for BASRA," he said.

Mr Rose reported that BASRA received a report from air traffic control that it had lost communication around 9am with the aircraft which was some 23 miles in-bound from Walker's Cay.

"They told us that the aircraft was at 1,500ft and losing altitude. They gave us a radio and we plotted a course … and we got out as quickly as we could," Mr Rose said.

Pilot Capt John Roberts, a BASRA volunteer, spotted the downed aircraft and gave rescuers a rough position fix.

Mr Rose said a US Coast Guard aircraft was able to locate the survivors and drop a rescue raft.

"They dropped a rescue raft which unfortunately missed the drop, but they also dropped a smoke bomb and gave out what we call a pon pon… and we were able to get a more exact location," he said.

Mr Rose said the nose of the aircraft was at the sea bottom and the tail was floating out of the water. All of the survivors were wearing life vests and hanging on to the tail of the aircraft.

"We confirmed that all six people were alive, including one person who was six months pregnant.

"It really came out nicely for as far as how things could have gone. This is one of those days when you are proud to be volunteering and to be a part of a team of rescuers, with the Defence Force, Police and BASRA," Rose said.

According to the BASRA official, the pilot told him that he lost one engine and was unable to maintain altitude.

"He (the pilot) said he was at 1,500ft and was not able to maintain altitude so he dropped as low as he could and flared the aircraft out and touch the tail down first.

"He made impact with the water at roughly 60 knots, which is about 68 to 70 mph when he hit the water.

"As a pilot he could not have done anything better," commented Mr Rose.

"The pilot said when the plane hit the water it slid for a very short time and then a wave came up over the front and shattered the windshield, but it did not implode on them so they had enough time to get to the emergency exit."

"The pilot knew what he was doing as he has 15 years flying experience, and we could not have asked for a better outcome," he said.

Mr Cambridge declined to talk with the media about the ordeal, but said he wanted to thank BASRA, the Defence Force, the US Coast Guard and all those who came to their assistance and rescued them.

Terrence Bullard is grateful his wife and two children are alive.

He and his family went to Grand Cay to attend his wife's brother's funeral. He decided to return by boat instead.

Mr Bullard went to the airport around 9am to pick up his family, but became concerned when the aircraft did not arrive as scheduled.

"I was scared because I know the flight from Walker's Cay is only 20 minutes, and after an hour passed and I did not see the plane … I got concerned.

"I went to the airport and saw some pilots running around. I asked what happened and they told me they just heard that Fritz went down. It felt like my whole world came to an end," he said.

Mr Bullard became very emotional at one point and paused to regain his composure. He commended the airport company, BASRA, the police, and everyone who assisted in the search and rescue.

"They did a very good job in getting the rescue effort together. And I thank God they were able to find them because they went up the first time and they did not find them. But, I understand that Capt. Roberts, a veteran search and rescue man, saw them.

"I have not seen him yet to shake his hand, but I want to thank him. He saw them when the other pilots missed them," he said.

Terranique Bullard, one of the passengers onboard the aircraft, was the first to be assisted from the boat.

She said they were in the water for about two and a half to three hours. She said they saw several search planes above.

"I was very afraid. We were on the wing of the plane and the water was rough and it was raining.

"The pilot did a good job. He dived into the plane to get the life vests for us and the radio transmitter," she said.

"He gave us good instructions and told us where to go and the correct position to be in and he helped us with our life vests," she said.

CRASH SURVIVORS: Tamasio Bullard (left) and Miriam Gibson walk to a waiting ambulance.

SIX SERIOUSLY INJURED AFTER TRUCKS COLLIDE

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

CRASH SCENE: Firefighters remove one of the injured after yesterday's accident.

SIX people were taken to hospital by ambulance with serious injuries yesterday when two trucks collided on Frank Watson Highway in western New Providence.

According to police, a man identified as Mark Pinder lost control of the white 2003 Ford 350 truck he was driving west along the highway at around 10.30am, colliding head on with a black 1997 F150 truck being driven by Kevin Brown of Seabreeze Lane.

Mr Pinder, of Village Green, Village Road, had three passengers in his vehicle at the time, while Mr Brown was travelling with two other people.

All of those involved, except Mr Pinder, suffered from serious injuries as a result of the crash, said police Superintendent Carolyn Bowe in a statement.

PLP Baha Mar vote

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desperately in need of relief in respect to this dire unemployment situation. The question for us in examining in detail the implications of whatever the number of work permits are, the impact on Bahamian labour, and the length of time of the work permits," he said.

Having financially backed the $2.6 billion investment, the People's Republic of China is also requesting some 4,920 work permits for Chinese labour for the construction of the project. These work permits will come before Parliament in the resolution on September 8 to be voted on.

Leader of Opposition Business in the House of Assembly, Obie Wilchcombe, has already described the amount of foreign labour needed for the project as "politically toxic" – adding that the government is requiring Parliament to vote on the matter to avoid taking the brunt of what is expected to be massive public criticism in the near future.

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BUS ROBBERY SUSPECT SHOT DEAD BY POLICE

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with a knife, and one of them discharged his service revolver shooting the man in the upper body.

People living in the area said they were startled as the gunfire rang out. Some claim they heard five shots and police used excessive force, others said the suspect got what he deserved.

ASP Miller said: "A knife is a deadly instrument, very deadly, and we have seen in other homicides people killed with a knife, including police officers.

"If an officer perceives a real threat it is in the hands of that officer – he would make that call.

"Our response was very quick and I want to commend the South East division, particularly East Street South, for their quick response to this matter."

Mr Miller did not identify the police officer who pulled the trigger, and said the suspect, believed to be in his early to mid-20s, has not yet been formally identified.

However, neighbours said three young women, believed to be friends or relatives of the dead suspect, visited the scene of the shooting and walked away weeping.

A 51-year-old Breadfruit Street woman said: "I think they should have shot him in his legs or something, then lock him up and do it the right way. Send him to court, send him to prison. That is somebody's child too."

But another neighbour, who did not want to be named, disagreed. She said: "We don't know what the police officer saw so I guess I have to trust he did the right thing."

Breadfruit Street resident Shirley McPhee, 34, said she was frightened when she heard five shots fired just a few houses down from her own home, but was relieved when she realised police were on the scene.

"I don't feel bad about the fact they shot and killed him because it could have been somebody else's life at stake," she said.

"But now that I know he had a knife, I think they should have shot him in the leg, not shot to kill."

Mr Miller said police detectives and intelligence officers are targetting criminals in Pinewood Gardens every day as they work to take serious law-breakers off the streets and make the neighbourhood safe for residents.

Registration

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registrations increase to 1,470 each this year – a figure almost 500 greater than the 1,000 students the Ministry considers ideal, forcing the Government to refuse any more enrolments there – others continue to have space for hundreds of youngsters.

Mr Bannister said it is the phenomena of parents seeking to move their children into schools which are rumoured to have produced above average exam results, over and above additional demands on the public school system for other reasons – such as through migration of students out of private schools – that has seen some schools' populations rise dramatically this year.

"The problem we're having is that even if they are not from areas, they are still trying to get into those schools while others could hold hundreds more students," said Mr Bannister.

Responding to comments from Director of Education Lionel Sands last week, in which he confirmed the growth in demand for CV Bethel and SC McPherson, President of the Bahamas Union of Teachers Belinda Wilson said the Ministry of Education should consider building more schools in the south western part of New Providence given the growing population and demand for school places in that area.

However, while population growth in south west New Providence is a factor that needs to be taken into consideration by the Ministry of Education, said Mr Bannister, stricter enforcement of the "feeder school" system could also go a long way in addressing the problem.

"We have to make sure students enrol in the schools they should enrol in. They need to stay in the communities they're in and the feeder school system needs to operate properly. But south west area growing in population also have to look at the school population in that area.

"We'll have the figures by end of this week to ascertain exactly how many students enrolled in those schools come from those areas and how many of them come from elsewhere," said the Education Minister.

The move by some parents to put their children into certain "high achieving" public schools comes despite the fact that no official statistics have been released to the public to indicate which schools' students did better than others in the recently released BGCSE and BJC exams.

Mr Bannister said that in actual fact, while certain public schools did do "extremely well" in the exams – seeing great improvements in their overall achievement levels among students – "virtually all" public schools saw improvements.

Following the publication of an article in *The Tribune* last week in which the increased enrolment at the CV Bethel and SC McPherson schools was highlighted, along with the plight of a parent, Charles Nottage, who had found he could no longer find a place for his daughter Chavanna at SC McPherson despite its closeness to his home, many *Tribune* readers left angry comments on our www.tribune242.com website blaming the situation on the number of "Haitian children" in the public school system.

Out of a total of 30 comments on the story, many called for the removal and deportation of children of Haitian parentage from the public school system, with some suggesting that no child of Haitian abstraction should be allowed a school place in place of a "full blooded" Bahamian student.

Speaking to *The Tribune* last week, Mr Sands said there is room in the system for every child who needs to enrol, though perhaps not at the first school of choice.

Meanwhile, Mr Bannister has previously stated that The Bahamas cannot discriminate against any child seeking an education in this country.

"For a civilized country that subscribes to the United Nations convention, it is our obligation to ensure children are educated. Any country that discriminates against children labels itself as a barbaric society," he said.

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Arawak Homes in dispute

any phone call, inquiries. No nothing. They destroyed all of our fruit trees: mango, pear, guinep, soursop. All of our cassava, yams. The Ministry of Works people (working on Corridor 5) started coming in our yard digging in and cutting up the yam and cassava," said Althea Gibson, Mr Gibson's daughter. She owns a portion of the property and lives in the home complex with her parents.

"They flattened the whole land. Every year my mother picks the peas from her peas trees, bags them in quarts and sells them to church members and other people. My daddy was a farmer. Everything is gone. Everything you could name is gone," said Ms Gibson.

Keith Bell, general legal council at Arawak Homes, said: "We have shown them our maps and documents, which are recorded by lands and surveys. The Gibsons, they live in Rock Crusher, and they sought to enclose a portion of property that is theirs and a portion of vacant land behind their house going back to the road. I think that is where the mix up comes. They may have a boundary issue and we would have had the surveyors out there who would have staked out our property.

"They presumed they owned a portion of our property. The property is in the back of them. There is 100 feet of property they are claiming ownership of. They fenced well in excess of 1,000 feet," said Mr Bell.

Mr Bell confirmed Arawak Homes did "cut down some trees." However, he said, "we left their few trees on their property" and only cut down trees on the portion of land of which the company is claiming ownership.

Mr Bell said he met with the elderly couple at their home last week to explain what was happening. He said 74-year-old Vernica Gibson "said she understood."

Ms Gibson said her mother told the workers they were trespassing on private property when they came to bulldoze.

"They kept bulldozing. My mother and father are old. What could they do? You can't go up against a big tractor and big strapping men. My father has Alzheimer's disease," she said.

"My parents feel raped. They are just glad they have children who can actually defend them. All she is doing is thanking God for her children. You know what it is for two old people; there is nothing they could do."

Ms Gibson said if Arawak Homes is not willing to settle, she can foresee a court case.

"If they don't come to some agreement to put the gate back up and replace all the trees and pay fines for trespassing and all the stress I am going through then we are going full force. We are going to court. You can't take something that the Supreme Court has already stamped," she said.

"They have to replace all of the trees, and if they can't they have to reimburse us for them. My oldest brother is mad because they cut down his guinep tree that he climbs every year. All of the trees were mature trees. The trees were planted by the family years ago."

Some of the property in question was purchased. Other property was granted to the family by the Supreme Court through enacting the Quieting Titles Act.

Mr Bell added: "Arawak Homes has nothing to hide. We purchase property.

"I am prepared to sit with the family who claims ownership to show them where they made a mistake or where their issue lies."

He said based on the documents faxed to him by the family, "they do not have title to that portion of land."

Ms Gibson said several messages left for Mr Bell and Tarvares Laroda, assistant to general legal council, were not returned.

She said the family's attorney is preparing an affidavit to seek an injunction on the company to stop further clearing.

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Insurer: Health claims take 87% of every $1

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A major insurance group with key Bahamian operations made no underwriting profit in 2009 because 87 per cent of every dollar earned was paid out to cover policyholder health claims, a senior executive revealing that for 2010 to-date it had supported 14 air medical evacuation cases and claims "reserved to exceed in excess of $1 million".

Linda Gibson, president of Atlantic Medical Insurance, the Bahamian-based health insurance subsidiary of Colonial Group International, told the Rotary Club of East Nassau that Bahamians had to "face certain realities" and be "prepared to pay" for the medical services they wanted as costs rose globally.

Explaining that she was attempting to "clear the air" for Bahamian consumers, in an atmosphere where persons both here and globally were seeking scapegoats for rising medical insurance premiums and treatment costs, Mrs Gibson suggested that there was no one "big bad wolf" responsible.

Arguing that the private health insurance companies had always been an "easy target" for politicians seeking someone to blame for rising healthcare costs, the Atlantic Medical chief said that typically her company's profit margins on an average policy were just 3 per cent.

For every $1 in premium the company collected, the product was priced thus, Mrs Gibson said:

* 3 per cent is paid to the Government in Premium Tax
* 13 per cent is to cover administration costs, Mrs Gibson saying that some 2 per cent of this was for sales and marketing. Marketing, she explained, included the provision of health education information to Atlantic Medical's clients
* 78 per cent covers the payment of medical claims
* 3 per cent covers reinsurance costs
* 3 per cent represents Atlantis Medical's risk transfer/profit charge

"In 2009, for the Colonial Group International, the parent company to Atlantic Medical, Colonial Pensions, Security and General and Life Choices, there was no underwriting profit due to adverse claims experience. In 2009, nearly 87 per cent out of every dollar was paid for the cost of healthcare," Mrs Gibson revealed.

"In summary, the cost of health insurance premiums is primarily a reflection of the overall cost of health care services, with the bulk of the premium going to pay for the cost of health benefits, such as hospitals, doctors, laboratories."

Mrs Gibson argued that the Bahamian health insurance industry, like its counterparts elsewhere, was a cost effective and efficient administrator, which was not responsible for the supply and cost of medical services - the area where costs were increasing.

"If we stop paying, the system can grind to a halt. Any deterioration in response time would have a major impact on the availability of care at home and overseas, where the ID card is currently accepted for direct billing. Providers rely on insurers for cash flow," she explained. "Right now, our problem is with inflation in the cost of care locally, not overseas, although we see problems ahead for US care."

Atlantic Medical and others were also risk carriers, Mrs Gibson said, acknowledging that healthcare costs were extremely difficult to predict.

"The cost of medical services in any

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$200m loan 'impasse' hurdle for Baha Mar

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

INGRAHAM

PM meets with developer's principals and Chinese Ambassador yesterday over $2.6bn project

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham yesterday met with Baha Mar's principals and the Chinese Ambassador to further discuss the proposed $2.6 billion Cable Beach redevelopment, sources familiar with developments told Tribune Business, the main remaining obstacle being the $200 million outstanding loan the developer owes to the Scotiabank (Bahamas) syndicate.

Tribune Business revealed months ago that the "impasse" between Baha Mar and Scotiabank over the loan was a significant hurdle yet to be overcome, and this newspaper has been informed that the sum involved, inclusive of principal and interest, has risen from earlier estimates of $170-$180 million to around $200 million.

Barry Malcolm, Scotiabank (Bahamas) managing director, declined to comment on the Baha Mar situation when contacted by Tribune Business yesterday.

While the total amount due from Baha Mar is less than has been reported elsewhere, progress on the $2.6 billion Cable Beach redevelopment is unlikely to happen until the banking syndicate is repaid, despite the developer having found new partners in the form of China State Construction and the China Export-Import Bank. The Chinese government has also approved the project.

That has placed the ball in the Bahamian government's court, and that of Baha Mar. The outstanding loan issue is thought to be one reason why Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham has been lukewarm towards the project, especially since Scotiabank is refusing to shift from its position that Baha Mar and its principals, the Lyford Cay-based Izmirlian family, must repay the loan in full.

Tribune Business previously reported that Scotiabank feels the situation is at an "impasse", the bank having few attractive options at this point. While it wants to recover its funds, the sum involved being of critical importance to the Bahamian financial system, it will also recognise the Baha Mar pro-

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Phoney invoices costing dealers, Govt 'thousands'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Established auto companies say problem 'pretty widespread and getting out of hand'

ESTABLISHED Bahamian auto dealers yesterday said they and the Public Treasury were losing "thousands of dollars" a year due to individuals, including some foreigners, selling imported used cars below their prices through the submission of false invoice amounts that dramatically lowered Customs duty payments.

Brent Fox, proprietor of Montague Motors, told Tribune Business that the problem was "pretty widespread and getting out of hand", with the Customs Department seemingly aware that invoices with false purchase prices were being submitted but unable to make much progress in their investigations.

Taking the Toyota Harrier model as an example, Mr Fox said: "I'm struggling to sell it at $13,000, and these guys are selling Harriers at $9,000, which is close to $2,000 less than my landed cost."

He explained that he travelled to Japan twice a year to attend used car auctions, where he purchased his inventory, never using the Internet. Having made these trips for eight to nine years, Mr Fox said he understood the Japanese auction system, which mandated that there were no private used car sales, everything going through the government there.

As a result, he had been able to obtain books showing the price Japanese used cars were sold at, including the lowest prices they fetched. With his knowledge of the market, he said that if individuals were able to import Japanese used cars and sell them $3,000 below his consumer prices, "something is seriously going on."

"There's no way they can be paying $2,000 less than me if they're going to Japan, and no way they can be doing that unless they're cutting invoices. It's a problem that's been persisting for some years, and no one can get to the bottom of it," Mr Fox told Tribune Business.

"There's hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost revenue for the Bahamas Government, and tonnes of money being lost by local dealers trying to play it

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Bank to 'address' broker concerns

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

SCOTIABANK (Bahamas) yesterday said it had "agreed to address" concerns raised by small Bahamian insurance brokers over its group homeowners arrangement with J. S. Johnson, its managing director telling Tribune Business the bank would be "toast" if just 10 per cent of its mortgage portfolio was uninsured when a major hurricane hit.

Barry Malcolm told this newspaper that he met with Bahamas Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA) representatives last week to ease their concerns over Scotiabank (Bahamas) arrangement with J. S. Johnson, and explained that the bank - with a mortgage portfolio easily in excess of $1 billion - needed to protect its assets, and the investment made by Bahamian homeowners, from exposure to hurricanes and other catastrophe perils if the latter were unable to pay the annual property insurance premium.

Mr Malcolm also refuted claims circulating among some in the insurance industry that J. S. Johnson had paid the bank a 'finder's fee' for signing up to the group policy, something that is effectively illegal under the new Insurance Act.

And he told Tribune Business that the bank had dropped a long-standing objective to obtain its own insurance broker/agent licence, which would have allowed it to sell insurance coverage to its mortgage clients.

"We had a very good meeting with BIBA, and we explained to them to the background as to why we had put in place this group insurance coverage - basically, to protect ourselves against any part of our mortgage portfolio being uninsured," Mr Malcolm said.

"The issues they had raised we have agreed to address, and we will get back to them in

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Airlift acquisition targets Out Islands

By CHESTER ROBARDS
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US-based AvStar Aviation's newly-appointed chief executive told Tribune Business yesterday that his company is hoping to open up airlift to Eleuthera and Abaco from West Palm Beach by year-end, in a bid to expand the operations of recently-acquired Twin Air Calypso, which has serviced the Bahamas from Fort Lauderdale for more than 50 years.

Clayton Gamber added that the new service could deliver 100 individuals to those islands four days per week through scheduled service. He said the route is as marketable today as it has been in

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ject's importance to the national economy, which has nothing else on the horizon capable of dragging it out of recession.

If Scotiabank moved to foreclose, it would be left running several loss-making resorts and with little prospect of recovering the loan's full value. It would almost certainly be forced to downsize the hotels' workforces to cut costs as well.

A debt-for-equity swap, where the Scotiabank syndicate took an ownership stake in the Baha Mar project, would also not be attractive to a conservative lender, since it would effectively have to write-down the value of that $170-$180 million loan.

It is likely that Baha Mar and its principals, the Izmirlian family, will not settle the Scotiabank situation until all required approvals from the Bahamian and Chinese governments are in hand, Tribune Business has been made to understand.

Resolution of the situation is made even more critical because part of the collateral for the Scotiabank loan is real estate upon which the $2.5 billion financing from the China Export-Import Bank will be secured.

Without the Scotiabank security being lifted, the Chinese institution will be unable to use that real estate as collateral, since it is already encumbered.

Robert Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president of governmental and external affairs, told Tribune Business last month: "We have been working very hard and collaboratively with our partners in Scotiabank. They know the Bahamian economy very well due to the important business they conduct here, and they certainly understand the positive impact our project will have on it.

"We are in very active negotiations to finalise the terms of the bridge financing they have provided, and we expect to reach a resolution on this in the very near term."

Pointing to the estimated $1 billion impact to Bahamian gross domestic product (GDP) that the Baha Mar project would have during its first full year in operation, plus the almost 11,000 jobs - including 7,000 direct ones - that would be created, Mr Sands said the Cable Beach redevelopment held "huge economic benefits for the Bahamas and the Bahamian people".

He added that the project "could not have come at a better time as the economy begins to recover. This will certainly aid the economy as it starts that process".

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the past, since it is frequently travelled by West Palm and Abaco residents.

Mr Gamber added that as AvStar Aviation grows Twin Air, they will eventually expand their fleet of aircraft and routes in the Bahamas.

"Most of the work we do is between Eleuthera and Abaco, and these are the destinations where we want to make service better," he said. "Eventually we will look further into the Bahamas."

Twin Air currently services Eleuthera and Abaco with six aircraft, consisting of Piper Navjos and Cessna 402s.

According to a press release from AvStar, Twin Air will now have the means to expand the business through the equity markets and will conduct $500,000 worth of refurbishments on their aircraft. Mr Gamber said any new aircraft acquisitions will be considered when the refurbishments are completed.

The company offers passenger and cargo services to the Bahamas from Fort Lauderdale. And though they have acquired approvals from the Bahamas government for the new route, they are still awaiting approvals from West Palm Beach in order to operate.

Mr Gamber said no management or personnel changes have taken place since AvStar absorbed Twin Air for an undisclosed amount of cash and stock.

"AvStar is pleased to be entering the air carrier market and looks forward to serving the passenger and freight requirements of the citizens and tourists of the Bahamas," said the press release.

"Being a subsidiary of AvStar will allow Twin Air Calypso to upgrade the existing fleet of aircraft, open new destinations, and increase the capacity of the existing route structure."

He added that AvStar's maintenance and repair facilities in south Florida will provide Twin Air with airframe and engine maintenance, ground support and fuelling services, "making the AvStar family a vertically integrated operation".

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by the book. I don't know all that's going on, whether they're submitting lower amounts on invoices or not paying duty at all. It's pretty widespread and getting out of hand."

Mr Fox said all Customs needed to do to verify that invoice valuations submitted were correct was to match them with the wire transfer sums sent out of the Bahamas to purchase used cars.

While the submission of wire transfer sums along with invoices was required by Customs, Mr Fox said such a practice had never been enforced by the Department.

Telling Tribune Business that he sometimes received calls from Customs checking on used car invoice prices, Mr Fox said: "They're aware of what's going on, and appear to be making inquiries, but never more than once or twice a year. After the heat is off, it goes back to business as usual."

Mr Fox was backed by Ben Albury, operations manager at Bahamas Bus and Truck, who told Tribune Business: "Customs has called me to investigate some of these things before, but they never seem to go very far."

He added that while he was not against competition, and welcomed it, it had to be on a "level playing field" for all concerned.

NAD
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Nassau Airport Development Company Limited (NAD) is seeking Proponents (individual, consortium or joint venture that must include an experienced retail operator) to operate and manage 2 Specialty Retail Kiosks and 1 Specialty Retail Cart in the new U.S. Departures Terminal currently under construction at the Lynden Pindling International Airport. These retail units will offer unique products and/or services at competitive prices.

Several inline specialty retail stores have already been awarded including:

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ROYAL FIDELITY MARKET WRAP

By RoyalFidelity Capital Markets

IT WAS a slow week of trading in the Bahamian stock market. Investors traded in seven out of the 24 listed securities, with three decliners and the other securities remaining unchanged.

EQUITY MARKET

A total of 11,813 shares changed hands, representing a decline of 24,846 shares compared to the previous week's trading volume of 36,659 shares.

Benchmark (Bahamas) (BBL) was the volume leader last week, with 6,000 shares trading to see its stock price close down $0.04 at $0.20.

Cable Bahamas (CAB) was the lead decliner last week, its stock price dropping by $0.34 on a volume of 1,450 shares to close at $10.77.

Finance Corporation of the Bahamas (FIN) also closed the week down, its share price declining by $0.10 on a volume of 2,000 shares to end the week at $8.80.

BOND MARKET

No notes traded in the Bahamian bond market last week.

COMPANY NEWS

Earnings Releases:

• *Cable Bahamas (CAB)* released unaudited results for the quarter ended June 30, 2010. For the quarter, CAB reported net income of $4.8 million, which declined by $2.6 million or 35 per cent in comparison to the same quarter in the prior year.

While CAB's revenues of $22.2 million increased by $1.2 million or 6 per cent quarter-over-quarter, operating expenses also increased, rising by $2.3 million or 24 per cent in comparison to the prior year period.

Management noted that the significant increase in operating expenses is primarily due to higher regulatory and professional costs associated with the liberalisation of the communications industry. It was also noted that the $1.2 million preference share dividends increased by $700,000 quarter-over-quarter.

Earnings per share for the quarter were $0.26 compared to $0.38 reported in the 2009 second quarter, a decline a of $0.12.

• *Colina Holdings Bahamas (CHL)* released unaudited financial statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2010, reporting net income available to common shareholders of $7.5 million, compared to $757,000 in the same quarter in 2009. It was noted that both net premium revenue and net policyholder benefits were down quarter-over-quarter, with net premium revenues of $22 million declining by $1.5 million or 6 per cent, while net benefits paid of $11 million declined by $3.3 million or 23 per cent.

In its revenues, CHL reported net investment income of $7.9 million, which increased by $2.3 million or 40 per cent in comparison to the prior quarter, while its expenses reflected reduced changes in provision for future policyholder benefits of $722,000. These declined by $3.3 million or 82 per cent.

CHL reported earnings per share of $0.30, compared to $0.03 in the comparative quarter, an increase of $0.27.

At June 30, 2010, CHL reported total assets and liabilities of $505 million and $397 million respectively, increases by $6.7 million and $2.1 million from year-end December 31, 2009.

• *Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) (FBB)* released unaudited results for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010. FBB reported a net loss of $327,000 compared to net income of $582,000 reported in the comparative period in the prior year, a decline of $909,000.

Net interest income of $3.9 million declined by $409,000 or 9 per cent, while non-interest income of $2.6 million also declined, falling by $106,000 or 4 per cent in comparison to the prior period.

The bank's $6.9 million total expenses increased by $394,000 or 6 per cent, primarily due to higher depreciation and amortisation costs, as well as higher general and administrative costs. Provision for loan losses of $669,000 also increased by $84,000 or 14 per cent in comparison to the prior period.

FBB reported negative earnings per share for the six-month period of $0.01, compared to earnings per share of $0.02 reported for the same period in 2009.

Total assets and liabilities as at June 30, 2010, were $280 million and $247 million respectively, compared to $276 million and $242 million at the end of the prior year.

Customer deposits of $222 million increased by $4.7 million or 2 per cent during the six-month period, while mortgages and loans of $201 million, and cash balances on hand and at banks of $34.4 million, increased by $1.2 million and $5.8 million respectively.

Insurer: Health claims take 87% of every $1

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one year can fluctuate dramatically. This is not surprising when one considers that catastrophic claims frequently exceed $500,000 right here in the Bahamas, and can reach $1 million and beyond," Mrs Gibson said.

"To date, the largest claim that we have seen in our book of business was in excess of $1.49 million. In 2009, we supported more than 20 cases where patients were air ambulanced to a US facility and numerous between the Family Islands and Nassau. Already for 2010 we have supported 14 air evacuation cases and individual claims reserved to exceed in excess of $1 million."

She added: " If the system does overheat, it is the insurer that carries the burden, at least in the short term, not the Government or the taxpayer. Naturally premium adjustments will seek to retrieve losses over the long term.

"We suggest that competition serves to keep administration costs low and to improve administrative efficiency..... We cannot simply blame the insurance industry for the rising costs.

"Important factors to note are that 70 per cent of the claims costs are incurred locally and 30 per cent overseas. The three main influencing factors have been general inflation, price increases for certain services in excess of inflation, and increased utilization."

Urging the Government to be "realistic" over the healthcare reforms it was planning, and promises to the same, Mrs Gibson said it was impossible to get away from cost, since it might not be "economically viable" to provide certain types of secondary and tertiary care.

She added: "As a people, Bahamians are used to getting the best of everything and, until recently, have been lucky to live in a fairly affluent economy, at least when compared to many of our Caribbean counterparts. However, we now have to face certain realities that the rest of the world has been wrestling with for a number of years.

"There are certain pragmatic decisions that have to be made. As consumers, if we want to have access to more services, have access to advanced treatments that enable us to live longer, more productive lives, we have to be prepared to pay for them.

"At the same time, the providers of healthcare have to be held accountable for quality outcomes and be realistic in the level of care that can be provided in a community of 60,000 in Grand Bahama or 300,000 in the Bahamas as a whole at a cost effective price."

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short order. The meeting was very cordial and productive."

When asked by Tribune Business to clarify the 'finder's fee' rumours, Mr Malcolm said such claims were untrue, adding: "No fees of any kind were paid by J. S. Johnson. This is a straight, transparent deal related to insurance coverage.

"We shopped around for quite a while, and J. S. Johnson came up with the best numbers. We had to do it; the exposure is enormous. If we had a huge hit from a major hurricane, and 10 per cent of our mortgage portfolio was uninsured, we'd be toast. I can now sleep at night."

Given a mortgage portfolio worth $1 billion-plus, if 10 per cent of its mortgage portfolio was uninsured and totally wiped out by a major storm, Scotiabank (Bahamas) could potentially lose some $100 million worth of assets.

Asked by this newspaper whether Scotiabank (Bahamas) was still seeking an insurance agent/broker licence, Mr Malcolm told this newspaper: "We had looked at that, but we have put that to one side, because our core business is loans, and that's where the focus is."

Tribune Business had been told by insurance industry sources that Scotiabank (Bahamas) had wanted to obtain such a licence for some time, but had been told by the Insurance Commission of the Bahamas it would not be forthcoming.

Such a licence would have brought Scotiabank (Bahamas) on an equal footing with rivals FINCO and FirstCaribbean International Bank (Bahamas), both of which have insurance licences, but small Bahamian brokers have long feared such a development would be anti-competitive and squeeze them out of the homeowners market.

Scotiabank (Bahamas) position was yesterday backed by one Bahamian insurance broker source, who said the J. S. Johnson group insurance policy issue had "been blown out of all proportion".

Acknowledging the complaints of some brokers that Scotiabank (Bahamas) would effectively take business from them under this arrangement, the source said: "The way the arrangement is supposed to work is that the only time Scotiabank uses the J. S. Johnson facility is when the client does not pay the premium, or does not provide confirmation, that the home is insured."

Given its potential multi-million dollar exposure, and the Bahamas' location in the hurricane catastrophe belt, the broker acknowledged that Scotiabank (Bahamas) had every right to ensure its asset exposure was protected when the homeowners did not step up to the plate.

The broker source added that BIBA's concerns may have been sparked by a small minority of Scotiabank (Bahamas) loan officers and managers misunderstanding the J. S. Johnson arrangement, and thinking they had to push all their mortgage borrowing clients into insuring with the company, regardless of whether they could pay their premium or not.

"It's one or two Scotiabank personnel pushing clients to use this facility, but that's being addressed," the source said, telling Tribune Business that the J. S. Johnson arrangement was "not going to be an issue going forward".

Similar concerns were raised by BIBA president Vaughn Culmer in an e-mail sent to Association members last week prior to his meeting with Mr Malcolm.

The message, seen by Tribune Business, said: "I was informed by one of our member companies of continued heavy handedness by Scotiabank with their clients by insisting that the client cancel the policy with the incumbent broker, who renewed the policy months earlier, and keep the J. S. Johnson policy which was recently effected.

"Even after the broker provided proof that the policy was renewed, they still insisted that the client cancel the policy. Now the client has to pay the broker for time on cover as well as the J.S. Johnson policy, which is added to the loan and charged interest. The question is ...What is encouraging Scotiabank (Bahamas) officers to perform in this manner?"

Tribune Business understands that Scotiabank (Bahamas) is investigating this complaint, and whether some staff may have overstepped the mark as alleged. This newspaper was told that the bank had prepared detailed instructions for its staff on the J. S. Johnson policy, including what it was, how it was to be handled, and what to say to clients, realising its staff could not act as unlicensed insurance brokers/agents.

Mr Malcolm effectively confirmed this, telling Tribune Business: "Our people are not brokers and agents. They are not allowed to sell or push insurance for J. S. Johnson or anybody. That's not going to happen."

Mr Culmer did not return Tribune Business's call yesterday seeking comment.

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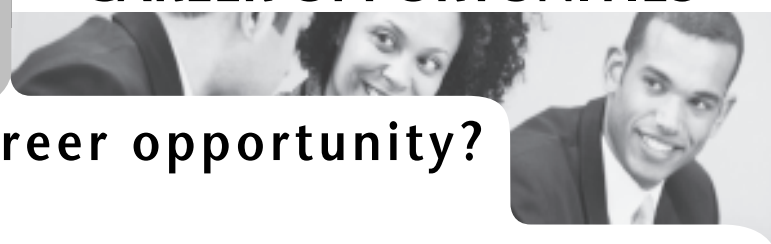

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The Tribune BODY AND MIND **health**

Exploring bladder conditions

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

THERE is a reason why parents say to their little girs wipe from front to back after urinating.

The close proximity of the vaginal opening to the anus, makes it susceptible to e-coli, a bacteria present in faeces. When this bacteria enters the body and begins duplicating, it causes a number of bladder infections.

Dr Patrick Whitfield at Oxford Medical Center and a consultant in family medicine at the Department of Family Planning at Princess Margaret Hospital told *Tribune Health* in a recent interview, that there is more than one way the e-coli bacteria enters the body.

"When e-coli gets into the body it enters the bladder and causes a urinary tract infection, he explained.

Urinary tract infections are characterised by a persistent urge to urinate, a burning sensation of the urethra during urination, passing frequent, small amounts of urine, urine that appears cloudy, urine that appears bright pink or cola coloured, blood in the urine, pelvic pain in women, and rectal pain in men.

The bacteria can also be contracted during intercourse which can then lead to cystitis (infection of the bladder). "The e-coli bacteria can also enter the body during sexual activity. This is the reason why women are advised to empty their bladders prior to intercourse. A man's anatomy is much different than a woman, and the anatomy of the female body is what causes women to be more susceptible to urinary infections," he explained.

Interstitial cystitis is an inflammatory condition that is characterised by a combination of uncomfortable bladder pressure, bladder pain and sometimes pain in the pelvis, which can range from mild burning or discomfort to severe pain.

Dr Whitfield said there are no proven facts as to how interstitial cystitis originates. However www.mayoclinic.com suggests that nerve signals from the brain become perplexed.

"The bladder is a hollow, muscular, balloon-shaped organ that stores urine until it is emptied. In adults, the bladder expands until it's full and then signals the brain that it's time to urinate by communicating through the pelvic nerves. This creates the urge to urinate in most people. With interstitial cystitis, these signals somehow get mixed up, and people feel the need to urinate more often and with smaller volumes of urine than most people," the website explained.

When a person has interstitial cystitis it leads to the stiffening of the wall of the bladder which causes the bladder to hold less urine.

Dr Whitfield said that there is no cure for interstitial cystitis. However, it can be treated with respective medications. According to www.mayoclinic.com they include ibuprofen (advil, motrin,) and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Tricyclic antidepressants, such as amitriptyline or imipramine (tofranil) can also be used to help relax your bladder and block pain. Antihistamines, such as diphenhydramine (benadryl), and loratadine (claritin, others) can be used which may reduce urinary urgency and frequency and relieve other symptoms.

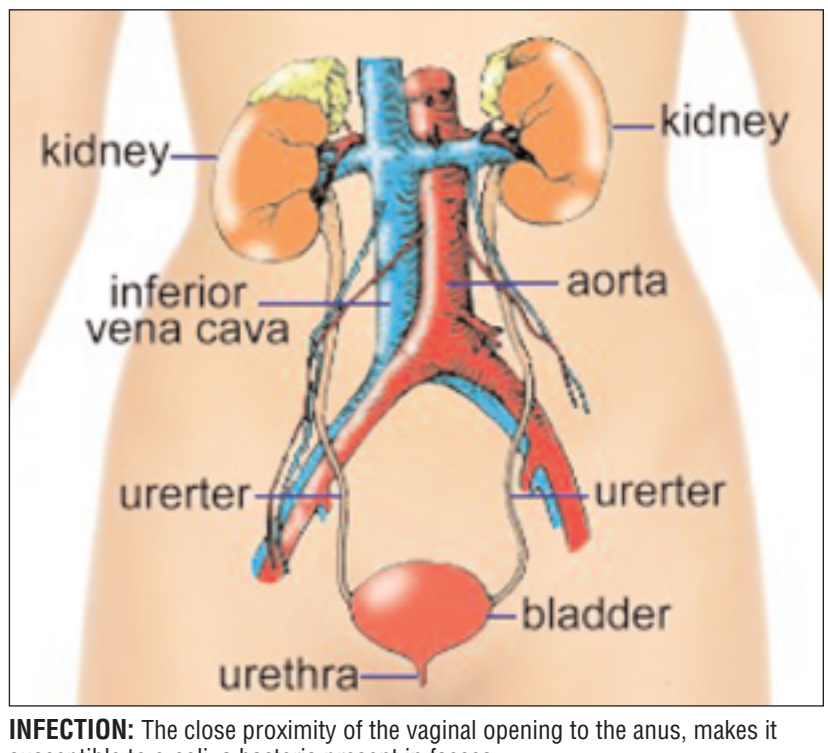
Two other cystitis, chemical and drug induced, are non-bacterial and non infectious disorders that are experienced by some as well.

Chemical cystitis is the irritation of the bladder and has been associated with the use of bubble baths, and feminine hygiene sprays.

"This occurs when the body has an allergic reaction to a substance. Things like sanitary napkins, spermicidal jellies, radiation therapy and chemotherapy can cause chemical cystitis to develop," he explained.

Some symptoms include painful urination, pressure on the low pelvis, frequent need to urinate decrease ability to hold in urine.

Drugs used in chemotherapy also causes drug induced cystitis to develop Dr Whitfield said.



INFECTION: The close proximity of the vaginal opening to the anus, makes it susceptible to e-coli, a bacteria present in faeces.

Bladder incontinence is another common problem associated with the bladder. Sometimes is affects a persons everyday activities.

"There is a valve the controls the outflow of urine. It is called the sphincter muscles. In certain conditions the muscle weaken and a person's ability to keep urine in the bladder is lost," Dr Whitfield said.

He added that any pressure on the pelvic region can cause one to lose control which will cause an unfortunate "accident".

In most cases people who have extreme urinary incontinence have catheters, a tube that allow drainage of fluids, inserted.

GREEN SCENE

By Gardener Jack

Seagrapes

PERHAPS nothing brings back memories of a Bahamian childhood more than the taste of a sweet ripe seagrape on a late summer's day.

Like Proust's madeleine it can open floodgates to the long forgotten.

Seagrape fruit not only has a distinctive taste, it has a haunting scent that is unique.

The size can vary from very spare and hardly larger than a pea to a plump one-inch diametre. Bahamian Out Island children know the locations of all the best trees along the coastline and keep them as secret as they can.

The seagrape tree (Coccoloba uvifera) comes in male and female forms but it is only the female that bears fruit.

The male puts out rudimentary flowers but never fruit.

The small white flowers are produced in a hanging column during early spring and are pollinated by bees.

The flowers give way to small green fruits that take months to ripen and look like clusters of green wine grapes.

Ripening occurs sporadically in individual fruits so that unlike wine grapes a bunch of ripe fruits cannot be cut at one time.

This means that a few days after collecting a bucketful of seagrapes from the shoreline the same trees can be revisited to produce another bucketful of fruits, and so on.

The leathery round leaves of seagrape make it one of the easiest of all trees to identify.

When they are young they are bronze-brown and appear to be highly lacquered.

In autumn some leaves turn dark red and fall but there is no wholesale loss of foliage.

The trees are famous for being able to endure extreme salt conditions yet produce fruit that is tasty and aromatic.

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Public Works removed casuarinas from Saunders Beach and replaced them with seagrape trees.

Seagrape trees are native to tropical America so it is proper we have them decorating a Bahamian beach rather than an Australian invasive import.

Seagrape trees can grow away from the shoreline, and in the garden they can be judiciously pruned to form an umbrella shape that provides good shade.

Even better, the bunches of ripening grapes hang down from the flat canopy in one plane and make picking a cinch.

Most seagrapes that are not eaten out of hand are used to make grape jelly.

Seagrape wood is hard and is used for carving figurines and masks and such.

It is one of the favourite native woods used in smoking of meats and fish.

Used green or allowed to dry and then soaked in water, seagrape wood gives a distinctive smoke flavour that is mild and pleasant.

Seagrape leaves placed on top of the coals of a regular barbecue also produce an aromatic smoke.

Seldom seen but quite spectacular is the grandiflora version of seagrape.

The leaves can be up to three-feet across and are fairly floppy, nowhere near as stiff as regular seagrape leaves.

It is hard to dissociate seagrapes from coco plums because they inhabit the same general terrain. Although coco plum season is almost over there are still some ripe fruits about if you look hard.

Coco plum shrubs (Chrysobalanus icaco) grow to about 10 feet and the neat overlapping roundish leaves make it a good candidate for either a specimen tree or a hedge.

The seashore coco plum bears pinkish white fruits and the plants often stay at about three feet.

The red-tipped or inland coco plum bears dark purple fruits (usually called black) that are considered superior in taste to the white.

Unlike seagrapes, coco plums seem to be enjoyed only by children. While seagrapes can help quench a thirst, coco plums make it worse.

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COLOURFUL TREATS: THESE seagrapes on Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, were ripe before the end of July.

BIG LEAVES: GRANDIFLORA seagrapes have enormous floppy leaves and are a spectacular addition to any garden.

COMMON COLD: According to the Mayo Clinic, the common cold is the number one reason why children miss school.

Tips for treating a cough caught at school

(ARA) - ANY parent knows a child's cough can render you feeling helpless at 3 am and keep the entire family from being well-rested. Moreover, doling out the remedy can escalate into a wrestling match ending with you wondering about the dangers of giving more due to spillage. Fortunately, a little information can reduce the household stress from this common problem.

According to the Mayo Clinic, the common cold is the number one reason why children miss school. Children catch six to 10 colds a year and cough is a major symptom. In fact, it's estimated to be the symptom that most commonly prompts patients to see a doctor.

"A cough is a symptom, not a disease," says Dr Jim LaValle, a clinical pharmacist, author of "Green Immunity Boosters," and founder of LaValle Metabolic Institute. "Among the many mechanisms of defense and adaptation we have, coughing is one of the most misunderstood.

"In healthy people, it is a very useful reflex that keeps our air ducts clear from particles or excessive mucus so our breathing is protected," he says. "However, not only does it spread germs but it also interrupts sleep. This further weakens the immune system, making us more vulnerable to a secondary infection."

LaValle offers some advice for parents treating kids' coughs:

• STAY HYDRATED AND SETTLE DOWN. To start, parents can encourage kids to drink water or other healthy liquids to thin mucous secretions, thereby soothing a cough, and discourage kids from over-exerting themselves when they have fever, aches or a cough that produces phlegm.

• HONEY: MYTH OR TRUTH? Grandma was right according to a study published in the December 2007 "Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine." A teaspoon of honey before bed seems to calm children's coughs and helps them sleep more soundly. Honey coats the throat to soothe irritation and is rich in infection-fighting antioxidants. It also spurs saliva production, which can help thin out mucus. Refrain from giving honey to children younger than 1 year of age.

• OPT FOR AN EXPECTORANT, rather than a suppressant. Coughs associated with colds should be treated with an expectorant to clear out mucus. A productive cough is the body's way of clearing out mucus. An expectorant encourages the body to get rid of the phlegm quickly and get over the coughing. Suppressants on the other hand suppress the body's natural desire to heal.

• READ THE LABELS. Manufacturers of decongestants, antihistamines and cough suppressants recently have voluntarily relabeled these medications, instructing parents not to use them in children younger than 4 years of age. The move followed a US Food and Drug Administration panel questioning the safety and efficacy of these medications' use in children younger than 6 years of age.

"One of the safest and tastiest over-the-counter options I recommend for kids is a cough syrup that combines honey and homeopathic medicines, Children's Chestal," says LaValle. "It doesn't contain any of the ingredients in question by the FDA. Instead of working against the body as a suppressant, it works naturally with the body to make any type of cough more productive for a speedier recovery."

From the makers of Oscillococcinum, a flu medicine relied upon by families throughout the world for 65 years, Children's Chestal is safe for children 2 years of age and older and has no risk of overdosing. The sweet, kid-friendly honey base coats and soothes the throat while the blend of safe homeopathic medicines works on loosening chest congestion. It calms those dry, fitful coughs at bedtime so they don't prevent sleep, but without drowsy side effects for the day.

* Know when to see a doctor. Most coughs subside on their own within a week to 10 days. Coughs that linger longer or are associated with coughing up colored phlegm or blood, wheezing, temperatures higher than 101 degrees and drenching night sweats can be symptoms of a more serious illness like pneumonia or asthma.

Courtesy of ARAcontent

Revealing menopausal symptoms you may not have heard about

(ARA) - Although most postmenopausal women have heard of the traditional symptoms related to menopause - like hot flashes, night sweats and mood swings - according to the REVEAL (REvealing Vaginal Effects At mid-Life) Surveys, fewer have heard of vulvar and vaginal pain and physical discomfort during sexual activity which may also occur during menopause. The REVEAL Surveys were conducted on behalf of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals (now a part of Pfizer Inc) and polled 1,006 postmenopausal women and 602 health care professionals who treat postmenopausal women.

Interestingly, half of the postmenopausal women surveyed agreed that they have learned to live with the vulvar and vaginal symptoms of menopause, such as dryness, as a normal part of getting older. For many postmenopausal women, a disconnect exists between the symptoms they experience and the conversations they are having with their health care professionals. For example, 25 per cent of the women surveyed reported that they experienced dyspareunia, or painful sexual intercourse, at least sometimes; however, less than half of those women (44 per cent) have spoken with their health care professional about this condition. So, why are these women keeping quiet?

Embarrassment may be one reason. In fact, among those experiencing dyspareunia who have not spoken to their health care professional about this condition, the No. 1 reason why was embarrassment (39 per cent), followed by the belief that there is nothing that can be done medically to help (26 per cent). Further, roughly half of all women surveyed (47 per cent) agreed it is still taboo in society to acknowledge experiencing symptoms of menopause such as vulvar and vaginal dryness or painful intercourse. But women should not be embarrassed about talking to their health care professional about these symptoms.

PAIN: According to the REVEAL (REvealing Vaginal Effects At mid-Life) Surveys, fewer have heard of vulvar and vaginal pain and physical discomfort during sexual activity which may also occur during menopause.

5 tips for Building Collaboration

By YVETTE BETHEL

IN A collaborative work environment, employees put aside their personal differences and work together. This type of environment is grounded in trust, integrity, human value and respect. Unfortunately, collaboration does not always occur. Here are five ways you can set the stage for a collaborative environment.

1. Break Down Silos: Silos occur when there are self-sufficient teams of employees that do not communicate or connect with each other regarding achievement of their goals. They operate as if they are the only department within the business, ignoring the need for working together. When silos are present in your business, employees don't network internally, or consistently help each other.

In order to demolish silos and build bridges across your organisation, it is important to create relationships that can help you get work done. Building bridges by helping your coworkers can lead to reciprocity and to building or reinforcing a foundation of trust. Another way you can demolish silos is by opening the flow of communication by implementing a schedule of meetings designed to share the right information with the right people at the right time.

Developing appropriate leadership competencies is another important consideration when deciding to break down silos. If leaders can recognise when walls are being built and maintained, they can proactively encourage or reward collaborative behaviours.

It is important to note that in a collaborative workplace, employees will continue to express different points of view. The differentiating factor is when there is collaboration, various perspectives are considered from an interest based view, focusing on deeper common interests and using those interests to overcome differences. Therefore, through inclusive leadership practices and trust building, shared goals will begin to emerge and the walls of the silos will be systematically broken down.

2. Navigate Office Politics: Trust and respect have already been established as fundamental building blocks of collaborative behaviour. In the absence of trust and respect, a highly political environment can evolve and survive because it is being fed by coworkers who only care about their success. Based on observation, overly political behaviour can be divisive, creating "us and them" circumstances.

At its core, politics is about relationships and alliances. Unfortunately, there are people who are overly political who exploit relationships by being more concerned with form than substance. In response to this type of political behaviour, author Deborah Hildebrand once said, "Office politics impact employers and employees alike, so it is important to understand how to navigate the minefields in order to ensure a positive work environment."

In order to create a collaborative, politically savvy environment, leaders can contribute by building a team through opening top down and bottom up channels of communication and building reward systems that acknowledge team achievements versus individual achievements. Additionally, an objective based performance management process can help to break down political structures at work because results based performance measurements can obliterate tendencies toward favouritism.

***3.* Power Plays**: Power and politics are inextricably linked. There are power starved, overly political persons who want to build and protect their power bases so in their minds, this means they have to diminish what they perceive to be your power. Obviously, destructive power players negatively impact your ability to collaborate because their myopic approach strangles coworkers into a state of inefficiency and ultimately, reciprocated negativity.

When power plays emerge, like saying no to show you who is in charge, pettiness and insecurity are at the root of the power dynamic and training in isolation is not going to change their behaviour. This is because the power player is doing what he or she needs to do to keep insubordination or noncompliance in its place. Therefore, training supported by the implementation of systems of accountability to the right behaviours will help to make positive changes and if this doesn't work, corrective action can be considered as a viable option when seeking to achieve collaboration.

4. Bad Attitudes: Bad attitudes can be encountered with customers, executives, managers, supervisors or front-line employees. A bad attitude can show up as passive aggression, nay-saying, being rude, knowing-it-all, being exact, withholding information or complaining. When you display a negative attitude your coworkers prefer not to interact with you and this usually includes your reporting manager. When your reporting manager avoids you, it appears that you are not favoured, but you are contributing to your own circumstance of isolation.

Another bad attitude consistently identified by managers is persons who are not open to constructive criticism. As a result, accelerated progress is difficult because managers who decide not to criticise because of the perceived consequences may do the work themselves and slow down the process or they avoid confrontation by allowing errors to recur.

If you are displaying a negative attitude, you will need to become aware of your divisive behaviours and self-correct. It can mean managing your body language or outbursts. If you are a manager it can mean that you learn the skill of coaching so you can coach desired collaborative behaviours.

5. A lack of integrity: When there is a lack of integrity, division occurs because you have a group of people who will observe the integrity deficient behaviour and decide to mirror the behaviour because if one person is getting away with it, why can't they? Alternatively, the honest persons don't want to be a part of dishonest systems of behaviour and have to decide how they will confront the situation so they can avoid being indirectly implicated. They ask themselves questions like: Should I report the dishonest behaviour to management and become a whistle blower? Should I confront the people involved and become a known potential liability and risk being sabotaged? Or should I leave the company?

Transforming your corporate culture from one characterised by entitlement and dishonesty to one characterised by collaboration, accountability and results is a colossal task and it requires integrity at the top levels of the organisation and a will to implement integrity based policies and systems. As we all know if policies are in place but not enforced they are only empty words.

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WOMAN

Mother-of-three crowned first ever Mrs Bahamas World

• Keldra Pinder will represent her country at Mrs World in Korea in October

BEAUTY QUEEN: MRS Bahamas World Keldra Pinder at her coronation on August 13 at the Hilton Outten Convention Centre. Mrs Pinder will represent her country in Korea at Mrs World in October.

Robbin Whachell/ Photo

KELDRA Pinder, a mother of three, became the first ever Mrs Bahamas World when her husband, Philip Pinder, presented her with the crown at the Mrs World Pageant.

THE inaugural coronation event for Mrs Bahamas World, organisers said, was a huge success when it was held at the Hilton Outten Convention Centre on Grand Bahama on Friday, August 13.

Mrs Pinder will be the first woman from the Bahamas to represent her country in the Mrs World Pageant which will take place in Korea in October this year.

The pageant committee, headed by Willamae Deveaux, said they made every effort to put on a fabulous evening of entertainment, fashion and talent.

A tradition of Mrs World is to have the husband crown the queen, and this was the case as Mr Pinder, proud husband and father of their three children, came on stage to do the honours. He was assisted by Patra Albury.

Mrs Bahamas World's platform is cancer awareness and Mrs Pinder spoke passionately about the cause.

The evening was hosted by Karen Ferguson-Bain and Trevor Russell.

Fashion took the forefront as the new Mrs Bahamas and many of the local beauty queens modelled in a hat parade. Beautiful hats and outfits were featured by La Maison De Besh, Betty's Hats, Escante Shoe Outlet, and The Seventeen Shop.

Entertainment during the event was provided by the New Wave Dancers, Stephan Cartwright and the duo of Judith Dawkins and Tawari Rodgers, who performed a skit which exemplified long-term marriage and commitment.

Mrs Turks and Caicos Josephine Connolly and her two children were the event's special guests.

Also on hand to support the new queen was Miss East End Cindy Lewis; Miss Junior Grand Bahama Jasmine Forbes; Miss Talented Grand Bahama Anissa Smith; Little Miss Glitz Dejanell Dixon, and Supermodel of the Bahamas Peandra Knowles

Mrs Pinder thanked her family and supporters by saying, "I am honoured to be the inaugural Mrs Bahamas World. With God's help, I will service Him and my country with diligence and integrity. Your presence here and contributions have helped to make this occasion an extraordinary one, one that will forever be a part of our Bahamian history. With all sincerity and love, thank you!"

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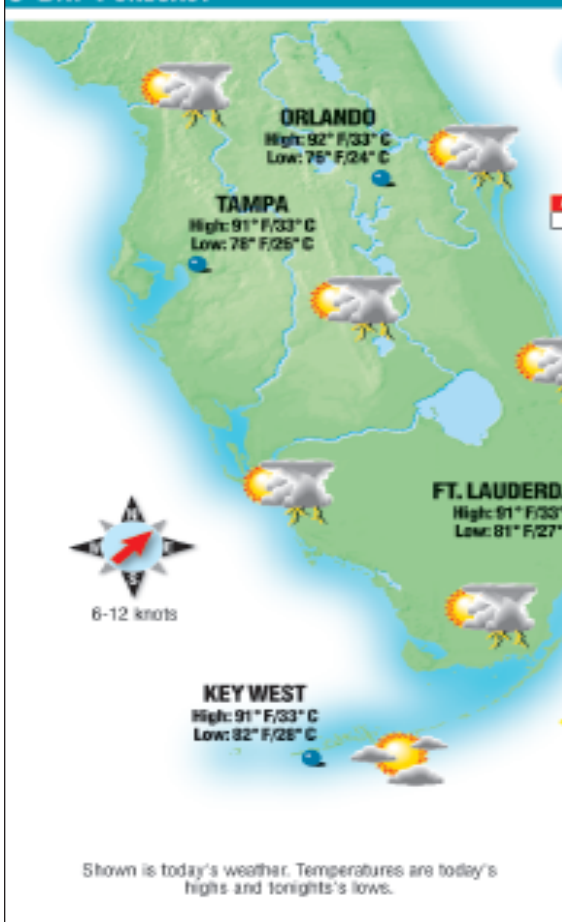
THE PINDER FAMILY: Mrs Bahamas World Keldra Pinder poses with her family on the night of her coronation.

THE WEATHER REPORT

5-Day Forecast



	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Partly cloudy	Some sun	Clouds and sun; breezy in the p.m.	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible
	High: 91°	Low: 81°	High: 92° Low: 80°	High: 93° Low: 77°	High: 92° Low: 77°	High: 91° Low: 78°
AccuWeather RealFeel	105° F	88° F	107°-87° F	107°-88° F	105°-88° F	105°-79° F

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Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonights's lows.

UV Index Today

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Tides for Nassau

	High	Ht.(ft.)	Low	Ht.(ft.)
Today	7:19 a.m.	2.8	1:23 a.m.	0.7
	7:37 p.m.	3.1	1:26 p.m.	0.6
Wednesday	7:55 a.m.	2.9	1:56 a.m.	0.6
	8:11 p.m.	3.1	2:04 p.m.	0.6
Thursday	8:31 a.m.	3.0	2:28 a.m.	0.6
	8:45 p.m.	3.0	2:42 p.m.	0.6
Friday	9:08 a.m.	3.0	3:00 a.m.	0.6
	9:19 p.m.	2.9	3:19 p.m.	0.7
Saturday	9:42 a.m.	3.0	3:32 a.m.	0.6
	9:54 p.m.	2.8	3:58 p.m.	0.9
Sunday	10:21 a.m.	3.0	4:06 a.m.	0.7
	10:30 p.m.	2.6	4:39 p.m.	1.0
Monday	11:03 a.m.	2.9	4:42 a.m.	0.7
	11:12 p.m.	2.5	5:24 p.m.	1.2

Almanac

Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	
High	95° F/35° C
Low	81° F/27° C
Normal high	89° F/32° C
Normal low	76° F/24° C
Last year's high	95° F/35° C
Last year's low	84° F/29° C
Precipitation	
As of 2 p.m. yesterday	trace
Year to date	22.91"
Normal year to date	29.72"

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Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:48 a.m.	Moonrise	7:28 p.m.
Sunset	7:37 p.m.	Moonset	6:39 a.m.

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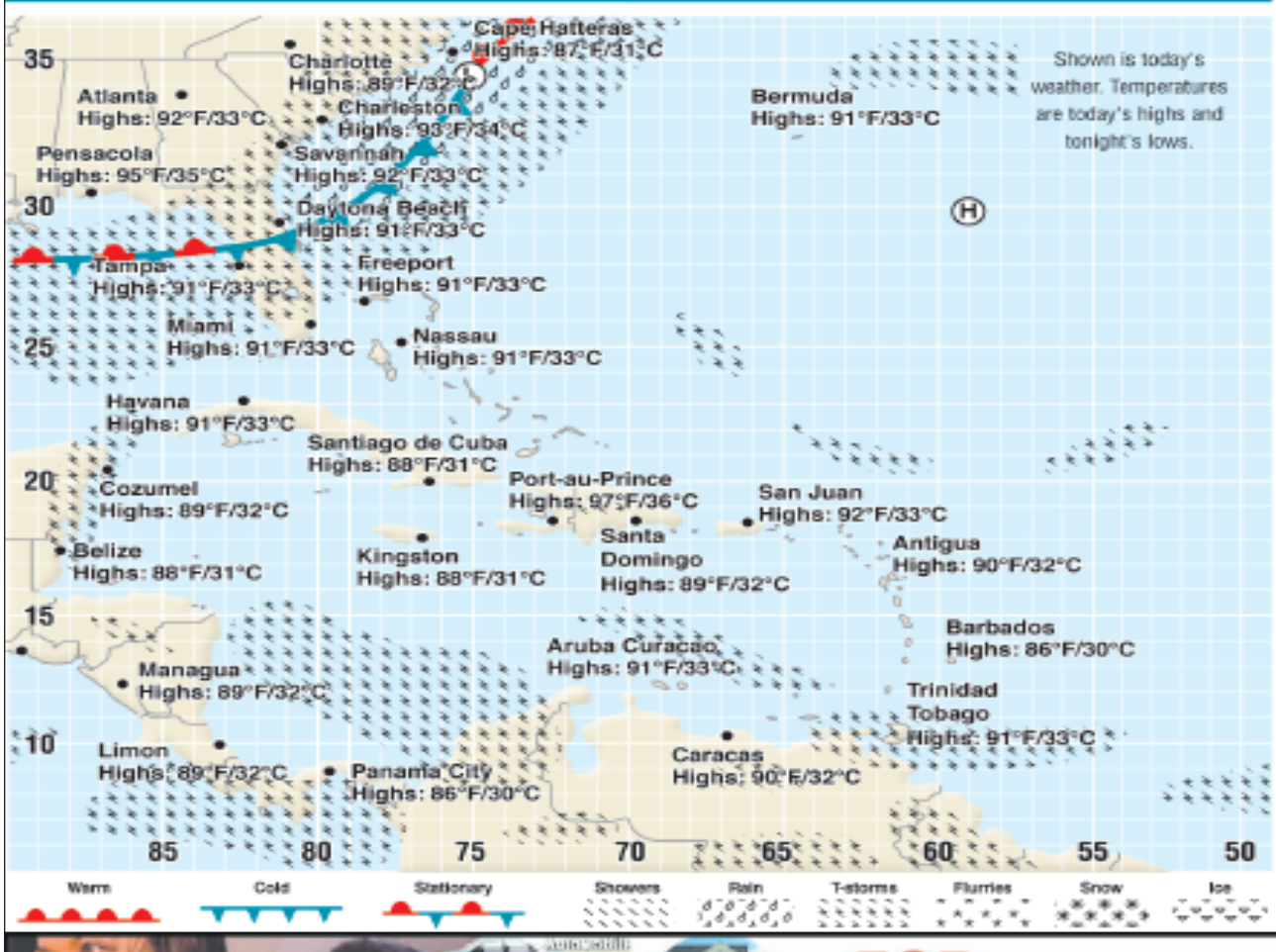
Insurance Managment Tracking Map



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Marine Forecast

		WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today:	SW at 8-16 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	SSE at 6-12 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
ANDROS	Today:	SE at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
CAT ISLAND	Today:	SE at 8-16 Knots	2-4 Feet	4 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 8-16 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today:	ESE at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	86° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 10-20 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	86° F
ELEUTHERA	Today:	SE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
FREEPORT	Today:	SSW at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	88° F
	Wednesday:	SSE at 6-12 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	88° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today:	SE at 8-16 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today:	ESE at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	86° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 12-25 Knots	3-5 Feet	5 Miles	86° F
LONG ISLAND	Today:	ESE at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet	5 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
MAYAGUANA	Today:	ESE at 10-20 Knots	3-6 Feet	6 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 10-20 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
NASSAU	Today:	SE at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today:	SE at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	87° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today:	SE at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	6 Miles	87° F
	Wednesday:	ESE at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	87° F

Lochte wins 6th gold at Pan Pacs...

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WINNING JUMP: Lathone Minns.

Bahamian duo help win relay gold for Americas

- Twin brother Lathone Minns victorious in triple jump final
- Stephen Newbold places third in 400mH final

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BRONZE MEDALLIST: Stephen Newbold proudly holds the Bahamian flag at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

The Bahamas' appearance in athletics at the Youth Olympics came to a close last night with two female athletes helping the Americas team take the gold in the medley relay.

Fresh off her silver medal performance in the 200m, Tynia Gaithor ran the second leg and fellow Grand Bahamian Rashan Brown the third. They combined with Americans Myasia Jacobs (first leg) and Robin Reynolds (anchor) to take the gold with a time of two minutes and 5.62 seconds.

The African team picked up the silver in 2:06.19 and Europe got the bronze in 2:07.59. Finishing fourth was the Oceania in 2:13.96 and Asia rounded out the field in fifth in 2:15.01.

The five teams represented the Olympic Continental areas as the athletes competed on respective legs of 100m, 200m, 300m and 400m.

Jacobs, the American silver medallist in the 100m, opened up with the 100m, Gaithor, the Bahamian 400m silver medallist, ran the 200m and Brown, the Bahamian fourth place finisher, did the 300m, while Reynolds, the American 400m gold medallist, anchored the 400m.

Reynolds was quoted on the website as saying: "We started practicing at 6am. The relay was a great way to show off our speed and end the day."

The day actually ended up with the boys medley relay that was also won by the Americas in 1:51.38. The team, which didn't have any Bahamians, featured Jamaican 100m champion Odane Skeen (on second leg), Brazil's Caio Dos Santos (first), American Najee Glass (third) and Dominican Republic's Luguelin Santos (anchor).

However, the Bahamas had two competitors who competed in individual events on the final day of the athletic competition yesterday.

Twin brother Lathone Minns, who captured the under-17 gold at the Carifta Games, posted a leap of 14.86 metres or 48-feet, 91/2-inches to take the victory in the B boys triple jump final.

His winning jump came on his second attempt. He opened with 14.53m or 47-8, did 14.75m or 48-43/4 on his third attempt and finished with 14.41m or 47-31/4 on his fourth jump.

Nikolaos Tsiokos of Greece was second with 14.80m or 48-63/4 on his third attempt, while Hussain Alkhalaf of South Africa came in third with 14.79m or 48-61/4 on both his first and fourth jumps.

Stephen Newbold, who won the Carifta Games under-17 boys gold in a personal best of 52.75, had to settle for third place in the B final of the boys 400m hurdles in a time of 53.20.

The race was won by Russia's Schalk Burger in 52.39 and Barbados' Tramaine Maloney was second in a personal best of 53.20, the same time as Newbold.

Norge Sotomayor Lara of Cuba won the A final in 50.69.

Unlike the Olympic Games, competitors advanced out of the preliminary rounds to compete in either the A or the B final, depending on their performances.

GOLDEN GIRLS: Grand Bahamian Rashan Brown (left) and Tynia Gaithor at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

COMMUNITY TEAMWORK: Englerston MP Glenys Hanna-Martin (right) speaks with the media during a press conference yesterday. Tournament director Steven Strachan looks on.

Bommer G Englerston Summer Classic starts today

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UNDER the theme, "Fostering Community Teamwork through Basketball", eight under-18 and eight open men's teams are expected to clash in the first Bommer George Englerston Summer Classic.

The classic is scheduled to get underway 6pm today at the basketball park on Lincoln Boulevard and Cordeaux Avenue, followed by the first set of games in both divisions.

Tournament director Steven Strachan said they are anticipating a great outpouring from the entire community.

"We have all of the teams from every area, so we are hoping to have a successful tournament here," said Strachan during a press conference yesterday at the park.

"The teams have already been practicing and talking about who will win this tournament. So we have some keen anticipation for what we believe will be the best summer league basketball tournament right here on Englerston Park."

Teams from Lucky Heart Corner to Garden Hills to Montell Heights to Key West Street are expected to assemble at the park to compete in the tournament.

Englerston MP Glenys Hanna-Martin said they have decided to honour Bommer George Armbrister because he is a "product of Englerston, who comes from fairly humble beginnings.

"He was telling me today that he started off as a bus boy in one of the hotels on Paradise Island. He now owns his own business, Heavy Equipment. He's been involved in all of the major projects in this country, but in the midst of his own success, he has sponsored so many teams and sporting projects."

Hanna-Martin said Armbrister has been a fine example of what they are encouraging the other members of the community to strive to become and that is why they are so pleased to honour him.

At the same time, Hanna-Martin said Strachan has been a tower of strength in the community, having worked on their summer programme and now he's making a further commitment to organise the tournament.

"He has gone to all of the parks throughout Englerston and sought to engage young people (in healthy sporting activity)," Hanna-Martin pointed out.

"This community has a lot of incredible talent and so what we are trying to do is stimulate them through some healthy competition. We also hope to generate some respect and excitement as these young men show their physical strength."

At the end of the tournament on Sunday, Hanna-Martin said she hopes that it will further cement the togetherness of the Englerston community.

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SPORTS

Two-man team 'muscles' home gold, silver

Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation needs more money to send national team off to Central American and Caribbean Championships

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DESPITE being hit by the economic crisis, the Bahamas Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation (BBF) was still able to send a two-man team off to compete in the first Antilles/Southern Caribbean Bodybuilding Championships.

The team returned from San Juan, Puerto Rico, over the weekend where Raymond Tucker won the gold in the men's masters and got the silver in the middleweight division, while Vincent Paul was fifth in the novice category.

"We originally had seven athletes travelling, but we had to cut the team due to a lack of funds," said BBF president Danny Sumner.

Jan Johnson, Charmaine McNabb and Andrew Sweeting were all originally scheduled to travel, but Sumner said as a result of limited funds, they had to trim the team down.

But now that they are back home, Sumner said the BBF finds itself with another financial woe with the national team travelling to the Central American and Caribbean Championships.

Scheduled for September 22-26, the federation has already selected a 17-member team, but Sumner said they may be forced to reduce it to 10 by the time they get ready to travel.

"As you know, Government has cut the grant for all sporting associations and federations," he pointed out. "We have only received $7,500 so far. The Antilles budget alone was $8,000 and the CAC team is going to run us into $25,000.

"Right now, we don't know where the funding will come for the CAC team. I have been appealing to a lot of businesses and right now, the federation is openly appealing to the business community to help us to send this team off."

After having to trim down the Antilles team, Sumner said the federation will be in a more difficult situation if they have to do the same with the CAC team.

"A lot of work and money goes into these athletes preparing for the championships," Sumner stressed. "So to go and tell them that they can't go because of funding, it could have a drastic effect on these athletes."

The team, in its original state, comprises of the following:

Body fitness - Jan Johnson, Dominique Wilkinson, Donita Fry and Petra Brice

Fitness routine - Shanice Bain

Female bodybuilding - Tammy Stubbs, Lorraine LaFleur and Charmaine McNabb

Male bodybuilding - Paul Wilson, Lynden Fowler, Desmond Bain, Bruce Silvera, Sidney 'Butts' Outten and Rob Harris

Simone Saywer will be the team manager and Stephen Robinson is the coach.

"We are facing a serious uphill battle," Sumner said. "We need the public to see what we are up against. We just didn't know that the cut from the government would have been so drastic."

According to Sumner, it cost the federation $8-900 alone per person to travel to the CAC Championships. He said they spent $500 each for the trip to the Antilles Championships.

"When you look at it, we won at least five CAC Championships over the last 10 years," Sumner stated. "That is very good. We have a strong team to reckon with."

Last year, the Bahamas finished third in Grenada. The Bahamas last won the championships in 2008 in Bermuda. When it was last hosted here in 2004, the Bahamas again came out as champions.

"Bodybuilding, right now, has been the most successful sport in the Bahamas over the last 10 years," Sumner said. "I'm not talking about any individual performances. But from a team perspective, the Bahamas has had more success than anybody else. That's why we're hoping that we can get more response from the business community. We really need the support to help us so that we can send this team off."

Giants QB Manning plans to play against Ravens

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning is back and ready to go.

Manning returned to practice Monday and left no doubt that he intends to play Saturday's next-to-last preseason game against the Ravens in Baltimore.

"I'm feeling great," Manning said. "Ready, excited about getting out to practice today and getting back into the action."

Manning was held out of the Giants' game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Saturday because the team was concerned that a gash on the left side of his forehead would reopen if he was hit or that it would be irritated or infected by wearing his helmet.

The 12 stitches that were needed to close the wound were removed Friday, four days after the quarterback was cut in a game against the Jets.

"It's no fun sitting out, sitting out practice last week," Manning said. "At least it was a short week and I didn't miss too much. I like being out there for the games. It is preseason and I was trying to be smart and make sure I get everything healed now where you have a little time."

Manning, who led the Giants to a Super Bowl in February 2008, has started a franchise-record 87 consecutive regular-season games.

Manning wore a bandage over the wound and practiced wearing a baseball cap. He said the gash is healing fine and that the scar is not too bad.

WILL PLAY: New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning walks onto the field before the Giants played the Pittsburgh Steelers.

(AP Photo)

The team plans to add a little extra padding to his helmet to protect the wound, which occurred last Monday when Manning had his helmet knocked off and was hit by Jets safety Jim Leonhard.

"Well, we'll work with it. We'll get a little plan," Manning said. "I haven't put a helmet on yet, but kind of plan to put the helmet on Wednesday."

The third preseason game is usually the most important for NFL teams. It's the one that the starters play at least a half and sometimes more.

The Giants' offense needs the work. The unit has been limited in the preseason with starting guards Chris Snee (knee) and Rich Seubert (hand) out with injuries. The team also was forced to use third-string quarterback Rhett Bomar the whole game against the Steelers because of injuries to Manning and backup Jim Sorgi (shoulder), which meant the game plan had to be reduced.

Snee and Seubert are due back this week and the Giants have most of their tight ends back, too. They have played short-handed most of training camp with Kevin Boss (hamstring), Travis Beckum (hamstring) and Scott Chandler (hip) bothered by injuries.

"It's good that everybody is getting back healthy," Manning said. "It's just something that happens at training camp. You get a few guys banged up, and if it's time to get everybody back, this is kind of the time you want everybody back when you're getting close to the start of the season. We've got a long week, a full week between games. So I'm looking forward to a great week of practice and getting everybody kind of back healthy, back into sync of what we're doing."

OFFICIALLY DIVORCED: Tiger Woods celebrates with wife Elin Nordegren after winning the 88th PGA Championship tourney at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill.

(AP Photo)

Tiger Woods, wife officially divorced

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

TIGER Woods and his Swedish-born wife officially divorced Monday, nine months after his middle-of-the night car crash outside his home.

"We are sad that our marriage is over and we wish each other the very best for the future," Woods and Elin Nordegren said in a joint statement released by their lawyers.

The divorce was granted in Bay County Circuit Court in Panama City, Florida, about 375 miles away from their Isleworth home outside Orlando. The couple had married in October 2004 in Barbados and have a three-year-old daughter, Sam, and a 19-month-old son, Charlie.

Terms of the divorce were not disclosed, except that they will "share parenting" of their two children.

The divorce was finalized by Bay County Circuit Judge Judy Pittman Biebel during a brief hearing in a conference room in her chambers, according to Biebel's judicial assistant Kim Gibson. The hearing was very brief, only about five or 10 minutes. Both Woods and Nordegren were present, along with their lawyers, Gibson said.

"I don't comment on active cases," Thomas J Sasser, Woods' divorce attorney, said. When asked why they chose to file in Panama City, Sasser said only it was a joint decision by the lawyers.

The petition said the marriage was "irretrievably broken" and that Woods' wife asked to have her maiden name — Elin Maria Pernilla Nordegren — restored.

The couple signed a marital settlement agreement on July 3 and July 4, the weekend of the AT&T National outside Philadelphia, where Woods failed to break par in a PGA Tour event for the first time in 11 years.

Woods is to play this week at The Barclays, where he needs a good performance to extend his PGA Tour season and try to show he is worth picking for the Ryder Cup. It will be his first tournament as a single man since he finished ninth in a World Golf Championship in Ireland in October 2004.

Heat youngsters eager for a new 'school' year

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Sports Writer

MIRAMAR, Fla. (AP) — A black limousine that carried three young Miami Heat players to elementary school on Monday was parked about 25 feet from the front door, and barely any of the 900 students arriving to begin a new year noticed.

They couldn't wait to get inside and get to work.

And the Heat trio can completely relate to that sort of thinking.

"Like these kids," Heat guard Patrick Beverley said, "we can't wait to get this thing started."

Monday was a first day unlike any other at Miramar Elementary, where Beverley and Heat teammates Kenny Hasbrouck and Dexter Pittman showed up long before the opening bell of the year to distribute backpacks, notebooks, pens, markers, pencils and just about every other imaginable school supply.

So it's back-to-school time for the kids. For the Heat, school resumes in about a month when training camp starts. And Hasbrouck, Beverley and Pittman know they'll have to fight just to make Miami's loaded roster, which still features Dwyane Wade and now is bolstered mightily by new arrivals LeBron James, Chris Bosh and Mike Miller.

"To put it in words, it's still kind of hard," Hasbrouck said. "The opportunity at hand for all of us is a great one, just to play with this many great players. It's almost impossible to put into words right now until it becomes reality."

EASY DUNKIN': Texas center Dexter Pittman dunks during the second half of an NCAA college game against Baylor at the Big 12 Conference men's tournament in Kansas City, Mo.

(AP Photo)

Hasbrouck played college ball at tiny Siena. Now he finds himself battling for a job on the team with perhaps the biggest buzz in basketball.

Hasbrouck was a late add to the Heat roster last season, giving him time to get to know Wade. He often sees Bosh working out at 8 a.m., and while he's been around James at times, Hasbrouck has yet to meet the NBA's two-time reigning MVP.

"He's been busy," Hasbrouck said.

They all have, with eyes on a title.

Beverley has a guaranteed contract, though that hardly guarantees him playing time in this new Heat era. His relationship with James goes back several years, so if nothing else, he won't be awe-struck when it's time to work out and play alongside Miami's most notable free agent signing ever.

"We go back a long way," said Beverley, a 2009 Heat draft acquisition who spent last season in Europe. "We chat every day. He's a great veteran. That definitely gives me a lot of confidence. I know D-Wade from Chicago. I've spent a lot of time with Udonis Haslem. It's good to see your veterans, your top guys, helping out. It's been great for players at that caliber to reach out to young guys, take them under their umbrella."

Pittman and Hasbrouck have partially guaranteed contracts. Both figure to have at least a good chance of making the club this season, since each could fill a need. The Heat rave about the way the 6-foot-11 — "and a half," Pittman boasted to kids Monday — former Texas center has athleticism that belies his 300-pound frame. Hasbrouck impressed coaches last season and this summer with how quickly he learned Miami's system.

"I'm starting to learn that it's all professional and business here," Pittman said. "It's not like college. It's strictly business. And it's still like a dream to me. I feel like I'm in a daze. I know what I have to do, go put in my work and hope that I can help contribute."

Soon, the backpacks and binders were just about gone, and the Heat trio climbed back into the limo for the short ride back to the arena.

Not back to school, but back to work.

"You've got to know your role," Hasbrouck said. "I'm here to do anything I have to do for the team. If that means play as hard as I can, get the starters better and wait my turn, then that's what I have to do. I'm not really in a rush. I'm not going to force it. I haven't proven anything yet. So anything I can do to help this team, then that's what I will do."

SPORTS

Lochte wins 6th gold

SIXTH GOLD: Ryan Lochte swims in the men's 200m individual medley heats at Pan Pacific Swimming Championships on Saturday in California.

(AP Photo)

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Ryan Lochte earned his sixth gold medal at the Pan Pacific championships, just missing lowering his own world record in the 200-meter individual medley Saturday night.

The United States won six gold medals on the final night of the year's biggest international meet. The Americans led the overall standings with 52 medals, including 26 gold.

Australia's women won six golds, while their male counterparts were shut out. Overall, the Aussies earned 31 medals.

Lochte's time of 1 minute, 54.43 seconds erased Michael Phelps' meet record set four years ago. Phelps dropped out of the event to focus on the 400 medley relay later.

The Americans needed him, too.

Phelps dove in for the butterfly leg with the Americans trailing Japan. He closed in on Masayuki Kishida on his first 50, but didn't take the lead until the final strokes of his second lap. Nathan Adrian held onto the lead on the anchor leg.

"Maybe I should be a sprinter from now on," Phelps said. "I said to Nathan, 'I'll give you the lead going into that last leg.' I turned at the 50 and said, 'Whoa, I got some work to do.' We weren't going to let that race slip away from us."

The United States finished in 3:32.48, sweeping the relays. Japan, whose team included Kosuke Kitajima, was second. Australia finished third.

"Obviously, the U.S. is above and beyond our powers, but we're at a level where we can put up a good fight," said Kitajima, who trains in Los Angeles.

Lochte's time in the 200 IM was just off his world mark of 1:54.10 set at last year's world championships in Rome, where he won wearing a neck-to-ankle polyurethane suit. Those suits were banned starting this year, replaced by textile suits.

No long-course world records have been set since the return of textile suits.

"I wanted to prove to everyone it wasn't a fluke," Lochte said. "I knew I had it in my sight. All the swims I had earlier in the week made me a little tired. I was like, 'Man, if I'd just taken one or two more dolphin kicks I would've had it.'"

American Tyler Clary, runner-up to Lochte in the 400 IM, finished second in 1:57.61. Thiago Pereira of Brazil was third.

Adrian completed a sweep of the freestyle sprints, narrowly defeating world and Olympic champion Cesar Cielo of Brazil at the wall.

Adrian touched in 21.55 seconds, lowering the four-year-old meet record. Cielo, who earned a bronze in the 100 free, was also under the meet mark and finished in 21.57, off his world record of 20.91 set last December.

Brent Hayden of Canada, second in the 100 free, was third in 21.89.

"It's just a great confidence booster," said Adrian, the 100 free champion. "There's maybe a little bit of a target on my back and I'll have to work that much harder."

Cielo, who won the 50 butterfly Wednesday, wasn't happy with his results.

"My freestyle is not going as well as I expected," he said. "I probably haven't done well in practice. I've probably missed something during the season. My 100 free wasn't good and today wasn't good. I'm not as fit as I wanted to be here."

Kitajima, the two-time Olympic champion, led all the way in winning the 200 breaststroke with the world's fastest time this year.

He was timed in 2:08.36 after being under world-record pace on the first lap and a tenth of a second off it after 150 meters. Kitajima won the 100 breast earlier in the meet.

"I'm just tired," Kitajima said in English before switching to Japanese. "I made a very good time for this season so I'm very satisfied."

Brenton Rickard of Australia earned the silver in 2:09.97. American Eric Shanteau took the bronze.

Olympic champion Rebecca Soni of the United States briefly threatened the world record in the women's 200 breaststroke before settling for her second individual gold.

Soni won in 2:20.69, the sixth-fastest time ever that also lowered the 11-year-old meet record. Leisel Jones of Australia was second in 2:23.23. World recordholder Annamay Pierse of Canada earned the bronze. Four-time U.S. Olympian Amanda Beard, a 28-year-old mother, was fifth.

Emily Seebohm of Australia upset world champion Ariana Kukors to win the women's 200 IM

Federer beats Fish for Cincinnati Masters title

By JOE KAY
AP Sports Writer

MARDY FISH (left) and Roger Federer of Switzerland pose with their trophies after Federer defeated Fish 6-7 (5), 7-6 (1), 6-4 in the championship match at the Cincinnati Masters tournament, Sunday.

(AP Photo)

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Roger Federer ended his mini-vacation with another Masters title.

A well-rested Federer beat American Mardy Fish 6-7 (5), 7-6 (1), 6-4 on Sunday, winning his second straight Cincinnati Masters championship and fourth overall. He was barely on the court all week because his opponents got hurt and his game was so good.

For the first time, the world's second-ranked player was pushed to the limit. Fish kept it as close as could be, dropping the final set after the match's only service break.

That time off came in handy.

"Maybe I was just a touch fitter than him today," Federer said.

The Swiss star ended a streak of three straight losses in tournament finals, winning his first Masters event since Cincinnati last year. His 63rd career title tied Bjorn Borg for fifth place in the Open Era. Pete Sampras is fourth at 64, and Jimmy Connors holds the record with 109.

It took him 2 hours, 40 minutes — an eternity compared to how the rest of the week went. Federer had spent only 3 hours, 17 minutes on court while getting to the title match.

Credit Fish for making him sweat one out.

The American had surgery on his left knee last September, then set about rebuilding his body. He changed his diet, lost 30 pounds and gained a lot of speed on the court. This Fish can fly.

His agility allowed him to extend points and keep up with Federer, who was clearly fresher. Federer lost to Andy Murray in the title match at Toronto last Sunday, came to town and got a mini-break. He was on court for only 28 minutes in his opening match before Denis Istomin hurt his ankle. Federer didn't even have to leave the locker room to advance a day later. Philipp Kohlschreiber dropped out because of a sore shoulder.

Federer sailed through his next two matches, winning each in two tidy sets. Fish provided his first real test.

The 28-year-old American is on the best stretch of his career, going 17-2 since July with titles at Newport and Atlanta. He'd won five in a row against top-10 opponents, gaining confidence with each upset.

The title match was an opportunity for a breakthrough win. Fish had reached only two other Masters finals — including Cincinnati in 2003 against close friend Andy Roddick — and lost both of them. "I desperately want to sort of have my career maybe be remembered by a big tournament or something like that," he said. "So I've wanted badly to win a real big one. This would have been perfect."

Three games into the title match, Federer knew it wouldn't be easy.

With Fish serving, the third game dragged on for 13 minutes — nearly half as long as Federer's opening match — and 24 points. Fish fought off a pair of break points before holding serve with an ace.

"You lose that game there, and you know he might steamroll you," Fish said.

Fish's serve dominated all week, matching the tournament record with 87 aces. He struggled with it early but hung on, extending the opening set to the place where he's been best — a tiebreaker.

Fish is 18-5 in tiebreakers this season, showing a lot of confidence when it comes down to a few pressure points. Federer went ahead 5-4 in the tiebreaker and was serving the next two points with a chance to close it out.

Instead, Fish hit an overhead winner and Federer dumped a backhand into the net. Fish then finished it with a 126 mph serve. It was the first set that Federer lost during his brief week on court. It lasted 70 minutes — as long as Federer's semifinal match on Saturday night.

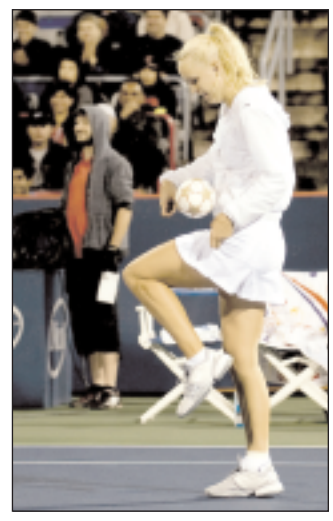
The second set was even tighter, with Federer fighting off the only break point. He was more aggressive in this tiebreaker, coming to the net to take control, then closing it out with a 122 mph ace.

Federer got the only service break of the match to go ahead 5-4 in the final set, leaving him in a good frame of mind heading into the U.S. Open.

"I've been playing well the last couple weeks, and today was just another proof that I'm playing really well," said Federer, who won five straight U.S. Open titles before losing to Juan Martin del Potro last year. "It's nice knowing that the hard work already in the offseason after Wimbledon pays off right away."

Bob and Mike Bryan won their 64th career doubles title, beating Mahesh Bhupathi and Max Mirnyi 6-3, 6-4 to close the $2.4 million Western & Southern Financial Group Masters.

Wozniacki, Zvonareva to play in Cup final



SOCCER BREAK: Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark kicks a soccer ball during a break in play in her semifinal match against Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Montreal on Saturday.

(AP Photo)

MONTREAL (AP) — Caroline Wozniacki and Vera Zvonareva will play in the final of the rain-delayed Rogers Cup.

Wozniacki, the No. 2 seed, beat Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-2, 6-3 on Monday. The eighth-seeded Zvonareva advanced when her opponent, No. 10 seed Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, retired with a blister on her left foot. Zvonareva led 7-6, 1-0.

Wozniacki and the 11th-seeded Kuznetsova completed a semifinal that began Saturday but was cut short due to relentless rain that wiped out nearly all weekend matches and forced the tournament to be extended an extra day.

The Dane began the day with a 2-0, 0-15 lead over her Russian opponent.

Azarenka wasted a set point early in the second semifinal. She called for the trainer after dropping the opening game of the second set. She tried to walk on the foot, but immediately sat back down. She said the injury was not severe enough to keep her out of the U.S. Open.

"It's just one of those things you can't do anything about," said Azarenka, who was in tears as she spoke to reporters after the match. "I tried to deal with it, but I couldn't continue."

The final is scheduled for 1:30 pm EDT.

Poland behind in preparations to co-host Euro 2012

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's top auditor says the country is behind on preparations to co-host the 2012 European Championship.

The Supreme Chamber of Control says that half of the projects that it has examined are not on schedule. The chamber says some projects will probably not be ready before the start of Euro 2012, which Poland is to co-host with Ukraine.

The head of the chamber, Jacek Jezierski, says the biggest delays are in the building of roads, train stations, airports and rail lines.

Poland, a former communist country that joined the European Union in 2004, has seen impressive economic growth in recent years. But the country is still burdened by aging train stations and other infrastructure and a near lack of modern highways.

SPORTS

Adamek scores unanimous win over Grant

MOUTH BLOW: Tomasz Adamek (left) lands a left against Michael Grant during their match Saturday at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J. Adamek retained his title by unanimous decision.

(AP Photo)

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Heavyweight contender Tomasz Adamek continued his pursuit of a title fight by defeating Michael Grant by unanimous decision Saturday night at the Prudential Center.

The victory enabled the 33-year-old Adamek, the former IBF cruiserweight champion, to improve to 42-1 overall and 5-0 as a heavyweight. Adamek also has 27 knockouts.

"I was ready for a tough fight and ready to go 12 rounds," Adamek said. "I was prepared very well for the fight. I am upset because for the first time in my career, I got cut (over his left eye). I'm not happy about that, but I'm happy about the win."

The 38-year-old Grant, who once lost to Lennox Lewis for the heavyweight title in 2000, won his last eight fights before Saturday night. The loss dropped Grant's record to 46-4 overall.

Adamek was giving away four inches and almost 60 pounds to the larger Grant, but it didn't seem to have that much of an effect, as Adamek controlled the fight from the opening moments.

Adamek won on all three judges cards. Judge Henry Grant had it 118-110, John Poturaj had it 118-111 and Robert Grasso scored it 117-111.

Adamek, a native of Gilowice, Poland, who now lives in Kearny, NJ, had most of the crowd support. Most of the 10,972 fans in attendance cheered wildly and waved red and white Polish flags in support, rhythmically chanting Adamek's name and "Polska! Polska!"

The first round featured the two boxers feeling each other out. Adamek scored with a late flurry in the closing seconds of the round and as they closed out the round, the two boxers were in a clinch that caused both to fall to the canvas after the bell.

"I don't know what happened there," Grant said. "I thought I hit him good, then we both went down and the bell rang. It seemed like any time I did anything to hurt him, the bell would ring. The only thing that Adamek had on me was speed. He was moving in and out. I knew that beforehand that it would be difficult to face him. He sustained and endured. He was on that bicycle and I had a tough time trying to keep up with him."

In the second round, Adamek displayed a right jab that led to a left hook counter. Adamek scored again at the second round bell with a vicious left hook.

"I definitely didn't expect that left hook," Grant said.

Grant rallied in the third round with a big left hook that staggered the Polish contender, but Adamek recovered and countered with several left-handed jabs.

After an uneventful fourth round, Adamek continued the scoring barrage in the fifth with an assortment of left-handed jabs. He was clearly the quicker and more aggressive fighter in the round.

Grant received a warning for a push to the back of Adamek's head in the sixth round. Grant seemed to stun Adamek in the closing seconds of the round with a stiff right, causing the Polish fighter's knees to buckle a bit. It was Grant's best chance of the fight. "I thought I could get him," Grant said. "But he's a tough guy."

Adamek recovered nicely in the seventh round, unleashing a series of left hands that kept Grant backing away. He hit Grant with a strong left that staggered the Philadelphia native.

Grant drew blood over Adamek's left eye in the eighth round and was warned again for pushing Adamek's head down. In the ninth round, Adamek drew blood from Grant's mouth that seemed to bother the bigger fighter, forcing him to breathe with it open.

Adamek then kept Grant at bay over the final three rounds to secure the victory, although Grant desperately tried to get to Adamek in the final round to no avail. Grant chased Adamek around the ring throughout the final round and hurt Adamek twice with overhand rights, but could not deliver the big blow.

"I knew he was going down, but I also knew he was running," Grant said. "I knew he was hurt. He was bouncing around like a pinball. It was a cat-and-mouse game that he won."

FIFA begins inspection of England's WCup bid

LONDON (AP) — A FIFA delegation has met deputy prime minister Nick Clegg at the start of a four-day visit scrutinizing England's bid to host the 2018 or 2022 World Cup.

The inspection team led by Chilean football federation president Harold Mayne-Nicholls was received at Downing Street before heading to Wembley Stadium.

At a joint-appearance with Clegg and Mayne-Nicholls, bid chief executive Andy Anson said England will "deliver operational certainty and financial success."

FIFA's executive committee votes on the hosts in December.

There are joint bids from Belgium and the Netherlands, and Spain and Portugal, while Russia and the United States are candidates for both tournaments.

Australia, Japan, South Korea and Qatar are only applying for '22.

BALL FIGHT: Greek Center Yannis Bouroussis, who did not take part in the game, bleeds after Serb Nenad Krstic threw a chair at him during a game for the Acropolis tournament at the indoor Olympic stadium of Athens.

(AP Photo)

Serbia's Krstic fears FIBA punishment after brawl

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC
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BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Oklahoma City Thunder center Nenad Krstic said Monday he fears he'll be suspended for the world championships because of his role in a bench-clearing brawl during Serbia's game against Greece.

Krstic hit Greek player Yannis Bouroussis in the head with a chair in the fight that broke out during the Acropolis tournament last Thursday in Athens.

FIBA, the international basketball federation, said it will review the incident and announce possible sanctions by Wednesday.

"It's not killing me, but I can't say I'm not a bit nervous," Krstic said of a possible suspension. "What keeps me calm is that I no longer can do anything about it."

Krstic said earlier that he picked up the chair in self-defense after Greek fans and players rushed toward him.

The incident occurred before the Aug. 28-Sep. 12 basketball world championships in Turkey, where both teams will play.

Another Serbian player who could face sanctions, Milos Teodosic, said he was sorry about the incident.

"Sincerely, I'm ashamed about the fight, and I apologize to the people in Greece and Serbia," said Teodosic, who plays for Greek team Olympiakos.

Serbia coach Dusan Ivkovic said if Krstic and Teodosic are suspended, "We won't be able to make it through the group stage."

Serbia, the runner-up at the European championship last year, plays in Group A with Angola, Argentina, Australia, Germany and Jordan. Greece, second at the last worlds in 2006, is in Group C with China, Ivory Coast, Puerto Rico, Russia and Turkey.

Spurs, Sampdoria look to overturn 1st-leg deficits

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LONDON (AP) — Tottenham and Sampdoria have first-leg deficits to overturn in the Champions League playoffs as they look to advance to the tournament's group stages for the first time.

Spurs' hopes of progression were severely dented when they conceded three goals to Young Boys inside 30 minutes of the opening leg in Switzerland, but Sebastien Bassong and Roman Pavlyuchenko replied for the English side as the match finished 3-2.

Italy's Sampdoria, which lost the 1992 European Cup final to Barcelona, but hasn't played in the revamped Champions League, was beaten 3-1 by Werder Bremen in the first leg.

Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp called his side's first-leg result a "great defeat" and is grateful to still have a chance of going through at the expense of Young Boys, which eliminated Fenerbahce in the previous round.

"It will be a difficult game at White Hart Lane but it will be a great atmosphere, a big European night and it is a game we have to win now," Redknapp said. "We have to be up for it and see if we can get the result."

Spurs, looking to join fellow English sides Chelsea, Manchester United and Arsenal in the group stages, have problems in attack with Jermain Defoe, Robbie Keane and Pavlyuchenko all struggling with injury. The London side hasn't competed in Europe's premier knockout competition since the 1961-62 European Cup.

Four-time European champion Ajax is level at 1-1 with Dynamo Kiev heading into the second leg in Amsterdam on Wednesday but coach Martin Jol is confident his side will progress.

"Things have to get a bit crazy for us not to go through. If we keep a cool head, we have what it takes," Jol said.

"We're playing in a full ArenA, which we'll call 'Amsterdam's Hell.'"

In Wednesday's other second legs, Russia's Zenit St. Petersburg travels to French side Auxerre with a 1-0 cushion, Rosenborg of Norway visits FC Copenhagen with a 2-1 lead and Slovakia's MSK Zilina is heavy favorite after winning 2-0 at Sparta Prague in the first leg.

Stefano Lucchini will be suspended for Sampdoria against Bremen in Genoa on Tuesday after he was sent off in the first leg for picking up two yellow cards.

Spanish side Sevilla, which won back-to-back UEFA Cups in 2006 and 2007, is behind 1-0 in its two-legged series with Braga of Portugal, while Belgian team Anderlecht and Partizan Belgrade are level at 2-2 after the first match in Croatia, Basle of Switzerland is 1-0 ahead after its home leg against Moldovia's FC Sheriff Tiraspol and Hapoel Tel-Aviv has a 3-2 advantage from the first match at Red Bull Salzburg.

The 10 teams who qualify from the playoffs earn a minimum 7 million ($9.24 million) in prize money for reaching the group stage.

YOUNG BOYS' David Degen (left) fights for the ball with Tottenham Hotspurs' Benoit Assou-Ekotto (right) during their Champions League first leg playoff soccer match at the Stade de Suisse stadium in Berne, Switzerland.

(AP Photo)