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PM: police to target 'specific' criminals

CHRISTIE: GOVT FOCUS ON CRIME 'AFFECTED BY POLITICAL CLIMATE'

GOVERNMENT focus and action concerning the national crime issue is heavily affected by the political climate, according to PLP leader Perry Christie.

During his interview on a local radio talk show, the leader of the opposition said he was "tremendously disappointed" in Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, who he holds responsible for the degeneration of social conditions in the country.

Mr Christie explained that due to the prime minister's

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Ingraham expects 'greater' success in crime fight

THERE will be a greater focus on "specific" perpetrators of violent crime within the country, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham vowed yesterday, noting that he expects the police will have "greater" successes in the coming weeks and months in battling crime.

Fielding questions on the record-breaking 88 murders for the year, Mr Ingraham said he was satisfied the police are doing a good job, and commended them for their work.

He said: "I am very pleased with the job they are doing. I suspect that they will have even a greater success in the coming weeks and coming months because I suspect they will be more focused on specific areas and persons who are presumed to be involved in significant activity.

"One of our biggest problems in this country is drugs. Drugs are influencing many of the crimes that are being

committed - especially those that are related to murder. Many of them are hit killers, where people are contracted to do so, or where there are turf wars between various persons.

"Our system, to some extent, is not quite functional whether it is a system for the police in apprehending, prosecuting, and then having the courts dispose of the cases.

"We have huge backlogs of cases - not withstanding the huge resources that have been pumped into the system there are many things that do not connect."

Mr Ingraham pointed out that when he was first elected to the House of Assembly in 1977 there were only 14 or 15 murders that year - a stark difference to the escalating numbers seen in the last few years.

"In 2001, the year before I left office the last time, there

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ROADWORKS KEEP TRAFFIC IN LOW GEAR

TIM CLARKE/TRIBUNE STAFF



IN THE SLOW LANE: Roadworks on Robinson Road are having a knock-on effect on traffic around New Providence. With the roads already busy due to the festive season, this could be a trying time for motorists.

PM: AIRCRAFT OPERATORS HAVE NO RIGHT TO IGNORE LAWS

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AIRCRAFT operators have "no right to ignore the laws of the Bahamas" said Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham in his first public comments on the brewing feud between the Department of Customs and local aviation companies.

Mr Ingraham said it goes without saying that aircraft operators will have to pay

any outstanding customs duties owed to the Government.

"What does the Prime Minister of the Bahamas say to those people who have brought stuff in that required duty to be paid, who didn't pay it, other than to say talk to Customs and seek to make arrangements. What else can he say? That it's OK for you? When I buy a boat, I have to pay duty. When you buy

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HARBOUR ISLAND RESIDENTS VOICE FEARS OVER BURGLARIES

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HARBOUR ISLAND residents, fearing irreparable damage to visitor and resident confidence because of the recent spate of burglaries, have renewed their cries for greater focus on family island crime.

The islanders claim repeat incidents have left them frustrated and vulnerable, however, police officials - who acknowledged matters have

been reported in past weeks - maintain that there has been no noted increase in reported burglaries on the island.

Willard Cunningham, assistant commissioner of police in charge of the Family Island district, said: "There has not been an increase in burglaries - there have been a few matters that were reported in the past couple weeks."

In a letter to The Tribune, Charles Carey, a Harbour Island resident and business-

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Freeport Container Port complies with 'majority' of safety recommendations

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VISIT: Dion Foulkes recently visited the Container Port.

FREEPORT – Following the deaths and injuries of workers as a result of a tornado in March, the Freeport Container Port (FCP) has complied with “a vast majority of the recommendations” made by an independent Occupational Health and Safety expert at the International Labour Organisation (ILO), said Senator Dion Foulkes, Minister of Labour.

Mr Foulkes recently visited the Container Port while on Grand Bahama.

While meeting with port CEO Gary Gilbert, Mr Foulkes said he was assured that concerns regarding safety conditions at the port have been addressed.

On March 29, a tornado struck the facility causing severe damage to equipment. Three workers were killed and four others were seriously injured.

Following the incident, concerns were raised by workers over safety conditions at the port.

The government hired ILO expert Jacques Obadia to conduct investigations at the port.

According to a portion of the report's findings, “the fact that terminal work during relatively bad weather and fluctuating winds is a common occurrence may have affected the time taken to assess the seriousness of the situation.”

Mr Obadia also found several shortcomings in the port's communication systems, that its emergency response equipment was partially deficient, and that all necessary safety training had not been carried out.

He has not been able to conclusively determine if all of the FCP's cranes were pinned down on the day of the tornado, which would have been in keeping with prescribed safety procedures.

Mr Obadia also noted in his report the absence of an on-site weather monitoring system at the FCP during the tornado.

Cleveland Lowe, 49, Shawn Saunders, 25, Michael Young, 43, and Glen Bodie were inside Crane 10 carrying out maintenance work when the tornado hit.

The crane collapsed to the ground, killing all the workers except for Mr Bodie, who was seriously injured.

FCP CEO Mr Gilbert showed Minister Foulkes and his delegation the efforts being made to return the facility to normalcy and pointed out the safety measures that have been implemented.

“I am pleased to say that a

vast majority of the recommendations made by independent investigator Jacques Obadia were fully complied with by management of the container port,” the minister said.

Accompanying Mr Foulkes to Grand Bahama were Minister of State for Labour and Social Services Loretta Butler-Turner, Director of Labour Harcourt Brown and senior Deputy Director of the Department of Labour Tyrone Gibson.

MINISTER OF LABOUR TO MEET WITH RICK HAYWARD

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FREEPORT – Minister of Labour Dion Foulkes said has scheduled a meeting with Rick Hayward regarding money owed to the businessman's former restaurant employees.

More than 70 workers lost their jobs when Mr Hayward was evicted from his three restaurants – East, La Dolce Vita and the Pub at Port Lucaya – as a result of an ongoing rental dispute with the landlord, Bourbon Street Limited and Port Group Ltd.

The workers claim they are owed severance pay. They have retained an attorney to file legal action against Mr Hayward.

“My office has been in contact with Mr Rick Hayward, who is out of the jurisdiction, and I have a fixed date to meet with him, to discuss the resolution of the legal entitlements to his former employees,” Minister Foulkes said.

He noted that there are penalties which can be applied if an employer is deemed to have failed to conform with the provisions of the Employment Act.

Mr Hayward is the son of Sir Jack Hayward, one of the principals of the Grand Bahama Port Authority.

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LOCAL NEWS



ARMED ROBBERY SCENE: The BTC office was robbed on Friday.

Man in court over BTC armed robbery

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A MAN who is alleged to have been involved in the armed robbery of BTC's Shirley Street office last Friday was arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday.

Godfrey Hepburn, 27, appeared before Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethel in Court 8, Bank Lane, charged with one count of armed robbery.

It is alleged that on Friday November 26, while being concerned with another and armed with a handgun, the St James Road resident robbed Janet Cooper of \$787.69 the property of BTC in the Shirley Street Plaza.

The daylight robbery of the BTC office resulted in a high-speed police chase through the

streets of Nassau.

According to reports, the incident began at around 9.30am when two men, one carrying a handgun, entered the office and threatened a security officer on duty.

The man armed with the gun reportedly handcuffed the guard and bundled him to the cashier's cage before robbing the establishment.

Hepburn was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison. His case was adjourned to December 13 when prosecutors will indicate whether they will proceed with a Voluntary Bill of Indictment (VBI) in his case, fast-tracking it to the Supreme Court, or by way of preliminary hearing in the Magistrates Court.

Hepburn's attorney Bernard Ferguson told the court that his client had been beaten by police. The other man arrested in

connection with the armed robbery reportedly collapsed and died while in custody at the Central Detective Unit (CDU).

Police say the man was sitting quietly in CDU waiting to be questioned when it was noticed that he was breathing heavily. He then collapsed, police say. (See story below)

POLICE COMPLETE AUTOPSY ON MAN WHO DIED IN CUSTODY

POLICE announced the autopsy on Owen Rolle, the man who died while in police custody on Friday, has been completed.

However, no details of the report were made public.

Rolle, 35, had been taken in for questioning in connection with the robbery of the BTC office on Shirley Street that morning.

He died while at the the Central Detective Unit. Officers said they noticed he was breathing heavily, then he suddenly collapsed.

An autopsy on Walden Mitchell, who was shot and killed by police in Coconut Grove on Monday, has also been completed.

Mitchell, a former police officer, was wanted in connection with several shootings, including an incident in which he allegedly shot a police officer in the face.

The police issued a statement last night saying that as of 6.30pm last night, the files on both men had been passed on to the Coroner.

Meanwhile, there has been no update on the case of Sharmoco Newbold, 19, who was shot and killed in Bain Town by a police officer on Saturday.

Police initially said he was killed in an exchange of gunfire and promised to issue a detailed statement on the matter on Tuesday.

However, they then said any update would have to await the results of an autopsy on Newbold.

There has been no further update on the status of this autopsy - despite the fact that Newbold was killed before either Rolle or Mitchell.

Two wanted men arrested by police, now in custody

FREEPORT - Two men wanted by police were arrested by authorities and taken into custody over the weekend.

ASP Hector Delva reported that Randy Albert Gibson, 50, who was being

sought for questioning in a rape case, and Errol Miller Jr, 29, who was being sought for questioning in a housebreaking and stealing case, were arrested by police.

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LOCAL NEWS

NIB's long-serving employees honoured at Government House

WITH a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye Roselyn Rolle, former senior manager of the National Insurance Board's New Providence office says she has been fortunate to see the National Insurance Board evolve into a modern and highly efficient organisation.

Now retired, Mrs Rolle started out in NIB's Internal Audit Department in 1983 before moving to the Accounts Department and then into management.

"It has been an awesome experience because I was blessed enough to move us from paper to computerisation; from a mail boat to a

plane. When we were paying pensions we used to go on a mail boat and do the leg work and so I was one of those persons who were in the middle of all of that," she said.

Mrs Rolle was one of a group of long-serving employees and retirees who were recently honoured at Government House in NIB's Annual Long Service Awards Ceremony.

The ceremony recognised employees who had reached long service milestones of 10, 20, 25 and 30 years in 2010, as well as retirees.

Congratulating those honoured for a job well done, Sir William Allen, Deputy to the Governor General, said NIB has grown and developed to the point where its programmes now cover every contingency that could result in involuntary loss of income including sickness, childbirth, on-the-job injury, retirement, death and, most recently, unemployment.

He also stated that NIB's surplus funds represent the most significant source of national savings and noted NIB's contributions to the development of healthcare infrastructure around the country along with the launch of the National Prescription Drug Plan in September.

"NIB has truly been the safety net it was intended to



THE National Insurance Board's Annual Long Service Awards Ceremony was recently held at Government House. Those honoured are pictured above with keynote speaker the Sir William Allen, Deputy to the Governor General; Zhivargo Laing, Minister of State for Finance; Algernon Cargill, Director of National Insurance, and other members of the executive management team of NIB.

be and commissioned to be in 1974. And thanks to the extensive set of amendments that were made to National Insurance contributions and benefits regulations last July it is a safety net that Bahamians can safely expect to be firmly in place whenever they retire," Sir William said.

"To those who worked so diligently during the initial and ensuing stages of National Insurance you have built the programme and the organisation into the national success that it is today. Every accomplishment that I detailed and many more have been possible because of you," he said.

Zhivargo Laing, Minister of State for Finance, also emphasised the importance of NIB's role to all Bahamians and commended the long-serving employees.

Responding on behalf of those honoured, Lucinda Cooper-Petsch, local office manager, Gray's Long Island, said NIB's employees are tenacious and persevering because they believe that they can succeed no matter what is placed before them.

Among those honoured at the ceremony were:

10 years: Kim Russell, senior clerk, Freeport Local Office; and William Scavel-

la, clerical supervisor III, Purchasing, Stores and Auxiliary Services Department.

20 years: Gail Carey-Gay, assistant manager to the vice-president of the Information Technology Office; Therese Farrington, senior claims officer, Cat Island Local Office; Lucinda Cooper-Petsch, Local Office Manager, Gray's Local Office, Long Island; Kevin Knowles, manager of the Information Technology Department; Shellyn Ingraham, executive secretary, National Prescription Drug Plan; Ellouise Gibson, senior clerk, Simm's Local Office, Long Island; Heather Maynard, legal officer, Legal Department; April Miller, senior inspector, Compliance Department; Learlean McIntosh-Cornish, Family Island Local Office supervisor, Cooper's Town Local Office, Abaco; Nadine Rolle, senior claims officer, Marsh Harbour Local Office, Abaco; Sheryl Rahming, assistant internal auditor, Audit Department; and Whitney Patton, chief internal auditor.

25 years: Julia Barry, senior claims officer, Occupational Health and Safety; Una Burrows, senior clerk, Pension Verification; Dennis Burrows, executive offi-

cer, Inspectorate; Elvera Newbold-Riley, senior clerk, Fresh Creek Local Office; Lana Kelly, local office manager, Spanish Wells and Harbour Island Local Offices; Pleasant Hanna, senior clerk, Pension Verification; Bernadette Pratt, senior clerk, Nicholl's Town Local Office; and Erma Stevens, operator, Purchasing, Stores and Auxiliary Services.

30 years: Barbara Seymour-Fox, senior claims officer, Inagua Local Office; Maxine Williams-Clarke, senior claims officer, NPLO Claims Department; and Philip Smith, technician II, Facilities Department.

Retirees: Janet Louise Bowleg, senior assistant manager, Freeport Local Office; Bernal Bullard, senior inspector, Inspectorate Department; Addington Cambridge, senior assistant manager, Compliance Special Unit; Brian Whitfield Knowles, senior clerk, Accounts Department; Dorrie Mae Oliver, janitress, Nicholls Town Local Office; Roselyn Rolle, senior manager responsible for the New Providence Local Office; and Deirdre Rebecca Thompson, senior clerical supervisor, Freeport Local Office.

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Rotary Clubs on their marks for bed race for Polio



PICTURED FROM LEFT: Lindsey Cancino, deputy assistant governor, Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas; Adam Darville, Rotary Club of East Nassau; Dave Lakin, RCEN; Jeff Mitchell holding official logo, RCEN; Murray Forde, RCEN; Sheila Bethel, Rotary Club of Nassau; Robert Brown, RCEN.

ROTARY Clubs of the Bahamas have been meeting to organise their first Rotary Bed Race for Polio.

The Bed Race - which will involve teams of people pushing four-wheeled beds with a passenger onboard - will take place on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the Mall at Marathon and will raise funds for polio eradication, a Rotary International initiative.

A new study supports Rotary's initial investment and continued commitment to eradicating polio worldwide, estimating that eight million cases of life-long paralysis will be prevented at a savings of \$40 to \$50 billion over the next 25 years.

As Rotary was the first to invest in global polio eradi-



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ation in 1985 with its initial pledge of \$120 million, the study "Economic Analysis of the GPEI", recently released in *Vaccines* medical journal, validates the humanitarian service organisation's 25 year commitment to ending this disease.

Rotary's investment sparked the creation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, spear-

headed by Rotary, the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Today, Rotary has contributed nearly \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours toward polio eradication - reducing the incidence of the disease by 99 per cent. Rotary members worldwide are now raising an additional \$200 million to match a \$355 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

LOCAL NEWS

Jewish community in Nassau ready for Hanukkah celebration

All those marking 'Festival of Lights' invited to join

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NASSAU'S Jewish community will come together this Wednesday to mark the Hanukkah holiday and are inviting all persons celebrating the "Festival of Lights" to join.

Rabbi Sholom Bluming, a visiting Chabad Rabbi from New York, said: "The message of Hanukkah is bringing light, warmth and festivity into this world."

He described it as "a holiday of courage, of redemption against oppression and an ancient ritual that communicates hope."

Hanukkah, also known as the "Festival of Lights", is an eight-day Jewish celebration commemorating the rededication of the holy temple in Jerusalem after its desecration by the King of Syria.

The festival is observed by the kindling of lights on a special nine-branched candelabra called a Menorah.

On each night of the festival, a candle is lit on the Menorah, progressing to the eighth on the final night.

According to the Talmud, at the re-dedication of the Temple, when they sought to light its Menorah, they found there was only enough consecrated olive oil to fuel the eternal flame in the Temple for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight days.

The lighting of the Menorah symbolises this.

The holiday begins on December 1 and continues to the 9.

It includes the lighting of candles each night; the singing of special songs; recital of the Hallel prayer; eating foods fried in oil such as latkes, which are described as potato pancakes; playing the dreidel game; and the giving of money to children, called gelt, which is said to reinforce good behaviour and teach children about charity.

Rabbi Sholom Bluming will be in New Providence to join in the Hanukkah festivities and encourages the community to come together and celebrate as a family.

He asked anyone seeking further information to contact him by emailing: rabbibluming@gmail.com.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: Hanukkah is marked by the kindling of lights on a special nine-branched candelabra called a Menorah (above).

ORLANDO-AREA WOMAN TREATED FOR CHOLERA

ORLANDO, Fla.

AN ORLANDO-AREA woman who recently moved from Haiti was treated for cholera and has recovered, according to Associated Press.

Orange County Health Department spokesman Dain Weister on Monday wouldn't say how old the woman is because of patient confidentiality. But he says she got sick shortly after moving to the Orlando area last month.

The woman was treated by a doctor who gave her antibiotics. None of her close contacts have gotten sick.

There has been at least one other confirmed case in Florida of the disease caused by a bacterial infection of the intestine.

That Collier County case also has been linked to an outbreak in Haiti.

Doctors are trying to determine whether an American Airlines passenger who became ill last Friday on a flight from the Dominican Republic to Miami had cholera.

HUMANE SOCIETY 'OVERFLOWING' WITH CATS AND DOGS

TODAY Mrs Kim Aranha, president of the Bahamas Humane Society, wants The Tribune's press stopped to let the public know that the Society's facility is overflowing with kittens and cats that need good homes.

So anxious is the Society to find these homes that it has waived the adoption fee up until Sunday, December 5.

"Usually at this time of the year very few kittens

are born, and our cattery is still," said Mrs Aranha.

"However, we are overflowing with kittens and cats all of a sudden..Why? What freak of nature has caused this?"

"There are just too many to live in the area we have set aside for them at the Bahamas Humane Society shelter," she said.

"So again we are appealing to the general public to give these wonderful cats a second chance and give

them a good home.

"The Society does not want to have to put these kitties and cats to sleep because they are too numerous, so please, please, come down to the shelter during this week – and the adoption fee will be lifted.

"No charge," said Mrs Aranha, "as long as you are approved as a good home.

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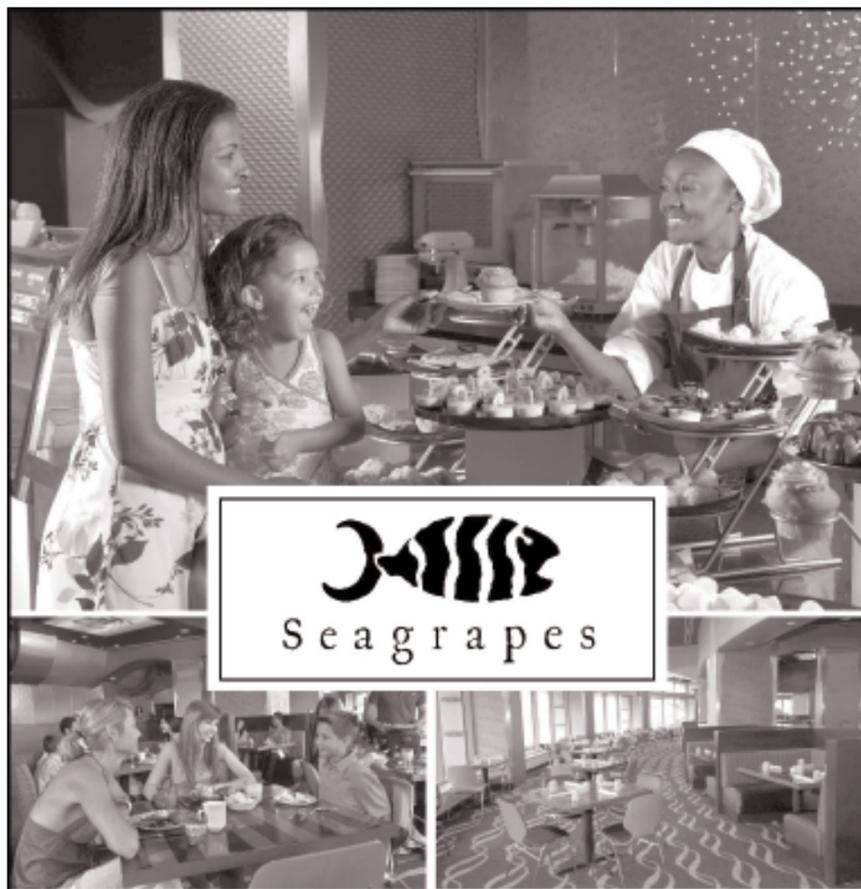
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Harbour Island residents voice fears over burglaries

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man, explained the burglaries discouraged repeat visitors, as many victims often cut short their travel time and are reluctant to return after an

attack.

Mr Carey wrote: "The criminals are running free with no fear of consequences. We are losing our long time repeat visitors and residents in droves. And Harbour Island is on the verge of losing

its reputation as a safe and desirable tourist destination."

He added: "A number of homes, Bahamian and winter residents alike, have been burgled, mostly in the early morning hours while the occupants are asleep. Cash, gold jewellery and electronics, for the most part, seem to be what the thieves are after."

Residents claim the far-reaching negative impact of repeated theft is evident in the aftermath of a recent burglary to long-time winter residents Don, 68, and Judy Savage, 69.

The retired couple from Maryland first visited the three-mile long island 15 years ago, and are now in their tenth year in their retirement home on the island.

After they came under attack for the fourth time since April, the couple – who have been acknowledged for their dedication to the island's

only library – are now preparing to leave the island this week. On Monday, the day after the robbery, they put their house up for sale – a house that they had intended to pass on to their son.

Mr Carey wrote: "This is a great loss as they have dedicated their years on the island working to revive our public library and creating literacy programmes for our youth. In fact, they hosted a fund raiser for the library this past Saturday and the cash proceeds were among the items stolen from their home."

Mrs Savage said their break-ins started in April but the last few weeks have been especially harrowing due to the frequency of attacks on other residents – in some cases only two days apart.

In March, more than 100 frustrated islanders met with officials to address what was described as an increase in

criminal and delinquent behaviour at a town meeting held by the Royal Bahamas Police Force and Ministry of Tourism.

Then, residents said the meeting offered hope that the island was finally getting the attention it had been denied for so long, and showed determination and solidarity in their demands for greater police presence and improved infrastructure.

Speaking with The Tribune yesterday about current concerns, Mr Cunningham said: "We have had many initiatives with detectives from New Providence which has led to many persons being put before the courts in connection with past incidents."

"I want to highlight the work of the police departments and officers in the Family Islands for the commendable job they are doing."

The officials flew into the 3.5 by 1.5-mile island in March after it came under international scrutiny when an American tourist was severely wounded during an argument on the island, and

subsequently resulted in the United States issuing a Bahamas travel warning.

Suggestions offered by residents in March towards crime prevention included: Regulated porters at the dock, mandatory identification required for those entering and leaving the island and beach wardens.

At that time, residents also acknowledged that the level of crime currently experienced was not solely indicative of the number of police on the island, but greater social ills, such as inconsistent infrastructure and an undated social services programme.

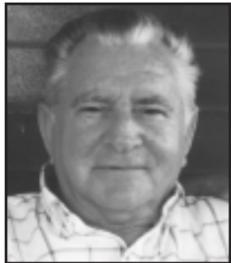
Mr Cunningham advised any residents who suspect their matters are not being reported or processed to contact Superintendent Theophilus Cunningham, officer-in-charge of the Central Bahamas District, which includes the islands of Eleuthera, Andros and the Berry Islands.

He added: "After that, if you still feel that your concerns are not being met, contact me at 302-8381."

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A Funeral Service for



MR. CHARLES FREDERICK CADMAN

of Blair Estates, Nassau, The Bahamas, who died at Doctors Hospital, Collins Avenue, on Thursday, 25th November, 2010, will be held at Trinity Methodist Church, Frederick Street and Trinity Place, Nassau, on Tuesday, 30th November, 2010 at 2:00p.m.

Reverend Bill Higgs, President of The Bahamas Conference of The Methodist Church and Reverend Charles A. Sweeting will officiate and interment will follow in Ebenezer Methodist Cemetery, East Shirley Street, Nassau.

Mr. Cadman was predeceased by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Yvonne Cadman and is survived by his children, Sharon Wilson and her husband Alan, Crystal Graham and her husband Paul and Neil Cadman and his wife Katherine; grandchildren, Heather, Christopher, George, Jessica and Emily, Ashley and James; great grandson, Dylan; sister-in-law, Cynthia Albury; nieces and nephews, Janet and Richard and their families in the Bahamas, Yvonne, Peter, Tony and David and their families in Wales and many other relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends may pay their respects at Kemp's Funeral Home Limited, 22 Palmdale Avenue, Palmdale, Nassau, on Monday, 29th November, 2010, from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

In remembrance of Mr. Charles Frederick Cadman the family request that donations be sent to the Queen's College Foundation, P.O. Box N. 7127, Nassau or to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas, P.O. Box S.S. 6539, Nassau.

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DEATH NOTICE FOR

Mrs. Patricia R. Greenacre

of Nassau, The Bahamas and formerly of Watford, England, died at the home of Mrs. James (Maureen) Liddell, Nassau on Tuesday, 23rd November, 2010.

Mrs. Greenacre is survived by her son, David Greenacre of Montreal, Canada and her dear friend, Mrs. Maureen Liddell.

A Memorial Service will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Greenacre may be remembered by making a donation to the Bahamas Humane Society, P.O. Box N. 242, Nassau.

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AFGHAN POLICE OFFICER KILLS SIX US SERVICE MEMBERS

KABUL, Afghanistan

AN AFGHAN border policeman killed six American servicemen during a training mission Monday, underscoring one of the risks in a U.S.-led program to educate enough recruits to turn over the lead for security to Afghan forces by 2014, according to Associated Press.

The shooting in a remote area near the Pakistani border appeared to be the deadliest attack of its kind in at least two years.

Attacks on NATO troops by Afghan policemen or soldiers, although still rare, have increased as the coalition has accelerated the program. Other problems with the rapidly growing security forces include drug use, widespread illiteracy and high rates of attrition.

A spokesman for the Afghan Interior Ministry, Zemer Bashary, confirmed that the gunman in Monday's attack was a border police officer rather than an insurgent who donned the uniform for a day.

The Taliban claimed responsibility, saying the gunman joined the border police to kill foreign soldiers.

"Today he found this opportunity and he killed six invaders," Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said in a statement emailed to the media. The shooter opened fire on the NATO troops and then was killed in the shootout, NATO said, without providing additional details.

Col. Dave Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman, confirmed that the six killed were American. He declined to provide their identities or say which military branch they were from until next of kin could be notified. Bashary said the incident happened in the Pachir Wagam district of Nangarhar province, a volatile area near Pakistan.

An investigation team has been sent to Pachir Wagam, said Gen. Aminullah Amerkhail, the regional border police commander for the east. But he said information was not coming back quickly.

"The area is very remote," he said. "Even the telephones are not working there."

NATO is still investigating an incident earlier this month in which two U.S. Marines were killed in southern Helmand province, allegedly at the hands of an Afghan soldier.

After two deadly shootings in July, NATO officers said they were re-examining training practices to make sure that such attacks did not happen again.

On July 20, an Afghan army sergeant got into an argument at a shooting range in northern Afghanistan and shot dead two American civilian trainers before being killed. Another Afghan soldier was killed in the crossfire.

A week earlier, an Afghan soldier stationed in the south killed three British troopers, including the company commander, with gunfire and a rocket-propelled grenade in the middle of the night.

In November 2009, an Afghan policeman killed five British soldiers at a checkpoint in Helmand.

On Sept. 29, 2008, an Afghan police officer opened fire at a police station in eastern Paktia province, killing a U.S. soldier and wounding three before he was fatally shot. A NATO official expressed shock at the time that an Afghan officer would betray his NATO partners.

At the time, Col. John "Pete" Johnson, a U.S. forces commander in eastern Afghanistan, predicted it would be "the first incident of its kind."

The recent increase in such shootings suggests that the Afghan security forces may be suffering from growing pains. In the past year, the size of the Afghan police force grew 27 percent from about 95,000 officers to 120,500. The army increased 42 percent from 97,000 soldiers to about 138,200.

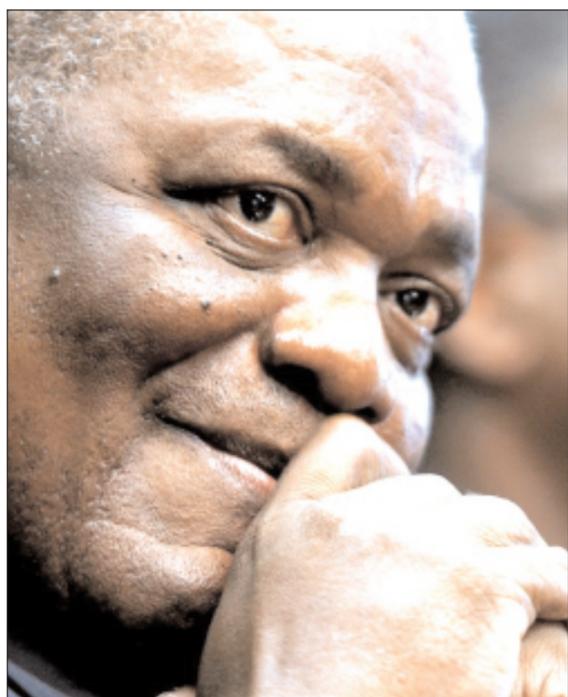
There have been also been problems with retention, and even those who stay often are lacking the most basic skills.

Only 11 percent of enlisted personnel and 35 percent of noncommissioned officers in Afghanistan's army and police are literate, according to NATO trainers.



AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY SOLDIERS attached to First Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division walk after an Afghan National Army training program graduation in Panjwai district, Afghanistan's Kandahar province, Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, with an Afghan national flag over them. (AP)

LOCAL NEWS



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham

Aircraft operators 'have no right to ignore laws'

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a car, you have to pay duty. What is it about an aircraft that says they do not have to pay duty?" asked Mr Ingraham.

At an emergency meeting of the Bahamas Aviation Association last week, members argued that aircraft are "moveable assets" and should not be subject to customs duty because there is "no expectation of disposing of that asset in the Bahamas and recovering the cost."

In explaining the point, Randy Butler, president of the association, said: "First of all, many airplanes are brought into the country on lease. When they are sold, along with those aircraft that are purchased, there is no market for them in the Bahamas. These airplanes have a certain value on the open market and there is no possibility of including the duty from a country in that cost, so you would lose whatever you pay in customs."

Mr Butler said an aircraft is unlike an imported motor vehicle that is sold locally. In the domestic automobile market, Mr Butler said business owners are compensated, because consumers have the reasonable expectation that duty will be factored

into the retail price of a car.

Last week, the Comptroller of Customs issued a 14-day directive to private aircraft operators to clear all unpaid duties on imported planes or risk aircraft seizures.

The announcement by Customs took the industry by surprise. Members of the association are seeking an exemption declaration from the Minister of Finance. Written communications are said to be en route.

Paul Harding, owner of Safari Seaplanes, said he sent his letter to the minister and copied the Comptroller of Customs.

"I respectfully request him to hold off until the minister makes his decision on the application for exemption," said Mr Harding.

The operators do not deny there is a 10 per cent tax on aircraft in the Tariff Act, and they acknowledge the latest amendments only legislate exemptions for aircraft parts. The tariff was increased from seven per cent to 10 in 2008.

However, they say the law is unspecified and it has nev-

er been enforced, at least since the 1990s.

"It was always, always, the stated position that Customs was not going to enforce those rules and there was no evidence to show otherwise.

"Had there been any evidence we would have planned for that in our business plan and adjust accordingly.

"We hope they realise that there is so much more to be made by us staying in business than to take us out one time," said Mr Butler.

A senior government official told *The Tribune* that even if the law was not enforced in past practice, the Comptroller of Customs has the authority to review any decision made regarding the payment of customs within a three-year period of time.

Glenn Gomez, Comptroller of Customs, took office only one year ago. He was not available for comment. His predecessor was Anthony Adderley.

The Prime Minister added: "If you didn't pay, then you ought to make arrangements to pay. Now

how much you pay, over what period of time, now those are all matters that are subject for discussion, but do not say you are not going to pay at all because you have no such right to ignore the laws of the Bahamas."

Zhivargo Laing, Minister of Finance, refused to comment on the matter, except to say he is aware of the situation, and he is yet to receive any written communication or request for a meeting.

Last week, the association claimed the Department of Civil Aviation refused to get involved because they had to "stay neutral."

Over the weekend, Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism and Aviation, also said he would not intervene.

"We are facilitating a whole variety of things that we want to enable these operators to continue to deliver good quality of service to the Bahamas, but when it comes to taxes that is between them and the Department of Customs," said Mr Vanderpool-Wallace.

PM: Police to target 'specific' criminals

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were only 40 murders in the Bahamas, and I say 'only' but there was only 40 murders in the Bahamas. It is double that number nine years now. Much of this is due to drugs. Much of this is to do with the same persons involved in the same crimes over and over again.

"We are seeking to ensure that there is greater coordination between all of the agencies in dealing with this matter so we can become more effective. But at the moment there is a degree of dysfunctionality in relation to the legal, judicial system and tackling crime."

In tackling violent crime, the issue of people charged with murder receiving bail and committing other violent offences has been

raised repeatedly. Speaking on this issue yesterday, Mr Ingraham said the Government believes it can restrict the right to bail by defining in law what a reasonable period of time is.

"At the moment some judges are of the view that a reasonable period of time can be anywhere from eight weeks to a year, but we believe that a reasonable period of time can be anywhere from two to three years. We believe that there is law to support that and we intend to bring such an amendment and have it tested so that it can be the law of the Bahamas," he said.

The Prime Minister said the Government is taking advice to ensure the amendment is structured in such a way so as to minimise an opportunity for a successful Constitutional challenge.

Christie: Govt focus on crime 'affected by political climate'

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intent to lead his party into the next election, their focus has been primarily on taking credit for PLP initiatives and dismantling programmes put in place by his party.

Mr Christie said: "(Mr Ingraham) professes to be someone from the people, someone who understands what it is to come from a vulnerable grouping in our society and therefore to understand that the textbook will not run the day in this."

He added: "We have to be innovative, we have to be creative in addressing ourselves to the situation as it exists in our community."

Commenting on the homicide count, which broke records in 2007, 2009 and this year, Mr Christie claimed that although greater funding and access to technology will prove beneficial to police efforts - it will not stem the



PLP LEADER Perry Christie

increase in crime. He called for the government to focus more on community-based efforts instead of increased pressure on the police to relieve the crime issue.

Mr Christie said: "Children are in those communities, children are using the same weapons of the children who are doing some of the killing. Young people.

"We have an obligation to be able to go behind and underneath and dig deep to

find out what these contributing factors are and put strategies in place to deal with it."

He added: "The solution to our problems of bad behaviour rests with the people themselves.

"There needs to be strategy that reaches out to those people and impresses upon them that they must be their best protectors - that is what Urban Renewal intended to do."

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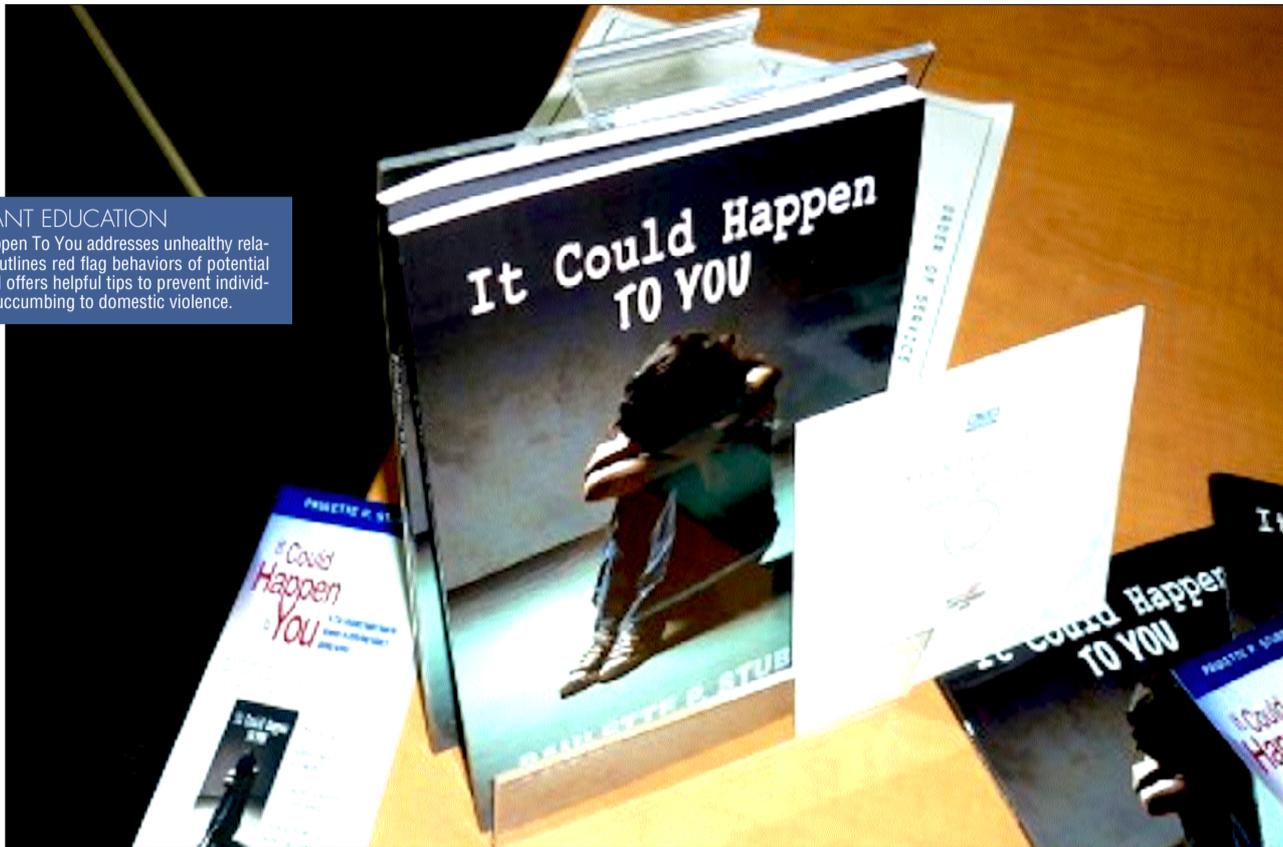
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A STORY OF Triumph

By **JEFFARAH GIBSON**
Tribune Features Writer

HER laughter comes from the stomach, she smiles genuinely, and she is pretty content with her life right now.

Paulette Stubbs is no longer jaded by her past and involuntary recurrent memories seldom trigger any harmful emotions. And for her, being able to enjoy a belly aching laugh is always an experience she treasures.

However, cherishing the experience of sheer bliss was not always easy, simply because when you are about to become a sixteen year old mother, survival over happiness is the equation.

"I came from the average Bahamian family. They were strict. But things like giving kisses or hugs or expressing love was something that my parents never did. The affirmations of love that I needed, I never got. So this guy comes along and he is saying the nice things I wanted to hear and doing the things I wanted him to," Ms Stubbs told Tribune Woman.

"I ended up getting pregnant for this same guy and at the time I was fifteen going on sixteen. And when I found out I was pregnant I did not know what to do. I was scared because in those days teenage pregnancy was the kiss of death."

Home Remedies

All the bush medicine, Epson salt and other at home remedies did not work the miracle Ms Stubbs was hoping for.

"Ignorance is a serious thing. I didn't know that I would have gotten pregnant on my very first time. And my partner knew he had a slip up so to speak. He gave me all kinds of boil bush to drink. But after all of that nothing, happened I was still pregnant," she said.

Young Paulette was now face with the task of breaking the news to her family. "I couldn't tell my mother, I didn't know what to say. I didn't know how they would react to it all. So I let him tell my mother while I stayed outside to listen. Growing up my mother kept this cutlass next to her bed and when he told her he wanted to talk to her she said to him "will I have to chop you," Ms Stubbs said jokingly.

After her parents found out she was pregnant, Ms

Stubbs' days were filled with guilt, shame and disappointment. She had to live through the berating and deal with the comparisons made to her twin sister.

Feelings of worthlessness, and humiliation consumed her and the only thing she found comfort in was crying.

"My pregnancy was a blow to my family. My father disowned me and he told me that whoever the man is that got me pregnant I better find him because he is not doing anything for me."

"It was so hard dealing with all of that. I could remember some days I would just come home and go to my room and just cry because I felt like I wasn't worthy enough to even speak to my parents. It was so embarrassing," she said.

Motherhood

Though motherhood was her reality, Ms Stubbs was determined to redeem herself. She continued attending H O Nash High School. But after the progesterone and estrogen's began showing themselves she was asked to sit out until the birth of her child. There was this one teacher in school who picked up that something was wrong with me. And she told me that it wasn't safe for me to be in school because I could get hurt. My teacher called my parents in and they told us of the student-mother program (PACE). And I was happy for the opportunity to finish school," she said.

At PACE she met other young girls in a similar situation and the camaraderie she developed with some of the young ladies helped her get through her ordeal. "Being in the student mother program gave me hope. I got the math and English courses I needed. They also taught us a number of crafts trades. They taught us about what to expect during our pregnancy and what would happen to our bodies after we give birth," she said.

However the challenge of rearing a child at a very young age was the hardest thing she had ever done. "My parents showed me tough love. I had to take care of my baby on own. In the mornings I had to take him to school, then get myself ready for school. After school I had to pick him and drop him home then go to work. But all of that made me a stronger person," she said.

Ms Stubbs' struggles did not end there. Besides

fighting for approval from her parents, she had another battle to fight.

"Another guy came along and he was my knight in shining armor. He accepted me and my child and I fell in love with him. But shortly after getting married we would find ourselves constantly arguing. He wasn't physically abusive in the beginning. But he was insecure, controlling and jealous," she explained.

Ms Stubbs said sometimes she would ask herself what she had gotten into. Her ex-husband, would humiliate her in the presence of friends, accuse her of infidelity, and disrespect her in the front of their children.

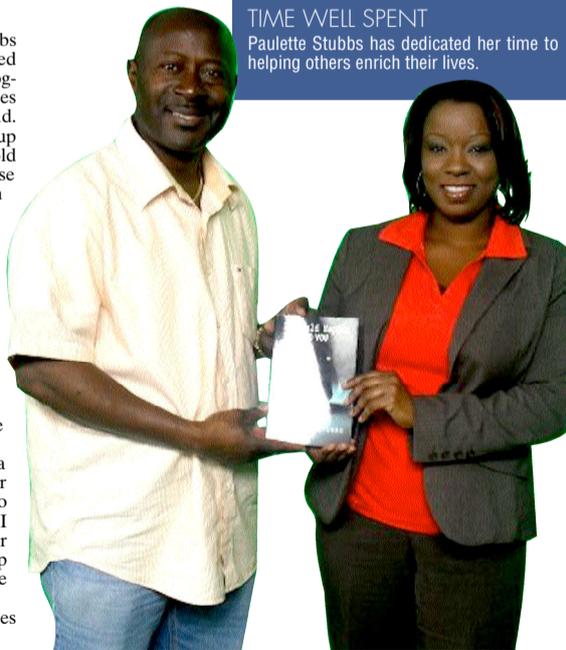
But the breaking point for her was when her ex-husband attacked her for coming home late. "He tried to attack me and I grabbed a knife to defend myself and he slammed my head into the wall and I collapsed. And after that incident I knew I had to get out."

Today, Ms Stubbs is using her life experiences to make a difference in the life of others. She is the author of the book "It Could Happen To You" and the founder of It Could Happen To You enterprises, a network that seeks to enrich the lives of individuals. She is also a volunteer at the Crisis Center.

"I am content and I am still growing and learning. There are still some things from my past that I am dealing with but I am learning trust again," she said.

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