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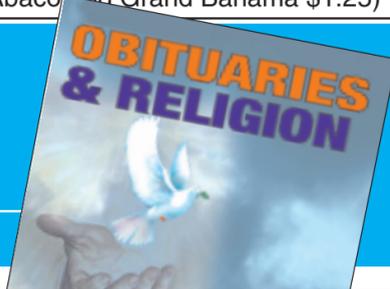


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Taxi driver on murder charge

Man appears in court over teacher death

By NATARIO MCKENZIE and NOELLE NICOLLS
Tribune Staff Reporters

A MAN appeared in court yesterday charged with murdering pre-school teacher Denise Adderley.

Taxi driver John Manuel Adderley, 37, is accused of killing Denise Adderley, the mother of one, while she sat inside her car at the Texaco Service Station on Wulff and Kemp roads on Sunday night.

Police reports say Ms Adderley, who lived in the Chippingham area, was shot six times with a shotgun. She was the third homicide victim of the new year.

When he was arraigned before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane, yesterday, Adderley was not required

to enter a plea to the murder charge. Nineteen witnesses are listed on court dockets.

It was said in court that Adderley, who lives at Hillside Park Estates, off Bernard Road, Nassau, was known to the deceased.

The case was transferred to Court Six, Parliament Street, and adjourned to January 26 for a fixture hearing.

Adderley was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

Ms Adderley, 39, was a teacher at the Uriah McPhee Primary School on Kemp Road for nine years.

Staff and pupils at the school have received counselling to help them cope with the tragic loss.

Dr Nicole Adderley, Denise's sister, said she did not want her sister to be

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CHARGED: John Adderley, 37, being escorted from court yesterday. Adderley is accused of the murder of 39-year-old Denise Adderley, a teacher at the Uriah McPhee Primary School.

BTC CHAIRMAN DENIES ACCUSATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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CONFLICT of interest accusations against BTC's chairman Julian Francis over a contract awarded to another company he chairs to handle a portion of BTC's pension fund are attempts to "malign" his character.

The claims come from chairman of the Opposition Progressive Liberal Party Bradley Roberts and the unions who are against Government's impending sale of BTC to Cable & Wireless. Yesterday Mr Roberts argued that BTC's chairman has been caught in a "blatant conflict of interest" and violated the Free National Movement's code of ethics because of his position as chairman of Providence Advisors Limited which manages a portion of BTC staff's pension fund.

Said Mr Francis in response: "There is no conflict whatsoever in connection with Providence. . . I am not a shareholder in Providence Advisors, I am only a chairman, that's all. I scrupulously recuse myself from any mat-

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'STRONGER PROVISIONS' NEEDED TO POLICE BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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THE Bahamas Bar Association president Ruth Bowe-Darville said yesterday that stronger provisions and sanctions are needed to police its members.

Speaking at a ceremony to mark the opening of the legal year, Mrs Bowe-Darville said: "We have a very large legal community, yet the profession suffers irreparable damage and disrepute from the wrong doings of a few.

"The Bar tries to police its members, however the Legal Profession Act needs further amendment as does its regulations. We cannot regulate our members if we are not given the power or the ability to do so. We need stronger provisions and sanctions for self regulation."

According to Mrs Bowe-Darville, there are 977 attorneys actively practising in the Bahamas, 445 of whom have been called to the Bar within the last 10 years. She noted that 53 were called to the Bar last year alone. The Bar Association president noted that 832 attorneys are in private practice and 11 are Queen's Counsel in the Bahamas.

In his speech, Attorney SEE page 10

NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED AT LEGAL YEAR OPENING

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CHIEF Justice Sir Michael Barnett yesterday announced several new judicial appointments and initiatives yesterday at a ceremony marking the opening of the legal year 2011.

Among those announce-

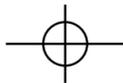
ments was the appointment, with effect on February 1, of Jamaican-born Roy Jones to the position of Supreme Court Justice.

Mr Jones presently serves as an acting Justice of the Court of Appeal of Jamaica, having served as a Justice of the Jamaican Supreme Court for more than eight years.

Sir Michael also noted that

Justice Hartman Longley will continue to preside over criminal matters in Grand Bahama, and the Judicial and Legal Services Commission (JLSC) has recommended he be appointed a Senior Justice effective December 20, 2010.

Sir Michael also noted he SEE page 11



LOCAL NEWS



OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR



A service was held at Christ Church Cathedral, George Street, Nassau, yesterday to mark the opening of the Legal Year. It was attended by Justices, Magistrates and Members of the Bar. Officiating was the Very Rev. Patrick L. Adderley, Dean, Rector and Vicar General of Christ Church Cathedral.

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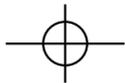
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MAN SUFFERS GUNSHOT WOUNDS

A 38-year-old man is in hospital recovering from gunshot wounds after being hit in the buttocks when the car he was in came under fire.

He was in Windsor Place off Soldier Road with two other people in a Honda Inspire early yesterday morning when a man wearing dark clothing opened fire.

The victim was said to be in stable condition after he was taken to hospital by emergency medical services.

Meanwhile in other crime-related matters, police are also investigating a series of armed robberies that occurred early yesterday morning.

Armed thugs wearing dark clothing robbed a woman at her home on Acklins Street and Andros Avenue shortly after 3am.

Jewellery

After waking her from her sleep, the gunmen robbed the woman of an assortment of jewellery and cell phones, and escaped in a white Honda Accord.

Less than an hour later, two men armed with handguns robbed a man in front of his house at Miami Street near the corner of Cordeaux Avenue.

As the victim was approaching his home, the men robbed him of an undetermined amount of cash and also took his white 1992 Nissan Sentra. The thieves were last seen heading south on Miami Street.

The victim's Sentra was registered to the island of the Eleuthera and carried the plate number 1688.

The next armed robbery took place just before 7am at East Bay Street, east of Church Street.

A man armed with a handgun robbed a 22-year-old man of an undetermined amount of cash and a red Cherokee Jeep with the plate number 135899.

Police are also investigating an armed robbery that took place on Tuesday.

Two masked thugs wearing camouflage jackets robbed Oliver's Mini Mart on Alexander Boulevard in Nassau Village.

The culprits, one of whom was armed with a handgun, entered the convenience store demanding cash shortly after 9pm.

The thieves escaped with an undetermined amount of cash on foot, heading north.

BEC linesman found dead with cable around neck

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TARPUM BAY, Eleuthera: A 59-year-old BEC linesman was found by his common law wife late Tuesday night with a heavy duty cable around his neck, hanging from the post of a clothesline.

William Arthur Styles of Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera was dead. Suicide is suspected — the first for the year in the Bahamas.

"It feels like a dream to me. I left my father shortly after 9pm. I went in the room to get spray starch to iron my little boy's school clothes. I asked him if he was okay and he said 'yes.' I left him after that. Not too long after my mother asked me where he went. We thought he walked to the bar next door," said Marjorie Styles, one of Mr Styles' nine children.

A shout from her mother Daffinette Carey, who had gone outside to hang clothes on the line, alerted her to the tragedy.

"She didn't notice at first he had a rope around his neck. She

thought he was stooping there. When she walked closer she yelled. I saw him there and that was enough. One of my brothers helped to cut him down and take him to the clinic," said Ms Styles.

"It just feels like a dream to me, like he is gone somewhere and he will be back. He was good and healthy. I don't know what possessed him. He was right in his bed. I don't know what possessed him to do that," she said.

Mr Styles was recently placed on pre-retirement leave by BEC.

After working for the power company for more than 20 years, pre-retirement was thought to be "preying on his mind," *Tribune* sources claim. Mr Styles spent most of his pre-retirement days at home, where his wife, children and grandchildren lived.

"He loved to work. I think that is what had him stressed out, being home with no job, nowhere to go. Daddy why did you do this? I haven't slept all night. I was walking through and through his room, looking for him. He would sit on his

bed and look outside. He never hardly went anywhere," said Ms Styles.

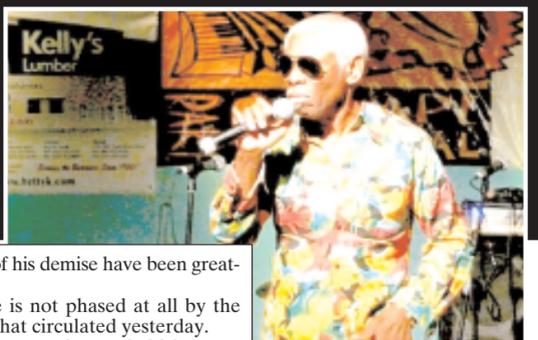
"We are going to miss joking around with him, smiling with him all the time just to see if we could get him happy. Some days he was happy, some days he was sad. Now, just me walking inside his room is a mess because he was always there," she said.

Community members recall Mr Styles being very good at his job.

"We lived in the same community. I knew him from when he was a boy. He was good on his job and he knew what he was doing," said a Tarpum Bay resident.

As the family grapples with the new reality, Ms Styles said she is struggling with the thought of telling her adolescent son. "He loved his grandchildren. I don't know how to answer my son's questions. He didn't see what happened, but he sees the crowds. I will tell him grandpa gone, but I fear having that conversation. Our family is sticking with us to help bring us through. He will be truly missed," said Ms Styles.

DEAD? NOT ME, SAYS RONNIE BUTLER AGAIN!



RONNIE Butler said reports of his demise have been greatly exaggerated.

Bahamian music icon said he is not phased at all by the rumours of his supposed death that circulated yesterday.

He said it was the third time the grapevine carried false news about his death.

When asked about his health, he said as far as he knows, he is "good."

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The menace of poachers in our waters

DESPITE the diplomatic row brewing between Honduras and Jamaica in the aftermath of the killing of an Honduran fishing vessel captain, Jamaica's National Security Minister has announced that his government is "going to get tough on persons who encroach on Jamaica's economic zone."

National Security Minister Dwight Nelson told *The Gleaner* of Jamaica this week, that Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Dr Christopher Tufton has complained that Honduran fishermen plunder Jamaica's fishing resources weekly.

"And when they come," he told *The Gleaner*, "they come with 150 people on the boats. So when they go diving, they take everything they can find under the surface."

Mr Tufton said it was more than just trespass into Jamaica's waters. "It's an economic issue, it's a diplomatic issue, it's a national security issue. It's a health issue also because it is not only lobster that they carry on these vessels; they carry wild animals that they trade – parrots, monkeys, that sort of thing. There are lots of issues that have to be sorted out," he explained.

The Hondurans claim that the Jamaican Defence Force used "excessive force" in the recent incident, which resulted in the killing, not only of the fishing boat's captain, but the wounding of at least three crew members.

However, the Security Minister supported his force. He maintained that Jamaica's Defence Force took all precautions before taking action, and then only fired when the Honduran vessel turned and headed towards their ship as if to cause a collision.

"It was at this point that the Honduran vessel stopped and communicated by radio, which indicated that they had been hearing the signals of the Jamaican coastguard," Mr Nelson said.

Bahamian fishermen can relate to the frustration of the Jamaicans. Poachers are their constant complaint. It was only last year that our fishermen complained that poachers rob the Bahamas of up to \$22 million worth of its marine resources each year. The fishermen have threatened to ignore the Bahamas Defence Force and take matters into their own hands.

A spokesman for the Bahamas Commercial Fishers Alliance said that Bahamian fishermen put up to \$1 million worth of lobster traps in the water every season, only to have them stolen. They vowed that they will not sit still and watch poachers rob them of their livelihood.

Their main complaint is against Dominican fishermen, who fish our waters in and out of season.

They vowed not to alert the Defence Force to a poacher in future, but to take matters into their own hands. The Defence Force has warned them of the dangers of

taking this course of action. They also complained of the light sentences of the courts. As a result, the same old poaching faces continue to reappear in our fishing zones, they say. The fishermen say that instead of being stripped of their cargo, they are fined \$10,000 or 0.5 per cent of the value of their catch, and sent on their way, free to plunder another day. The Commercial Fishers Alliance named 11 boats as the chief offenders. Those ships, we were told, can often carry 60,000 pounds of fish or lobster from the Bahamas on one trip.

Mr Abner Pinder, Chief Counsellor for Spanish Wells, told *The Tribune* last year that the Bahamas' fishing industry would have no problems if the poachers could be "eradicated."

Dominicans are our main problem. We have not heard from the Hondurans since that day many years ago when they kidnapped some of the crew of one of our Defence Force boats and headed back to Honduras. In that incident the Honduran fishing vessel was captured by the Defence Force. To bring it back to the Coral Harbour base, a few Defence Force officers were put on the Honduran vessel. The Hondurans cut the tow line and steamed back to Honduras, Defence Force officers and all. Eventually the officers were returned, unharmed to the Bahamas. But that was the last, as far as is known, that Hondurans have been seen in our waters.

Just before Christmas — during the closed season for grouper fishing — the Defence Force brought in two Dominican boats. This time their boats were confiscated, the captain of one boat was fined \$50,000 and the other \$75,000. Fines for the crew were in the region of \$500 for one boat and \$250 for the other. The difference in the fines was because grouper was found on one boat, but not on the other. However, the second boat was also fined heavily because it was illegally in our waters. Off season for grouper continues through February. In the meantime, however, Dominican fishermen are still spotted crawling.

"We call the Defence Force," Mr Pinder said yesterday, "but by the time they get here the next day, the Dominicans have moved into the ocean. It's strange how they always seem to know when the Defence Force is coming."

"I know I could stop the poachers," Mr Pinder told us last year. "Give me one of the Defence Force boats and a crew and if they don't want to give me a crew, I can get my own crew."

Yesterday, Mr Pinder said that his offer still stands. It is reminiscent of Sir Winston Churchill's pledge to US President Franklin Roosevelt during the second World War: "Give us the tools and we will finish the job."

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EDITOR, *The Tribune*.

I would appreciate you publishing the following letter, which was written to *The Nassau Guardian*.

EDITOR, *The Nassau Guardian*.

I read your editorial this morning with a little more than dismay.

The *Guardian* purports to be concerned that insufficient attention is being given to the accomplishment of Majority Rule in 1967. Still, the *Guardian* did not use the occasion to write an inspiring article about the significance of peaceful achievement of majority rule or even an editorial highlighting the tremendous progress achieved since that time by thousands of Bahamians both black and white.

Instead, the *Guardian's* editors continue along what has come to typify its and its owners' policy line, that is, to complain and to incite. First it was the police who were challenged to shoot more criminals on the streets.

Then, it was the unions who were goaded to take strike action.

And later still, it was parents and young people who were led to believe that the enforcement of a public safety law (seat belts) was poorly timed — presumably it being wiser to over-spend on Christmas shopping and partying rather than in on children's car seats!

LETTERS

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Now it seems that the *Guardian* aims to encourage the poor in society to rise up against a government which passes laws (unspecified) that "burden the average man and assists the wealthy."

Perhaps The *Nassau Guardian* editorial writer will comment on the fact that its owners also own Colina Insurance, Colina Financial, Imperial Life Insurance, Sentinel Bank, Ansbacher Bank, and Star Radio- ownerships all achieved over the past 10 or so years. They also have a partnership with Cable 12 for the NB 12 News.

Rumour has it that they are eyeing Bank of The Bahamas and Cable 12.

Having advised that they support the unions in their opposition of the sale of a majority interest in BTC to a foreign company the *Guardian* owners have also let it be known that they wish to purchase the majority interest in BTC.

How much do they want (need) to own?

I did not realize that the goal of privatization was to swap government monopoly for the monopoly of The *Nassau Guardian*.

And, I still cannot figure out which of The *Nassau Guardian's* owners is a "poor or average Bahamian"; one is

white and the other black. Neither came from money but made it because of the opportunities afforded them by successive Governments since 1967. It is not too far a stretch to say, opportunities made available to them very specifically after 1992 and the election of the first FNM Government.

The promises of Majority Rule, which were nearly obliterated by the ravages of corruption and drug infestation during the 1980s, were rescued in 1992.

Today Bahamians who own and are employed in private radio and television, Cable Bahamas, Bank of Bahamas, Freeport Power Company; and who hold bonds which financed the construction of the second Paradise Island Bridge, and who soon will own shares in Commonwealth Brewery and in BTC are living the promise of Majority Rule as are the two principal owners of the *Nassau Guardian*, Emmanuel Alexiou and Anthony Ferguson.

Bahamians who have seen, in just the past two years, the introduction of an unemployment benefit and of the National Prescription Drug programme under the FNM know all too well that the laws passed by the present government do not burden but rather benefit them and their children.

FED UP
Nassau,
January, 2011.

Why is Government sending mixed signals over immigration policy?

EDITOR, *The Tribune*.

Well all the noise and rushing is over and true to form we dispute who won which and who manipulated the results an annual occurrence as common as the sun rising in the east! Will we ever change?

May I comment on Immigration, Editor - whilst the Director is directed not to respond to those persons here illegally after the fire off Carmichael we read advertisements where the same Director is chasing the non-Bahamian wives of Bahamian

citizens and then yet again we see we are unable to fortify and hold solid our borders — again a boat load of illegal immigrants from Haiti land in Exuma.

Why is this Government sending mixed signals all the time over their policy on Immigration — to me an illegal is illegally in The Bahamas our laws say he/she is liable to arrest and deportation not safe custody.

The role of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force in the policing of our borders is highly questionable as boat load after boat-load of Haitians sail into our country

with little chance of being caught. What do our RBDF patrol craft do when at sea?

Our fishermen scream they cannot see or find the RBDF when they are needed to protect their interests.

I feel for the Haitians and any others who are found in the political economic situation they find themselves, but we have laws and it is up to the Minister of National Security to totally comply with those laws or, sir, please resign forthwith.

K MINNS
Nassau,
January 4, 2011.

BORCO made Christmas a bit more special

EDITOR, *The Tribune*.

I am an adult and I have resided in Pinder's Point all my life. One week before Christmas, management and staff at BORCO delivered care packages and turkeys throughout my community. It brought back that feeling of what the old days were like.

Without any form of warning or public announcement, BORCO trucks were loaded with goodies, and the staff members were dressed in red uniforms. At a little past 7am on a Saturday morning I heard a knock on my door. It was the BORCO Team bearing gifts and happy holiday wishes.

I wish to thank BORCO's Managing Director, Mr Raymond Jones and his entire staff for making Christmas a bit more special for me and my neighbours this year. More than the celebration of one day, the packages contain items that will last for months. God bless the owners, managers, and staff at BORCO.

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December 27, 2010.

Thank you Bahamas for a wonderful time!

EDITOR, *The Tribune*.

We just returned home to Minnesota from a cruise to your beautiful island. I want to thank you so much for the wonderful experience we had.

We rented a scooter (yes! we are dumb Americans who actually did that) and had an absolutely wonderful time exploring New Providence Island. Everyone on the road was very accommodating and helpful — many laughing at us and several drivers and pedestrians asked us if we were OK — obviously not used to the left side of the road. From the moment we left the ship everyone in the Bahamas that we met and talked to was very friendly, very helpful.

I love your home and hope to return someday.

Lynn Nicks,
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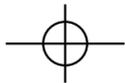
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LOCAL NEWS

Govt nominates biosphere reserves to join UNESCO's world network

SOME areas in the Bahamian national park system have been designated by UNESCO to join the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) as international protected areas and sites of excellence for education and training.

The Bahamas sites will be added to the current 564 sites in 109 countries.

The designated biosphere reserves will be subject to the 2010 Planning and Subdivisions Act, as well as the 2010 Forestry Act.

"We have just completed and enacted a new Planning and Subdivisions Act, a Forestry Act, and an amendment to the Bahamas National Trust Act. Together these three Acts deal with the core of development, preservation, and the representative communities that we see as making up the Bahamas," said Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment.

"I approach conservation and preservation in my country with the view that we can't deal with it in isolation. While our country is big and covers 100,000 square miles of ocean, everywhere we are impacted by human activity. So, we have set aside approximately 700,000 acres of land, under management of the Bahamas National



BONEFISH PARK off Cowpen Road is a perfect example of a local biodiversity site and mangrove estuary in need of international protection. **Genoa Gibbs/BL**

Trust. But, the passing of the Planning and Subdivisions Act is intended to help us shape how we order development and conserve the environment which is at the core of our way of life."

The Planning and Subdivisions Act mandates the creation of land-use plans. The Forestry Act segments the national forestry estate into three categories: protected forests, conservation forests and managed forests.

The biosphere reserves will include reef zones, areas where

deep water borders shallow, inner reef colonies, mangrove estuary zones, and the hard land features called blue holes, which are solution holes that

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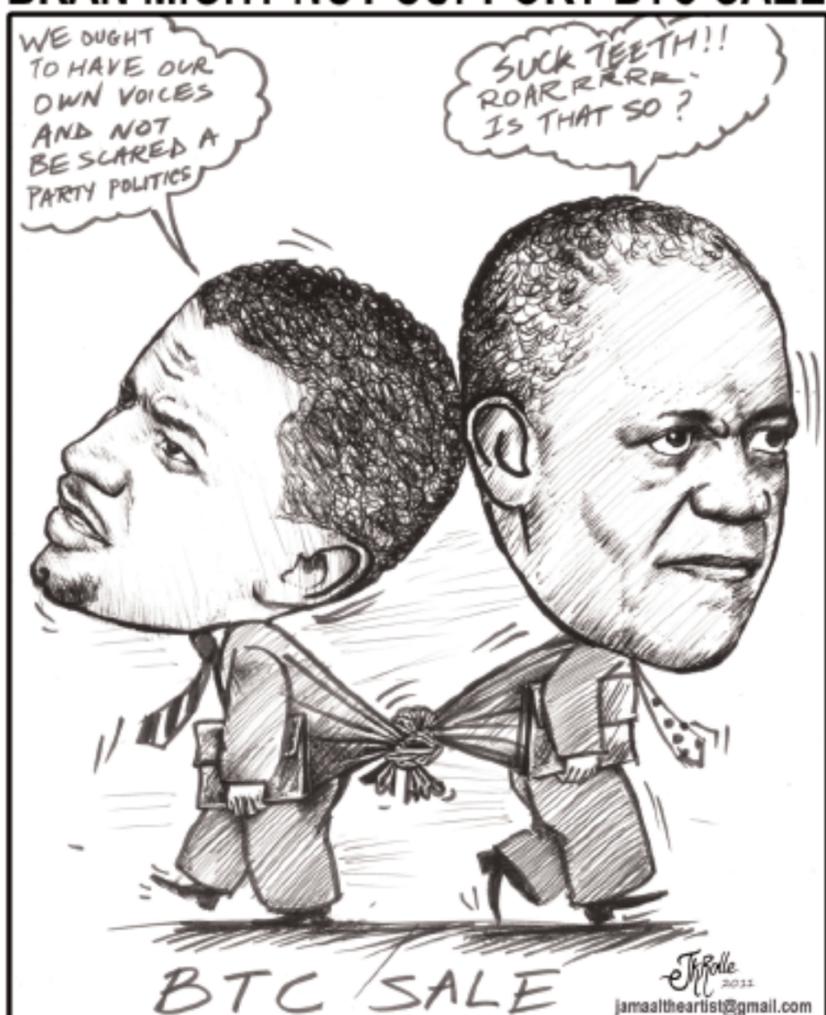
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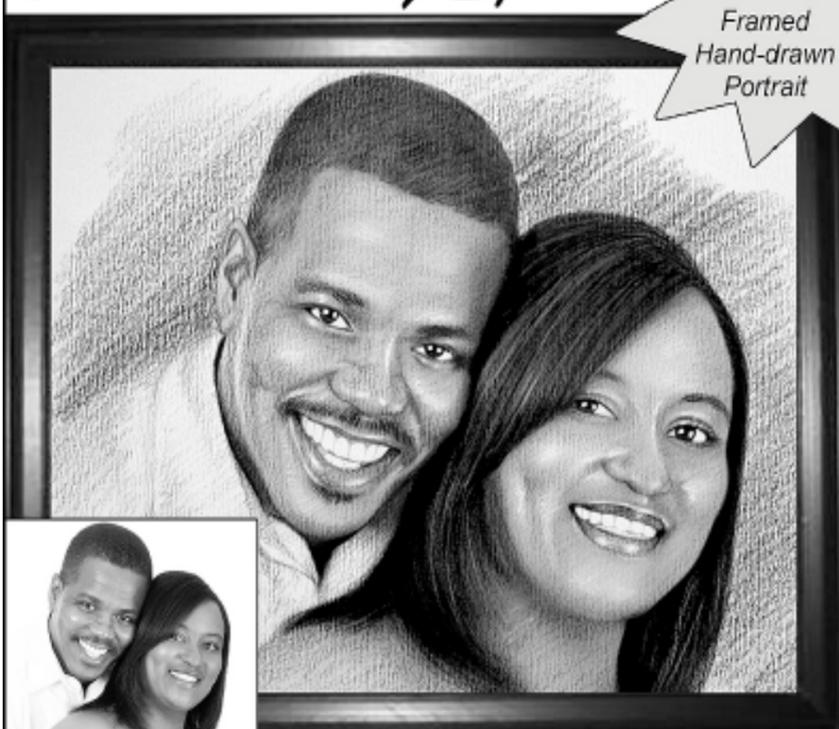
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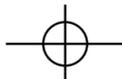
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LOCAL NEWS

Ranfurly Homes for Children get love from Philadelphia

BAHAMIAN musical artists teamed up with the arts community of Philadelphia on January 9 to present a night of entertainment in benefit of the Ranfurly Homes for Children.

The Lang Performing Arts Centre at Swarthmore College was the stage for Love That Child Benefit Concert. More than 700 patrons packed the centre

for the evening of music and dance presentations.

The event was supported by all of the dance studios and schools in the surrounding town of Swarthmore.

Other acts included: Bahamian veteran performer Funky D; Danielle Dean from Chelsea's Choice School for The Performing Arts; and Damian Davis, a

former foster child of the Ranfurly Homes who was graduated from college and now works for Atlantis Resort.

Mr Davis performed his signature song - Love That Child, which he wrote and arranged.

In addition to: Miss Patty's All Star Dance Centre, Cathy Collins School of Dance, 76ers Pre-Pro Dance Team, Wayne Ballet, Orlandi Dance Centre and American Dance Academy, the cast of last summer's teen film *Standing Ovation* was on hand to add their special touch to the show.

Standing Ovation was produced by Kenilworth Films, which has shot two films in Eleuthera.

In 2004, the producers of Kenilworth Films shot the movie, *Three*, starring Billy Zane, Kelly Brooke and Juan Pablo Di Pace and in 2007, they filmed *Mysteris* with James Brolin and Antonio Sabato, Jr.

The Bahamas Film Commission is now discussing future projects with Kenilworth Films.



ORGANISERS and performers of the Love That Child Benefit Concert get together during a rehearsal session. Pictured (from left) are Music Supervisor, Sal Dupree; Bahamian entertainer, Funky D and Bahamas Film Commissioner, Craig Woods.

Cornelius Smith, the Bahamas' Ambassador to the United States, attended the benefit concert.

He was joined by many Bahamians from the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. All proceeds from the concert will go to the Ranfurly Homes for Children.

Scripture Thought

Daniel Chapter 10 verse 1-9

Vision of the Glorious Man

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Beltshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris, I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

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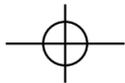
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LOCAL NEWS

Tourism officials welcome TD Canada group to Freeport

By DENISE MAYCOCK
Tribune Freeport
Reporter
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FREEPORT – As part of its focus on the corporate travel market, tourism officials welcomed 300 employees from one of the largest banks in Canada as they arrived at the Grand Bahama International Airport on Tuesday.

Andre Cartwright of the Ministry of Tourism said the visiting group is comprised of staff from TD

Canada Trust, a subsidiary of the TD Bank Financial Group – the second largest bank in Canada and the sixth largest in North America.

Freeport Tourism executive Betty Bethel and Debbie Huyler, manager of tourism services, were on hand to welcome the group.

An official welcome reception was held for the group at 7pm at the Our Lucaya Resort.

Mr Cartwright said the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation is focusing on

attracting large corporate clients to make Grand Bahama the ideal destination for meetings and incentive travel.

He noted that TD Canada Trust is one of the largest corporate entities in Canada. The Toronto Dominion Bank and its subsidiaries throughout North America are collectively known as TD Bank Financial Group, providing service to over 10 million Canadian customers at its 1,100 plus branches and over 2,600 ATMs.

NEW NATIONAL SECURITY PERMANENT SECRETARY PERFORMS FIRST OFFICIAL DUTIES

CARL Smith, permanent secretary in the Ministry of National Security, made a courtesy call on Commander of the Defence Force, Commodore Roderick Bowe, at the Royal Bahamas Defence Force's Coral Harbour Base in one of his first official duties in the post on Friday past.

Mr Smith assumed responsibilities from Missouri Sherman-Peter who had served as permanent secretary within the Ministry of National Security since June 2007.

During his visit at the Defence Force Base, Mr Smith met with the Commodore and was introduced to the members of the executive leadership and management teams.

A luncheon was also hosted for the new permanent secretary where matters of mutual interests were discussed and both parties exchanged pleasantries.



PERMANENT SECRETARY in the Ministry of National Security Carl Smith and Commodore Roderick Bowe during a recent courtesy call at the Defence Force Base. RBDF photo/Petty Officer Jonathan Rolle

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Annette Cash – President
Annette Cash was elected President. Annette is passionate about the Human Resources field and is an advocate for people development. She believes in the maxim that "success is maximum utilization of the abilities you have." Annette serves as Manager, Human Resources & Training at Bank of The Bahamas. Her career spans more than 12 years of HR experience. She holds a Bachelors Degree in English from the University of the West Indies and a Masters Degree in Human Resources Management from the University of Manchester, Manchester England. She is also a trained teacher. Annette is married to Darron B. Cash and they have one son, Jonathan.

Cheryl Bain - Vice President, Programs
Cheryl Bain was elected Vice President, Programs. Ms. Bain attended Bahamas Baptist College and furthered her education at Shaw College, Toronto, Canada. She holds a diploma in Business/Office Administration. Cheryl is also a certified Professional Resume Writer, (ACRW). Ms. Bain's professional career expands over 30 years, having served in senior management capacities at British American Insurance Company and ManuLife Insurance (now Colina Insurance). Ms. Bain is presently employed as Office Manager at the law firm of McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes where she has been employed for the past 15 years.

Marisa Mason-Smith – Vice President, Education
Marisa Mason-Smith was elected Vice President for Education. She is a dynamic motivational trainer and facilitator and strongly believes in developing people. She holds a BSc. in Management and HRM from Florida Atlantic University and a Masters Degree in Human Resources Development from the University of Manchester, Manchester, England. Marisa has represented The Bahamas at several international conferences and seminars. She is also a past president of BHRDA. Marisa currently holds the prestigious national title of 'Boss of The Year' and serves as Manager for Human Resources and Training at the Bahamas Electricity Corporation.

Rachel Rolle – Vice President, Public Relations
Rachel Rolle was elected Vice President, Public Relations. She holds a BBA in Personnel Management from Florida International University and a MSc. in HR Management from Nova Southeastern University in addition to several other certificates. Her career in HR spans over 14 years both, locally and internationally as manager for HR and Training and Development. An experienced trainer and educator she has also taught at several tertiary institutions. Rachel currently serves as Manager, People at the Nassau Airport Development Company. Rachel is a volunteer Literacy Tutor and actor who's known for her roles on stage at the Dundas.

Villemae Black - Vice President Membership
Villemae Black was elected Vice President, Membership. She believes that "people are our most important resources." Villemae has over 20 years of experience in HR. She serves as Assistant Manager, Human Resources at the Bahamas Electricity Corporation. Villemae holds a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Bethune Cookman College. She also holds a Masters Degree in Human Services from Nova University, an MBA from the University of Miami, and a certificate in HR Administration from Florida International University. She has a son.

Chrislyn Benjamin - Secretary
Chrislyn Benjamin was elected Secretary. Chrislyn is Manager of Human Resources at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre and has worked in HR since 1988 in several government ministries. She has a passion for the youth of this nation and serves on the executive team of the I am S.M.A.R.T. Foundation. She holds a Bachelor degree in Business Management, a Master of Science Degree in Human Resource Management from Nova Southeastern University, and a certificate in HR Administration from Florida International University. She is married and has two sons.

Alanna McCartney - Treasurer
Alanna Kathleen McCartney, a consummate professional, brings a fresh perspective to the face of Organizational Development and Human Resource Management within The Bahamas. She earned her Master of Science degree in HR Management from Nova Southeastern University, and an undergraduate degree in Economics and Public Relations from The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Her career in HR began in 1998 as HR Assistant at Commonwealth Brewery Limited. Today she is the Senior Manager, Human Resources at Scotiabank Bahamas Ltd. Alana is married to Mr. Lennox McCartney and they have five children.

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LOCAL NEWS

Nassau-based attorneys invited to international conference

TWO attorneys from the Nassau-based Halsbury Chambers law offices were invited to the International Lawyers Network (ILN) annual regional conference.

ILN's membership is very selective and includes fewer than 100 of the world's top law firms.

Halsbury Chambers is the only Bahamian firm invited into membership of the ILN, with 5,000 lawyers worldwide and only one firm selected per country from smaller jurisdictions.

Samantha Pratt, an investment funds and securities specialist, and partner Nerissa Greene, recently attended the ILN's annual regional conference in Houston, Texas.

"The International Lawyers Network is valuable in facilitating cross-border transactions and dispute resolution in addition to providing a platform for the discussion of subjects that we don't always hear on our own conferences, topics ranging from eco-liability as a result of the Deepwater Gulf oil spill to consequences of personal identification outsourcing," said Ms Greene.

"The conference was more than a good networking opportunity. It was an invaluable experience, reinforcing the need to maintain constant vigil on information. The greatest misconception that people have

about law is that it is firm, strong, unforgiving. The reality is that while the foundation is that rock solid strength, the daily decisions that come down from judgments in ours and other jurisdictions make law a living, breathing body of changing information. It is absolutely critical to keep abreast of the dynamics all the time."

One of the most interesting discussions at the conference revolved around the ongoing responsibility for matters arising from personal identity information, "liability that remains with the principal firm even if that company outsources data collection or other responsibilities involving personal information to an outside company," Ms Pratt said.

Other subjects dovetailed with the work of the ILN's specialised committees – medical device and drug manufacturing, tax law, energy, real estate, sports law, estates and trusts among others.

In 2006, Halsbury Chambers hosted the ILN regional conference; it was the first time it was held in the Bahamas.

SAMANTHA PRATT, left, an investment funds and securities specialist with Halsbury Chambers, and partner **Nerissa Greene** are pictured with International Lawyers Network executive director **Alan Griffiths**.



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SOUTH CAROLINA CELLIST SET FOR TRIO CON BRIO CONCERT

THE Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society (GBPAS) will present the Trio con Brio concert on Saturday, January 22 at the Church of Ascension at 8pm.

"Brio" is Italian for "full of energy, life, enthusiasm", and the GBPAS said the show promises to deliver that and more with the three visiting musicians.

Participating cellist Kenneth Law, who is the Chair of the Performance Department and Associate Professor of Violoncello at the Petrie School of Music of Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina is one of the trio of performers.

"I am excited to perform for the Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society and this will be my first trip to the Bahamas. As a community-minded musician, it is my privilege to help with such a dedicated non-profit organisation."



PARTICIPATING CELLIST: Kenneth Law

is pianist Dr Christy Lee, Assistant Professor at the College of the Bahamas where she teaches piano, theory, and director of the COB Concert Choir.

Mr Law said he is looking forward to performing with Dr Lee, "who has been a friend since college days."

Dr Lee said: "I am eager to return to Freeport to perform again for the Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society. It is exciting to see the growth that is happening in the artistic community in Grand Bahama. This concert should be a great opportunity to hear the unique and appealing combination of

flute, cello and piano." Mr Law and Dr Lee will be accompanied by flutist Christine Gangelhoff, Associate Professor of Music at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau.

"I'm also looking forward to making music with Christine, and what better way to make a new friend, than by playing chamber music," Mr Law said.

In addition to the concert, all three musicians will conduct a master class on Sunday, January 23, also at the church.

Information about the class will be going out in the next few days to music schools and teachers.

Tribune Trivia

Yesterday's Question

Our story names a lot of the places Bahamian Band 'Willis and the Illest' has played at. Can you name five of them?

Yesterday's Answer

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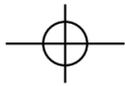
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For further information please call: Ms. Ann Thompson, 393-3726 or 393-2355 or write to clet@bahamasmethodist.org.



LOCAL NEWS

Rotaract Club East Nassau continues support for Haiti



ROTARY NEWS

THE Rotaract Club of East Nassau, a community service organisation comprised of young professionals, continued their support for the earthquake stricken Haiti by recently donating \$500 towards relief efforts for the country's recent cholera outbreak.

The cholera death toll in Haiti is approaching 3,500, while number of those who have become ill with symptoms associated with the disease stands at 140,000.

The club said it has a long history of supporting Haiti prior to the earthquake, having raised money for Haiti's "restevèks", or child slaves, since early 2008.

This latest donation serves as part of the overall Rotary relief efforts in Haiti.

Rotary International, including Interact and Rotaract Clubs, has said it will match a \$100,000 donation pledged by the Order

of Mata to assist Rotarians in Haiti dealing with the cholera outbreak.

A recent study showed that Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs in the Bahamas have raised over \$557,000 in cash, and \$10 million in goods and services for Haiti.

This makes the Bahamas the third largest donor to Rotary International's Haiti fund, behind the United States and Japan.

"This devastating cholera outbreak shows that the after effects of the earth-

IN THIS JAN. 19, 2010 file photo, a U.S. Navy helicopter takes off in front of the National Palace after members of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne, front, landed days after the earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In 2010 crisis has piled upon crisis in Haiti. More than 230,000 are believed to have died in the quake, and more than a million remain homeless. A cholera epidemic broke out in the fall, and in its midst a dysfunctional election was held, its results still unclear. (AP)



quake are still being felt," said Jaime Lewis, international service director for the Rotaract Club of East Nassau.

"While the earthquake is over, Haitians are still being affected every day. Rotarians and other aid groups are giving their all to get the country back on track, and this donation will go a long

way."

The Rotaract Club of East Nassau, sponsored by the Rotary Club of East Nassau and a member of Rotary International, is a community service organisation for young professionals ranging in age from 18 to 30. The club was the 2010 recipient of the District 7020 Rotaract Club of the Year Award.

Rain and mudslides in Brazil kill 140

RIO DE JANEIRO

TORRENTIAL summer rains tore through Rio de Janeiro state's mountains, killing at least 140 people in 24 hours, Brazilian officials said Wednesday. Rescuers using heavy machinery, shovels and bare hands struggled to dig through tons of mud and debris in a search for survivors, according to Associated Press.

In Teresopolis, a town 40 miles (65 kilometers) north of Rio, flash floods tossed cars into trees and mudslides

poured tons of red earth over houses below.

At least 114 died, according to a local Civil Defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to release the information.

She added that 10 inches (26 centimeters) of rain fell on the town during 24 hours.

Survivors waded through waist-high water, carrying what belongings they could, trying to reach higher ground. Floodwaters continued to flow down

the mountains, though rains had stopped.

"I've lived here 25 years and I've never seen anything like it," Teresopolis citizen Manoel Rocha Sobrinho told the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper. "I live on high ground and when I looked below, I only saw a sea of mud. Most people saved themselves by climbing trees."

With the new disasters, nearly 200 people have died since Christmas across the southeastern portions of the country.



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LOCAL NEWS

'Stronger provisions' needed to police Bar Association members

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General John Delaney stated that the new Magistrate's Court on Nassau and South streets should be completed during the early half of this year. The new complex will house all of the Magistrate's Courts in New Providence, with the exception of the Coroner's Court which will remain at Victoria Gardens.

Mr Delaney said a contract for the construction of a second Coroner's Court at Vic-

toria Gardens went to tender last month. "We in the office of the Attorney General have expended tremendous effort to improve our operations relative to the Department of Public Prosecutions in the context of criminal justice, the Department of Legal Affairs in the context of civil justice, and the Law Reform and Legal Commission in the context of reviewing our laws to modernise them and to make progressive reform.

"All departments without exception have undergone a degree of reorganisation," Mr Delaney said.

BTC Chairman denies accusations of conflict of interest

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ters relating to business with BTC and Providence Advisors so there is absolutely no truth to this nonsense at all.

"I certainly am going to have my lawyers look at this because I think it's an attempt to malign my character.

"These are just people who are grasping at straws and if I can demonstrate that they have maligned my character I will pursue them in the courts. They have to be responsible if they are going to try to destroy people's reputations," said Mr Francis.

The character assassination to which he referred stemmed from accusations from Mr Roberts that Mr Francis was somehow profiting from Providence Advisors' handling of BTC's pension fund.

"The October, 2010 report of Providence Advisors Limited shows that as of September 30, 2010 the company

had over \$55 million of BTC's Employment Retirement Pension Plan under their management," claimed Mr Roberts in a statement.

He added that his party has no evidence that Providence got the contract through a bidding process "nor has the PLP seen any evidence of any proper bidding process for this company to assume the management of over \$55 million of the employee pension fund."

Mr Roberts alleged that it was from this contract that Mr Francis benefitted and for which they want an accounting.

Mr Francis told The Tribune he was not involved in contract negotiations for, nor did he profit from the business deal.

While Mr Francis could not say how much of the pension fund PA manages, he told The Tribune that the numbers quoted by the PLP are "hugely inflated."

"I really don't know what the arrangements are

between BTC and Providence Advisors, and by the way Providence is one of three companies which each has an equal responsibility for managing assets of the pension fund. I'm sure they are not paid anything like that, that much I can certainly say but I don't get involved in that directly there is a pension committee that takes care of these sort of things," explained Mr Francis.

The unions representing BTC's workers and the PLP have also accused Mr Francis of facilitating a contract between BTC and local entity Mango - a company in which he says he owns 2.5 per cent of shares - to facilitate the payment of SMS messages electronically.

Both the unions and the PLP allege that Mr Francis instructed BTC's executive management to meet with Mango to secure their services in a partnership regarding SMS messaging.

They also allege that Mango had not participated in the bidding process.

Mr Francis denied these allegations.

He said there is no formal relationship between the two companies and while there have been "discussions" he has not been involved in them.

"I am a small shareholder in Mango, I have about 2.5 per cent interest in Mango but I don't think that Mango has a business relationship with BTC today.

"I believe that there have been discussions between them, I have not been involved in any such discussions, but I am not aware of any business relationship between BTC," he said.

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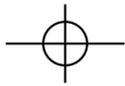
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LOCAL NEWS

New appointments announced at the legal year opening

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has recommended that Senior Justice Longley be appointed to the JLSC. Sir Michael further announced that Magistrate Linda Virgill will be assigned to the Coroner's Court to replace Magistrate William Campbell.

The Chief Justice also announced four Supreme Courts in New Providence and one in Grand Bahama will be dedicated to dealing exclusively with criminal matters.

"I have asked Senior Justice Jon Isaacs to assume a greater role in the administration of the criminal division of the Supreme Court and in the Supreme Court's oversight of the work of the magistracy. Magistrates will be required to provide a monthly report to the Registrar of the Supreme Court in order for the Supreme Court to discharge its supervisory responsibility. Justice Isaacs will review these reports and give recommendations to me," the Chief Justice said.

He further noted that Justice Vera Watkins, Bernard Turner and Roy Jones will preside over the other three criminal courts in New Providence.

"As Chief Justice I will hear some bail applications to increase the time available to other justices who preside over criminal trials," he said.

"With regard to the civil side, the JLSC proposes to

appoint a number of senior lawyers to serve as Acting Justices in the Supreme Court for periods of at least three months," the Chief Justice said.

According to the Chief Justice, those Acting Justices will hear civil matters slated to be heard by Justice Turner. According to the Chief Justice, attorney Milton Evans is among those who has agreed to accept such an appointment, which will come into effect on February 1.

The Chief Justice said it was hoped that when the Magistrate's Court moved from Bank Lane, the space will be utilised by the Supreme Court to deal with matters relative to the family.

The Chief Justice also acknowledged public criticism of the judiciary.

He stated: "We are not unaware of our own failures and the need to reduce the delay in the delivery of our rulings. As judges, however, we read with some degree of concern comments made in the public about the work of the judiciary. I remind the public that as judges we are a part of the society and are painfully aware of the malady in our society and the challenges being faced, particularly the high incidents of crime.

"However, judges are not prosecutors, nor are we a part of the prosecution. Judges are not defence attorneys nor are we a part of their team, we are an impartial and indepen-

dent tribunal. We are the guardian of the rights of every person. We seek to do our jobs to the best of our abilities and with all of our strengths and human weaknesses. We do not seek to be excused from criticism but we do,

however, require that those who criticise ascertain the facts before embarking on such criticism. The administration of justice is a cooperative effort."

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THE Royal Bahamas Police Force Band perform as part of the opening of the new legal year.

Taxi driver on murder charge

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known as "murder victim number three." Remembering her, she said it was because of Denise's sacrifice that she was able to go to medical school.

"She did not do her master's degree, so I could go to medical school," said Dr Adderley.

"She was a best friend. She knew me before I knew myself, and she gave until it hurt.

"Every member of my family knows if you need something done, you call Denise. When you needed children to be picked up from school, you called Denise.

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LOCAL NEWS

Govt nominates biosphere reserves to join UNESCO's world network

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have inter-tidal flows. These environmental features are all subject to protection under the new land Acts and amendments and will now be further protected under the UNESCO biosphere reserve system.

"Between these three Acts, it is our hope that we can identify appropriate representative portions of the Bahamas that would complement this effort by UNESCO and allow us to enrich and practice what we have already done in legislation. I can think of a number of places that qualify as biosphere reserves," said Dr Deveaux.

"Fish colonies and communities, forest communities and human communities co-exist in all of these inter-connected ecosystems, evident in every island in the Bahamas. Some more unique than others, some more distinguished than others, but none more special than the other."

Efforts to gather information that identifies the boundaries of the regional reserves have been completed for presentation to UNESCO's approval process.

"We took a long time because we did not have enough information about our islands and that's what takes the most to set up a biosphere reserve," said Joan Rolle-Robinson, UNESCO consultant.

On January 10, UNESCO stakeholders met with Ministry of the Environment officials to discuss a systems theory



HARROLD AND WILSON POND PARK is another perfect example of a possible biosphere reserve. The national park in the centre of New Providence is home to many native species of birds and fish. *Gena Gibbs/BIS*

approach to conservation, development, and logistic support for appropriate zoning schemes, as well as practices and policies based on research and monitoring.

The partnership is expected to foster sound sustainable development for protected areas and provide corporate social responsibility (CSR) opportunities for direct foreign investment and other enterprises. It will also integrate cultural and biological diversity within traditional ecosystem management.

"Biosphere reserves are more than a conservation tool. It is a regional development tool, so if you have physical planning or land-use planning, then it's how you incorporate this type of strategy into your land-use planning," said Ms Robinson.

Biosphere reserves are nominated by national governments and must meet UNESCO's cri-



LAKE CUNNINGHAM and Lake Killarney are other biosphere reserve candidates, as they are under threat from residential and commercial developments.

teria before admission to the World Network is approved.

First, the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) must complete the nomination form with support letters from the owners and managers of protected lands, as well as local government leaders. Second, the completed nomination package must be forwarded to the national agency for review and recom-



ON JANUARY 10, UNESCO representatives paid a courtesy call on Environment Minister Earl Deveaux to discuss the Bahamas National Trust's recent nomination to have Bahamian national parks declared as international biosphere reserves. Pictured from left to right are Joan Rolle-Robinson, UNESCO consultant; Everton Hannam, UNESCO secretary general for the Caribbean; and Environment Minister, Earl Deveaux. *Kristaan Ingraham/BIS*

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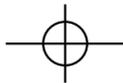
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DOCTORS' EXPANSION WAITS ON ECONOMY



TOP MEDICAL FACILITY: Doctors Hospital.

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the current hospital, and the construction of a water and electricity generation plant.

"We are in the planning stages, but will not start until the economy is back on track," Mr Rassin said. "By the time we get out of this recession, we will be ready to start."

"We want to make sure we're back into stronger levels of patient activity, but want to have the plans ready, so we can say: Let's go. We will have the plans and financial details done, approvals in place, the contract out to bid, and then wait for the economy to get back."

Mr Rassin told Tribune Business that it was impossible, at this stage, to determine how much the expansion would cost, but added that once its local/tourist patient business returned to normal, and its medical tourism plans took off as expected, Doctors Hospital might require another

50-100 staff. "As we get back to normal and put medical tourism on top of that, we will have to put another 10-20 per cent of staff on top of that," Mr Rassin explained. "Right now, we have the beauty of bringing in additional patients without too much cost, so that goes right to the bottom line."

Revenues

Noting that the revenues generated by medical tourism would enable Doctors Hospital to keep its technology up to date, a key factor in maintaining quality patient outcomes and increasing market share, Mr Rassin said of medical tourism: "It gives us a depth we don't have right now."

Doctors Hospital, he added, was assessing how to upgrade its Internet site to become a marketing tool that attracted overseas patients, while the healthcare provider was also looking to see how it

could use social media to aid this goal.

He explained, though, that Doctors Hospital had to remember it was pitching to different demographic markets. While younger persons tended to make more extensive use of the Internet and social media, it was the elderly who were more likely to need medical care.

Mr Rassin told Tribune Business that Doctors Hospital already attracted a significant Caribbean patient market, primarily those who were unable to obtain US visas.

"We already seem to be a destination for that group," he explained.

"We have patients from the Turks & Caicos, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. We don't want to dismiss that market either."

"Canada is another market. The top end of the population, the wealthy, are looking to get faster service, and they can come here for that as well."

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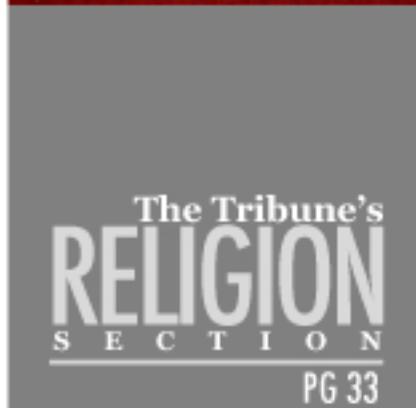
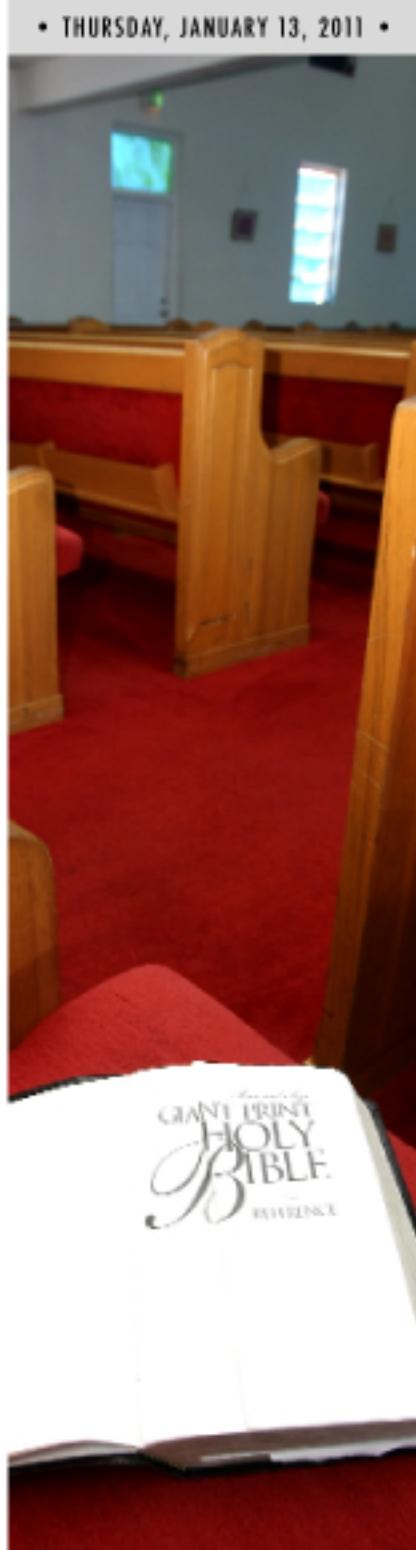
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TOP SHAPE

Adventist professionals are launching the Fresh Start Wellness Seminar on January 17, for those who are making fitness resolutions for the new year.



Walking a healthy 'straight and narrow'

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

WHILE encouraging individuals to seek spiritual wholeness, Seventh Day Adventist health professionals are assisting individuals in walking the straight and narrow when it comes to physical wellness.

Adventist professionals are launching the Fresh Start Wellness Seminar on January 17, for those who are making fitness resolutions for the new year.

The program is designed to help individuals with weight loss efforts, assist individuals in developing healthy eating habits and more importantly it will encourage them to adapt a holistic way of living.

The Fresh Start Wellness Program will operate like any other fitness program. Weigh ins will be conducted, there will be exercise sessions, and cooking sessions.

For the past five years, the group has been the force behind the 8 Weeks of Wellness program which has a proven track record.

Seventh Day Adventist health professionals seek to assist individuals with physical wellness

"The 8 Weeks of Wellness program has had an impact. There was an average weight loss of 10-12 pounds. So we know the program works," said Dr Idamae Hanna organiser of the event.

But instead of the eight weeks the seminar is usually held for, the Fresh Start program will be held within 2 weeks.

Following Through

And although 2 weeks is a short time, Dr Hanna told *Tribune Religion* that participants can expect to see changes as they intend to follow the same steps used in the 8 weeks of Wellness program.

"We are going to take them through a wellness program that will change their lives. We will help them set goals for themselves and we will help them meet their goals. We will set them on a path to a healthy lifestyle," said Dr Idamae Hanna

organiser of the wellness seminar. Dr Hanna said that they hope people become more aware of their health and do whatever it takes to get themselves on the right track.

"This program is about making people aware of their health and helping them manage their weight," she said.

The program is open to person of all denominations. And before thinking twice about getting into the fitness program she said the health benefits is motivation enough to get started.

"A lot of people are developing illnesses. They are experiencing problems with their health and a lot of these issues can be prevented by taking proper care of the body. So joining a program like this can actually save someone's life," she explained.

Dr Hanna said after the program they will have a lifestyle change.

The Fresh Start Wellness Seminar will be held at the Bahamas Medical Association located on 6th Terrace opposite the Centreville Supermarket. It will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening beginning at 6.30pm-8.30pm.

For more information about the seminar contact 328-5658 or visit www.bahamashealthy lifestylecentre.org.

The Parish of St Agnes celebrates its Patronal Festival

THE PUBLIC is cordially invited to share in uplifting services as the members of the St Agnes Anglican Church celebrate their annual Patron Festival.

The week of January 20 to 23 is slated to be a celebration of the feast of St Agnes the patron saint of the parish.

The Venerable Archdeacon I Ranfurly Brown, rector at the St Agnes Anglican church said the celebration goes from the day before the feast day until the following Sunday.

“On the 20th at 7.30 pm there will be a Solemn Evensong, which is a solemn form of evening prayer. Bishop Liash Boyd Sr will be the guest speaker. Also on the following day, the feast of St Agnes, there will be a sung mass at 6 am. We are also having a cultural event in the evening but that is not confirmed as yet,” he said.

Mr Brown explained that the following Sunday at 7 am will be another Sung Mass and sermon lead by Canon Curtis Robinson. There will be a Sung Mass, Procession and sermon which will be lead by Fr Oswald Pinder at 10.30 am. “Just before the church begins we would have a procession around the church,” he said.

Going further on the services, the festival will climax with a service at 3 pm with another Solemn Evensong, Sermon, Outdoor Procession of Witness and Benediction.

“The outdoor procession goes out of the church east on Cockburn Street then south on Market Street, West on Chapel Street and North on Bluehill Road returning to the church.”



Archdeacon I Ranfurly Brown

Crusade 2011

A DISTRESS SOS call, floods the ears and hearts of our Bahamian people as another young male is killed. The murder count soars to nearly 100 for 2010. An all time record, never seen in the history of our nation. Unemployment rises, moral and social decay eats away at the fabric of our society. Financial hardships from a global economic recession, has placed many in the valleys of sickness, despair, depression and hopelessness.

In the wake of all of this, the Church Of God Of Prophecy presents Crusade 2011 under the theme, “I’m Coming Closer to Jesus.” This timely spiritual event paves the way for opportunities of salvation, healing, deliverance and spiritual refreshing from the Lord.

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The right formula for success

THERE are many reasons why many people do not become successful. Many people just don't feel the need to succeed. These are people who are secured; contented and like what's happening to them. But if success means becoming all that God intends for us to be, and we're satisfied with less than that, we not only fall short of God's glory ourselves but we limit what others can be for Him.

The greatest responsibility of leaders is that they do not shortchange themselves, thereby shortchanging those whom they lead. If God has given a gift, we are to use it and succeed, so that we not only enhance the Kingdom from our perspective but from our followers as well.

One reason why people do not succeed is that they are afraid of success. What are some of the reasons why people are afraid of success? Sometimes they back off because they are afraid of the commitment level required. Sometimes they are afraid because success puts pressure on them to continue to succeed.

A person who gets straight A's on a report card sets a pattern of achievement and thus must keep achieving. Often they do not want to be responsible, so they shrink from success.

People who have poor self-images will always shy away from success. Others don't want to be successful because they don't like to be lonely. They would rather be with the crowd; it's lonely at the top. Risk is another



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reason why people don't want to 'stick their necks out'. There are many more reasons, but the main point is that some people are afraid of success.

I have also discovered that many people in the business world and the church are very suspicious of success. It's as if they think that if you want to be successful, you certainly can't be spiritual. Successful people couldn't be humble. We've almost equated humility with poverty.

Yet when I look through the Word of God, I see thousands of successful people who chose to enter into the arena of action and give themselves to a cause that would better humility. They were successful in changing lives for eternity. Think of people like Joseph, Nehemiah, the Apostle Paul, Joshua, David and Abraham. Many of these men despite their problems were successful men.

To fail to become all that God created you to become, limits not only yourself but also those under your influence.

I urge you to begin to look within yourself and begin to unlock your imprisoned potential and become all God ordained you to be.

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People who have poor self-images will always shy away from success. Others don't want to be successful because they don't like to be lonely. They would rather be with the crowd; it's lonely at the top. Risk is another reason why people don't want to 'stick their necks out'.

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MEDITATION

Through it all, God is faithful

By Rev. Angela Palacios

There are times when we are not sure if our life is amounting to much at all. We had been close to the Lord but that seems almost a lifetime ago. We wonder if there is any point in trying to swim against the social tide. The enemy really does know where we are most vulnerable.

Throughout the pages of Holy Scripture, there are reminders that the anointed life will bear fruit at some time for someone. Obedience to God's call is celebrated as a costly but cost-effective response. The blessings of God are unmatched.

When we doubt the value of our best efforts, let us remember that the One who calls also equips, who equips also directs, and who directs also evaluates the effectiveness of the action. God's approval is more related to our faithfulness than to measurable results. Only God can see the whole picture or plan.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of his call to be a prophet in this manner: "...The Lord *called* me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named



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me." (Is. 49: 1). He describes the call of the Suffering Servant as: "...It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Is. 49:6).

When this prophecy is fulfilled in the incarnation (taking on flesh) of Jesus Christ, we hear John the Baptizer, another great prophet, stating: "...I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him" (John 1: 32).

This call is for apostles also: "Paul, *called* to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God..." (1 Cor. 1:1), but the

best news of all is that it is for each one of us as well: "To the church that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, *called* to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours (1 Cor. 1:3)...God is faithful; by him you were *called* into the fellowship of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9)

The next stage is the equipping that takes place in secret and is revealed when the time is right: "He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me, he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away" (Is. 49: 2). The prophet is able to reach a distant target with words which pierce the heart as if with a sword. We all receive grace and spiritual gifts suited to our particular tasks: "...The grace of God has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind...that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also

strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1Cor. 1: 4-8).

In spite of all this, we will experience times of near despair as the prophet Isaiah relates: "...I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God" (Is. 40: 4). God's word still stands, however, "...You are my servant, in whom I will be glorified" (Is. 40: 3). Even if we feel discouraged and despondent that we are not appearing to accomplish our goals for the work of the Lord, it is our faithful obedience to persevere that brings God the highest glory.

This is why we struggle, suffer, trust, believe, obey, rejoice, repent, witness, worship, work for the Lord, to give God glory. The prayer of the church is for us to be a people illumined by God's Word and Sacraments who "shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to ends of the earth" (Anglican Prayer Book).

Through it all, God is faithful.

No Time?

I would like to take this time and say Happy New Year, to you my readers. It has been a blessing to have received your kind words, prayers and encouragement in the past but especially in 2010. Your response has been truly overwhelming. I do not take for granted this platform that God has afforded me to share insights and experiences with you in this section. Thank you for taking the time to read my articles and I hope they continue to bless your lives. I speak God's choice blessings on you and your families in the months ahead.

As I was sitting in the Watch night Service held at our church on New Year's Eve. I promised myself I would do a better job of sharing my faith to others. In my efforts of being a better evangelist I came across a young man, who I see often in my daily travels. I asked him if he goes to church? I must admit his answer took me by surprise. That young man told me: "I don't have time for church." Those were his exact words. At least he was honest right?

I was sharing this same conversation with a dear friend of mine and we began to consider some possibilities. Possibilities such as, what if God didn't have time to wake us up in the morning? Or if He didn't have time to allow our mercies to be new every morning? Or He don't see the need to put His hedge of protection around us, so that we could be shielded from dangers seen and unseen. What if He didn't feel like letting His son Jesus Christ die on Calvary's Cross for our



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sins? What then? Something to think about right?

We take so many things for granted that it is truly a shame. I know that we are not always on "God's Run," but I think the time has come and gone that we really need to reconsider our mindsets and actions. The Bible tells us that it is in God that live, move and have our being. How can we not honour God with our time, talents and resources? We shouldn't be denying the source. If truth be told we only end up hurting ourselves. God could nor would He ever lose.

I don't know of anyone who has lost or been at a disadvantage serving God. I dare the person who has to come forth. I do wonder what would become of us if God was to treat us they way we treat Him? Not to worry, the Bible tells us that His ways are far from our ways. My pastor said in a sermon a few Sundays ago, "Thank God He is not like man, especially like us Bahamians." However, that's another article.

In this brand new year, let's do more or at let's make an effort to realise who God is and all that He does for us. Let's find some way to say thank you Lord for all that you do. Even if that is going to church, saying a kind word, or even a friendly smile. We will be better for it in the long run.

Phi Beta Sigma celebrates 97th Founder's Day



CELEBRATING: Pictured are some of the Phi Beta Sigma members attending Mt Carey Union Baptist Church in Fox Hill where Bro Rev Dr Enoch Backford II is pastor.

ON Sunday January 9, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., celebrated its 97th Founders Day. Phi Beta Sigma is a predominantly African-American fraternity which was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 9, 1914 by three young African-American male students.

The founders: A Langston Taylor, Leonard F Morse, and Charles I Brown, wanted to organise a Greek letter fra-

ternity that would exemplify the ideals of *brotherhood, scholarship, and service*.

Today, The Delta Epsilon Sigma Chapter here in The Bahamas has over 200 members ranging from politicians to doctors. The ideals the founders envision, are lived out in the work and community service projects the brothers of the Delta Epsilon Sigma Chapter continue to undertake.



Prayer and mourning in Haiti a year after quake

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti
Associated Press

The normally traffic-clogged streets of the Haitian capital turned quiet Wednesday as businesses closed and people walked in solemn processions to prayer services marking the anniversary of the worst natural disaster in the nation's history.

Many people wore white, a color associated with mourning in Haiti, and sang hymns as they navigated collapsed buildings and rubble from the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake that left much of Port-au-Prince in ruins. The government increased the estimated death toll to more than 316,000 people, but it did not explain how it arrived at that number.

Evens Lormil joined mourners in a crowd at the Roman Catholic cathedral, its towering spires and vaulted roof now collapsed, waiting for a memorial Mass next to what was once a prominent landmark in a ragged downtown. The 35-year-old driver of the collective taxis known as tap-taps said his wife and two children were in the countryside north of the capital, still too traumatized by the quake to attend the service, or even live in the city.

"I'm here to mourn all the victims," he said before the Mass, which was held in a tent next to the ruined cathedral. "Even though life was bad before the earthquake, it got worse. I am hoping the country can move together and come forward."

Terez Benitot, who sat barefoot outside the Mass because there was no more room inside, said she lost a cousin in the earthquake, her house collapsed and her husband, a mason, has less work than before the quake.

"God blessed me by taking only one of my cousins that day," the 56-year-old woman said. "Our house collapsed but we have health and life."

Crisscrossing the central Champ de

Mars Plaza were prayer groups who thanked God for sparing them from the earthquake, and others who took advantage of the day to promote women's rights, oppose the U.N. force that provides security in Haiti, and other causes.

"It is a grand day for us that we are able to give thanks to God that we are still here," one of the marchers, 54-year-old Acsonne Frederique, said as a preacher exhorted him and others in the cheering crowd to pray. "Others are here to repair our country. We are here to repair our souls."

President Rene Preval and former U.S. President Bill Clinton attended a ceremony to lay the cornerstone for a new National Tax Office, where many workers were killed in one of the blows to the public sector that paralyzed the government following the earthquake.

Dignitaries from around the world are in Haiti to mark the anniversary. But they are also facing skepticism from a Haitian public that expected more progress toward reconstruction.

Aid groups say only about 5 percent of the rubble from the quake has been removed and the capital is strewn with 20 million cubic yards (meters) of collapsed concrete and twisted steel debris, enough to fill dump trucks that would encircle half the globe. At least a million displaced people, including 380,000 children, are still in 1,200 tent-and-shack encampments that sprung up after the quake.

Haitian-American musician Wyclef Jean said many people are still hopeful but there are limits to their patience.

"You see them here, you see their energy, and they are smiling. They have hope, which is faith, but they can only have hope and faith for so long," said Jean as he got into a car in downtown Port-au-Prince, surrounded by workers wearing the blue T-shirts of his Yele Haiti charity. "They are hoping that we at home do not forget them and that we put pressure on the powers that be to start the reconstruction because they want to work."



HAITIAN President Rene Preval, center, Haiti's first lady Elisabeth Debrosse Preval fourth from left, and Haiti Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive, right, carry wreaths for the victims of the Jan. 2010 earthquake during a religious ceremony at the Titanyen mass grave site on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011. The religious ceremony is one of many events planned to mark the one-year anniversary of the Jan. 12th magnitude-7.0 quake that killed more than 220,000 people and left millions homeless. (AP)