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Students' despair over axed loans

College hopefuls left in lurch by 'late announcement'

By **MEGAN REYNOLDS**
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HUNDREDS of college hopefuls planning to attend university have had their dreams shattered by the Government's decision to scrap student loans this year.

Critics have slammed Education Minister Carl Bethel for telling promising students just weeks before they planned to go off to college that they will no longer receive the funding they were

depending on after his announcement on Wednesday.

And the crisis of their situation has been compounded by the recession that has left thousands of Bahamians out of work.

A 24-year-old legal secretary who planned to study law in Newcastle, in the United Kingdom, in September was relying on the Government loan in order to attend.

She had already booked **SEE page 11**

Chamber of Commerce committee to examine the education system

By **ALISON LOWE**
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BECAUSE of its "serious" concerns about the state of education in the country, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce has put together a high level committee to examine how the education system and particularly vocational training opportunities can be developed.

Charging that the decline in the BGCSE and BJC grade averages released on Tuesday are "disappointing but not surprising" BCC President Khaalis Rolle said that improving the

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CONTESTANTS ON TOUR



Tim Aylen

MISS UNIVERSE 2009 contestants are treated to a tour of Government House yesterday led by renowned local historian Dr Gail Saunders. See pages two and five inside and check out tomorrow's Tribune for a special Miss Universe supplement.

Attorneys file summons over ousted Hotel Union president ruling

By **NATARIO MCKENZIE**
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ATTORNEYS for ousted Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union President Nicole Martin have filed a summons seeking to have Supreme Court Justice Jon Isaacs reconsider his recent ruling on the hotel union elections and for a stay in the proceedings pending that reconsideration or appeal, lawyer Damian Gomez said yesterday.

Attorneys and hotel union officials involved in the continuing legal saga over the Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union (BHCAWU) elections met for about two hours in a closed hearing before Justice Isaacs yesterday morning. Following the hearing, attorney Keod Smith, who is representing Kirk Wilson, First Vice President of the union, told reporters that the hearing of the application had been adjourned to Tuesday at 1 pm.

"At that time the court will hear full arguments and make a decision on that date or

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Former PLP chairman calls for consultation on chief justice appointment

By **PAUL G TURNQUEST**
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IN ORDER to advance democracy in the Bahamas, former PLP chairman Raynard Rigby called on Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and PLP Leader Perry Christie to allow for a wider base of consultation when it comes to the appointment of a chief justice to the judiciary.

Noting that the current system allows for the appointment of a chief justice based solely on the discretion of the Prime Minister after consultation with the leader of the Opposition, Mr Rigby said that he thought that in the year 2009, our political leaders would show some "degree of maturity" and allow a broad base



Raynard Rigby

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Gang of 12 puts women through hour of terror



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

THE WOMEN were trapped in the area for an hour.

Pair trapped in water as men threaten to kill them

By **MEGAN REYNOLDS**
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A **PEACEFUL** day at the beach turned into an hour of terror for two Bahamian women when a group of men threatened to kill them.

The victims, aged 22 and 32, were trapped in the water for around an hour as a gang of around 12 men surrounded them on the sand, the rocks, and in the water at a secluded beach on the south side of New Providence, they said.

They had been alone on the beach off Hanna Road, near the junction with Fox Hill Road, when the men arrived in a car at around 1.30pm on Monday.

A group of five pulled up in a car and heckled them, then two approached them in the water.

The women, who did not want to be named, said they were verbally abused and as they walked further down the beach, picking up a conch shell for protection, another two approached.

"They said they would wait for us in the bushes. When we asked them to leave us alone they just swore at us," said one of the women.

"Then I looked up and there were around

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PACKED DAY OF ACTIVITIES FOR MISS UNIVERSE CONTESTANTS

TOUR OF BEAUTY

PHOTOS: Chester Robards/Tribune staff

By CARA BRENNEN-BETHEL
Tribune Features Editor

FROM cigar rolling to tea with Governor-General Arthur Hanna, yesterday was packed with activities for the contestants participating in the 2009 Miss Universe beauty pageant.

After touring the country's premiere art gallery, the National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, the contestants were whisked away to the historic Graycliff restaurant and hotel where they were treated to a special lunch of sweet potato soup, fresh beet with goat cheese, figs, homemade vinaigrette dressing and salmon with Mediterranean sauce. The contestants declared the meal "delicious."

Following lunch, the girls were given a tour of the world famous cigar factory at the resort and were treated to a hands-on seminar on how cigars are rolled.

Graycliff owner Enrico Garzaroli told *The Tribune* it was a pleasure to host the ladies.

He said his restaurant has served presidents, royalty and dignitaries from all over the world so it was only fitting that it cater to the 55 beauty queens – whom he said were "more nice looking than the Queen of England."

Mr Garzaroli added that the cigar rolling was a huge hit with the ladies, and that many of them took a special cigar with them as a souvenir. Then it was off to Government House, where the red carpet was rolled out for the contestants, beginning with an informative tour of the property.

Governor General Arthur Hanna, Social Services Minister Loretta Butler-Turner, other parliamentarians and their spouses and Dame Marguerite Pindling joined the contestants in the ballroom of Government House for a tea party.

Paula Shugart, president of the Miss Universe Organisation, noted how exciting it was for pageant organisers and contestants to be hosted so graciously at the home of someone who can truly be called "one of the founding fathers of his country" and



MISS COSTA RICA Jessica Umana and Tribune Business Reporter Chester Robards.

expressed appreciation for the warm welcome offered by the Bahamian people.

The governor general joked that it was every man's desire and delight to be surrounded by beautiful women. He said he was indeed a lucky man yesterday.

He described the lunch as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and said it was an "intoxicating and delightful experience."

"On behalf of Bahamians everywhere, I thank you for choosing the Bahamas. By your choice of venue, you are affording us the opportunity to showcase our nation to millions around the world. The Bahamas will indeed gain incalculable exposure as it is prominently featured during the month."

He also wished Dayana Mendoza, the outgoing Miss Universe, the very best in the future. The afternoon included entertainment by the National Children's Choir and the Royal Bahamas Police Force Marching Band.



MISS COLOMBIA Michelle Rouillard shows off an outfit designed by her friend and image co-ordinator Diego Guarnizo, a fashion designer and a member of the Colombian National Beauty Pageant Organisation.



MISS MEXICO Karla Carrillo and Miss Guatemala Lourdes Figueroa greet the press



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MISS UNIVERSE Dayana Mendoza meets Governor General Arthur Hanna



MISS ITALY Laura Valenti with her spoils.

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LOCAL NEWS

THE 10-YEAR 2009 EDUCATION PLAN OF JULY 6, 2009

Original intent of education plan is unclear

By Ralph J Massey
Economist and Consultant

AFTER a careful reading, it is not clear exactly what was the original intent of the 65-page 10-year Education plan presented to the 2009 Education summit on July 6th.

It was 13 months in the making; but it was marked DRAFT; and according to the text it was a listing of Ministerial "hopes...a document for use by the general public" and not a "technical document."

One can only conclude that this makes it either a very expensive Public Relations release or an array of 309 objectives that are the intended starting points in negotiations for funding.

The document tried to put the Ministry into a positive historical perspective. It referred to the Government's 1972 White Paper on Education that stated the country's objective: "An education...which is of the right kind and sufficient both in quantity and quality to meet the intellectual, moral, emotional and physical need of all."

As noted by the Prime Minister in his closing comments,

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the country achieved the quantity objective but this has been a hollow achievement. In fact, when it comes to education "quality", the Public School system "failed to educate"; far too many students failed; and as job candidates too many were not qualified for the job openings created by the Government's development policies.

According to the joint European Union/Bahamian Government Plan of December 2008, business has had to fill new positions at all levels in the economy with imported labour. This is the "Skills Gap."

What went wrong?

The DRAFT Plan proudly recounts its achievements: "From Slate to Interactive Whiteboard"; from the mini chalk boards used in the typical primary school of the 1950s to the whiteboards of today. There was —

• The primary and secondary school building of the 1960s and

70s,

• The College of the Bahamas,
• The Bahamas Hotel Training College,

• The Bahamas Vocational Training Institute,
• The South Andros Training Centre,

• The Bahamas General Certificate of Education (BGCSE),
• The Rigby Reads diagnostic testing,

• The School for the Mentally Retarded,

• The Centre for the Deaf,
• The PACE programme for

teen mothers,
• The summer Extended Learning Programme,

• Programme SURE,
• The Autistic Unit, etc.

Despite such efforts, why do the Public School leavers score so poorly on their BGCSE exams and fail to receive diplomas on such a large scale? Why do only 18 per cent of public school leavers pass the BGCSE

mathematics exam? Why is there a **Skills Gap**?

The answer is complex as pointed out in "The Learning Crisis Essay" that is now in its second printing.

In short, it is a failure in parenting that is so important in the first four years of life, a culture that does not prize discipline, learning and hard work, and a hidden critical skills shortage in the public teaching corps of the country.

The Department of Education is trying to do all the tasks that Public Education tries to do everywhere in the "socially progressive world" without the necessary talent and determination to do them well.

The chief defect in the 10-Year 2009 Education Plan of July 6, 2009 is that it does not analyze the Learning Crisis, identify the fundamentals, set its priorities and address them with concrete starting points.

Such an approach would be the start of a slow and agonizing process that could take up to two decades to finish.

To start such an effort is absolutely necessary even in the present financial crisis; the country must demonstrate to itself and the world that it can do the basics well.

PM goes on vacation



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PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham and his wife Delores left Nassau on August 6 for their annual holiday. They are to return on August 18. They were seen off on Wednesday afternoon by Cabinet Secretary Anita Bernard and Police Commissioner Reginald Ferguson.

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham left Nassau on Wednesday for two weeks vacation leave. He will return on August 19.

During the Prime Minister's absence Education Minister Carl Bethel will act as Prime Minister from August 5 to August 9, and Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette will act from August 10 to August 18.

Minister of State Zhivargo Laing will act as Minister of Finance from August 5 to August 18.

DUNDAS CENTRE: PREMIERE OF 'FRESH'

Social commentary in Bahamian movie

THE premiere of the all-Bahamian movie "Fresh" is set to prick at the social conscience when it premieres at the Dundas Centre tonight.

The movie is a first for writer and director Clarence Rolle, who has been on the theatre scene for several years. Most recently he wrote and directed the stage plays "The Web Shop Horror" and "The Rally."

"I was very enthusiastic about doing a movie," Mr Rolle said.

"Film is enduring and it is gratifying to know that you played a major part in creating something that will live on for ages, exactly as you made it."

"Fresh" follows a contemporary Bahamian family during challenging economic and social times. Solomon, the father of the family, returns from prison as a better man. When he finds his wife struggling financially and his son running on the wrong side of the law, he works to put his family back on track.

"There is so much packed into this

movie," Mr Rolle said. "We deal with themes of material greed, financial responsibility, guidance of younger generations and more. We really wanted to do something that was relevant for our times, when many people have been put out of work or are facing that possibility. So, in an entertaining way, the movie even slips in helpful hints for how we can stay afloat during tough financial times."

Superb

Mr Rolle said "Fresh" features superb acting from an ensemble cast. Leading the way are Gene Cage and D'Adra Smith-Owen, as the heads of the family. Their son, Ram, is played by Terran Brown, whose sister Renell, recently starred in the Maria Govan movie "Rain".

The movie also features an original score by noted Bahamian musician and composer Christian Justilien. An original rap was also done by lead actor Gene Cage, who

performs under the moniker LC. Craig Lenihan of Vision Pictures worked on the movie as director of photography.

"Audiences should be really pleased with what we were able to do as a group of first time Bahamian movie makers. The movie suits its title and definitely has a 'fresh' look and feel to it," Mr Lenihan said.

"With a very small budget we were able to give it a polished and professional appearance working with a limited amount of equipment. It's easy to get caught up in the story and lose yourself in the world of the characters for those 40 minutes. The premiere will definitely be special. It's a must attend event," he said.

The showing of the movie will be followed by a discussion with the audience on the film's themes. Community leaders such as law enforcement officials, financial experts, youth leaders and the cast of "Fresh" will lead the talks. "Fresh" is rated A, which means it is suitable for all ages. The movie starts at 7pm.

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Bahamians speak out on BGCSE grades, student loans

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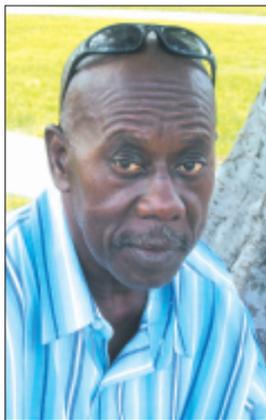
MINISTER of Education Carl Bethel this week announced the results of the BGCSE examinations, and unfortunately the national grade average has dropped from last year's 'D+' to a 'D'.

However, the bad news does not end there, the minister also announced that due to nearly \$70 million in defaulted student loans, government's Educational Guaranteed Loan Programme has been suspended. *The Tribune* hit the streets yesterday to get the views and opinions of the Bahamian people on these matters.

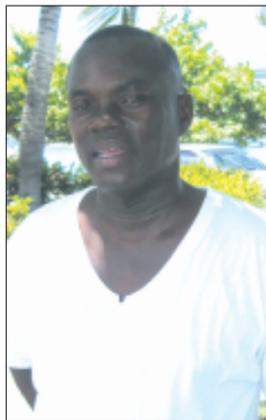
takes money (from the government) and doesn't pay it back shouldn't get any money given to them. In any institution, whether it's a personal business or not, if they lend you money and you don't pay it back then you should know better than to go back and ask for money. The fact that no one is paying back the loans also discourages someone from lending anyone else money.

"With the national average issue, I remember when I was in school you had to be recommended to take certain subjects, nowadays everybody takes it automatically. You have children taking the BGCSE whose average is 0.00 and they are still taking (the exams), so what do you expect the GPA to be? I think that kids should be recommended for certain subjects, but if you are automatically allowed to take it, it hurts the system."

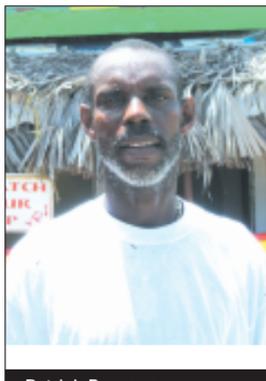
"You have to look at it two ways, if the government suspends the Educational Guaranteed Loan Programme I think it would be narrow-minded, because if someone fails it, doesn't mean that someone else will. You have to give everyone a fair chance. Now if you raise the level, then if you don't make the grade you don't go, but you don't just suspend it. But I also think that if you go off to school and government is paying your way, I



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Eudie Rolle

think that it is only right that you come back and do about five or six years here. And I think they (should) make it mandatory, so if you sign the contract that it's an obligation that you come back in the country and give the government back their dues. Money and loans are supposed to be paid back, either physically or mentally."

Eudie Rolle
"Whoever is dealing with

the money they are doing a bad job managing it, that's all.

"I feel bad about it, I think they should expand it, not suspend it.

"As far as the children go, the children aren't learning anything because they are allowed to have phones in school, and instead of tending to their lesson they tend to the phone.

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Left to cherish her memories are her : 3 sons: Sherwin, Sammy & Kevin; 2 daughters: Carolyn Robinson & Karen Ferguson; grandchildren, Allison, Cheran, Anya, Jamaal, Stafford, Khambal, Tica, Raylee, Lisa, Samantha, Anthony A.J., Eric, Sammy Jr., Joshua, Devente, Lamar And Omar; greatgrandchildren, Theo, Marvin, Jayden, Tashae, Machaai, Dre, Kevendra, Kevisha And Kellisha; sisters, Viola Rolle, Estermae Butler, Beverly Nairn, Edna Davis and Aladice Richards; sons-in-law, Anthony & Junior; daughters-in-law, Lorese, Marina & Erica; nephews, Charles, Basil, Darren, Ivan, Detective Corporal 1232 Carlton Butler; Pheron, Ian, Don, Jeffrey, Steven and Dion; neices, Erma, Willimae, Jennifer, Sheila, Myrtle, Brenda, Sandra, Monique, Dwan, Anishka, Carla, Carmen, Keva, Kendra, Sylvia, Dorothy, Princess and Terry; brothers-in-law, Cardinal Stubbs, Prince Davis, Delroy Richards, and Garnet Nairn; sisters-in-law, Annette Butler, Naomi, Patricia And Leannah Stubbs And Marilyn Johnson. Numerous Relatives And Friends Including: Agnes Moxey, Elizabeth Strachan, Violet Brown, Agnes Mackey, Roland Ferguson & Family, Regi Knowles & Family, Inez Sands, Mildred Bethel And Family, Joey Burrows & Family, The Entire Richards, Rolle, Whyly, Miller, Butler & Sands Families of Green Castle Eleuthera, The Sweeting Family of Deep Creek Eleuthera, Helen Fritz, Mary Rolle, The Miller, Hepburn, Nairn, Johnson, and Warren Families of Raynel Drive, Bamboo Town, Nurse Helen Adderley, Nurse Rolle and The Community Nursing Team, From South Beach Clinic, Sister Marilyn Rolle and Team from Zion South Beach Baptist Church. May She Rest In Peach

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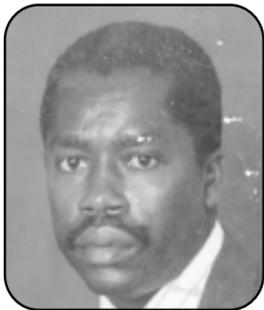
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Funeral Service for the late

Retired Police Constable 943 Thaddeus Rolle, 56



a resident of Louis and Comfort Street and formerly of Kemps Bay South Andros will be held on Sunday August 9th, 2009, 2pm at the Grant's Town Seventh Day Adventist Church, Wellington Street. Officiating will be Pastor Danny Clarke assisted by other ministers of The Gospel and interment will follow in the Southern Cemetery Cowpen and Spikenard Roads. Services entrusted to Gateway Memorial Funeral Chapel Mount Royal Avenue and Kenwood Streets.

Left to cherish his memories are his **daughter**, Thadia Rolle; **mother**, Lucille Rolle; **five brothers**, Reuben, Eldridge, Kenneth, Roscoe, and Eric Rolle; **9 aunts**, Ruth Smith, Mary, Marcelena, and Edna Rolle, Eulase, Colette, Francita and Sybil Forbes also Gertrude Rodgers; **1 uncle**, Bursil Rolle; **nine nephews**, Reuben Jr., Ronald, Theo, Eli, David, Mon, Danny, Shamar, Nathan, Derron and Elvis Rolle; **12 nieces**, Tara Davis, Sophia, Shanta, Denise, Rubyann, Janet, Bridgette, Rose, Joyce, Joanne, Regina, and Kathy Rolle, **cousins** including, Monalee and Johnny, Etienne, Ellen and George Rodgers, Admiral Sydney, Rodman, David, Randy, Dale and Terry Forbes, Joyce Moxey, Dillis and Louise Forbes, Nelson, Edward and Myrtle Rolle, Lucy Taylor, Edith Evans, Roland, John, William and Betram Smith, Gary, Jeffery and Leslie Rolle, Jennifer, Sherry and Vernita, Emmerson Adderley, Eleanor and Darlene Greene, Betty Rolle, Yvonne Armbrister, Petrol, and Coralee Munroe, Alexander, Patrick and Edith Forbes, Hazel Johnson, Amos Rahming, James Bodie, Leroy Stubbs, Flordell Pratt, Florimae, Ethel, Donna Humes and Eula Rahming, Relcina, Rosetta and Ethel Forbes, Haywood and Ben, Welton Forbes, Norwood Rahming Hazel Cleare, Charles Miller, Mina and Jane of New York and a host of **other relatives and friends including** Inspector Floyd Bastian of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, Officer in Charge of The Grand Bahama Fire Department, Lorraine and Norman Bastian, Eleanor Moss and family, Stafford Armbrister, P. J. Adderley, Francina Saunders and family, Mr. Jeffery Deleveaux, Superintendent and Director of the Fire Services of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, Former Commissioner of Police Mr. Paul Farquharson, Superintendent Alexander Roberts in charge of West End, Grand Bahama, Retired Superintendent Robert Pinder, Retired Corporal 1119 Ingraham, Inspector Knowles of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, also ASP Evans and Inspector Hanna, Constable 320 Pratt, 922 Hanna, 1096 Smith and the Entire Fire Services. Also Members of the maintenance staff at the Police Headquarters, the entire community of Sunlight village including; Gilbert, Pierre and Geneva Dorsette, the entire community of Smith's Hill and Kemp's Bay South Andros.

Friends may pay their last respects at the funeral home on Saturday from 10am to 6pm and on Sunday from 9:30am to 12 noon and from 12:30 to service time at the church.

Quincy Cartwright, 30



a resident of Malcolm Road East will be held on Saturday August 8th 2009 11am at the World Outreach Christian Center, Charles Saunders Highway. Officiating will be Apostle David S. Butler assisted by other ministers of The Gospel and interment will follow in the Southern Cemetery Cowpen and Spikenard Roads. Services entrusted to Gateway Memorial Funeral Chapel Mount Royal Avenue and Kenwood Streets.

Treasured and will linger in the hearts of his **mother**, Renee Lindo of Dania Florida; **father**, Herbert Cartwright; **stepfather**, Norman Lindo of Dania Florida, stepmother, Corene Cartwright; **grandparents**, Lennox and Bessie Cartwright; **sister and brother Esther**, and Owen Cartwright; **aunts**, Kelsene Johnson, Maria Wilson, Dianne Munrow, Helena, Shelia, Mikayla, Susan and Andrea Cartwright and Therisa Higgs; **uncles**, Anthony Wilson, Roy Munrow, Frank, Maxwell, Leviticus, Kenneth, Robert, Albert, Clifford and Preston Cartwright, Cousins Stanton and Patrice Richie, Racquel Major, Acquilla Rolle, Natoria, Rio, Breon and Deneco Wilson, **numerous relatives and friends including** special friend Delecia Rolle and family, Dremeico Culmer, Emily Smith and family, Denise Rolle and family, Daisy Sears and family, Naomi Johnson and family, Charlott McIntosh and family, Godfather Murray Bain, Godmother Jennifer Ward and family Elizabeth Stubbs and family, Neil Hamilton and family, Staff of East Villa Restaurant and Temple Christian High School.

Friends may pay their last respects at the funeral home on Friday from 12 noon to 6pm and on Saturday from 9:30am to service time at the church.



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Left to cherish this gem's memories are her **children**, Christopher, Alphonso, Rev Burton Sr, Shedrach and Gary Johnson, Margaret 'China' Ferguson, Gloria Gibson, Gladys Maudina (deceased) and Lillian Lightbourn; **one brother**, Ellis Whyms of Staniard Creek, Andros; **two sisters-in-law**, Naomi Whyms of Staniard Creek, Andros and Ida Johnson; **two sons-in-law**, Andrew Ferguson and Fredrick Lightbourn; **five daughters-in-law**, Edna, Patsy, Sharon and Tomasena Johnson; **grandchildren**, Lyndon (Rochelle), Ricardo (Michelle), Kirklyn, Chadrick (Elisha), Garfield, Dwayne (Glenda), Sigmond, Francisco, Darron, Burton Jr. (Tavia), Shakeno (Darline), Shantano, De' Angelo, Michael, Joseph, and Marcellas Johnson, Seabury and Seron Ferguson, Shelly Jackson, Shamica (Delvon) Dumcombe, Shadina Bastian (Derick), Tonia and Tienielle Lightbourn, Latina (Raymond) Rolle, Shenika, Shonnel, Barbara, Roberta, Jasmine, Sheddina, Trace'e and Stacey Johnson, Sophia and Sonia Gibson, Altamese Bain; **great grandchildren**, Tanaz, Nishkah, Jahlil, Amber, Asher, Cadesha, Aaliyah, Deion, Alicia, David, Alliare, Prince, Domichio, Shonae, Dario, Derrinique, Shaniah, Jarius, Tyla, Joshua, De' Antae, Raphae-enne, Catre, Seabury Jr., Janeel, Tenaj, Trey, Chynia, Cerria, Travis and Roman. **nephews & nieces**, Leo Sr., Dwight and Carl Watkins Jr., Dodrck Bain, Leo, Rudy, Lyndon, Garland and Darren Whyms, Ivan, Thomas, Leslie, Paul, David and Blaze Johnson, Stafford and Bismack Coakley, Linda Evans, Carmetta and Carlotta Watkins, Jacqueline Johnson, Valeria Rolle, Princess Hanfield, Minlee Williams, Princess Farrington, Helena Cooper, Sharlene and Judy Whyms, Michelle Stubbs and Stephanile Hepburn, Sybil Strachan, Flora Hanna, Agnes Burnside, Judy Chase, Urshula and Cathrine Coakley, Verna Elcock, Mary Brown, Antoinette Cooke, Jackie Silva, Pauline Outten, Shirley Gay, Ruth Johnson, Doris Adderley, Lenamae Adams, Beryl Love and Anna Edgar; **a host of other relatives and friends including**: Nurse Glendina Minus, Nurse Phillipa Farquharson, Mrs. Garnell Gray and Bethel Baptist Church Family, Dr. Greta Eneas Carey, Dr. Loxley Munroe, Basil Johnson, Renae Symonette, Ludell 'Tiny' Ferguson, Ronnie Griffin, Lucile Williams, Ophelia Munnings and Family, Sheila Wilson, Karen Cox, Hosea and Freddie Deveaux of Fort Lauderdale, Martha Walker of Dania Beach Florida, Palma White, The communities of Staniard Creek, Fresh Creek and Lincoln Boulevard, the priests and members of St. Barnabas Church, Pastor and members of Who So Ever Will Church of God and many others too numerous to mention.

Viewing will be held in the Serenity Suite at **Restview Memorial Mortuary Robinson and Soldier Roads** on Friday from 10:00am to 6:00pm and on Saturday from 10:00am to 12 noon at the church from 12:30pm to service time.

DEATH NOTICE

Ivy Veronica Turnquest, 64



Turnquest; **sisters**; Adina Gallagher, Ethlyn Stuart, Ingrid Culmer, Ann Culmer and Mavis Forbes; **brothers**, Dr. Leslie Culmer, Dr. Kirkland Culmer, Sanford Lowell, RH Jr, Stuart, Kirk Addison Culmer, Russell Franks; **numerous nieces and nephews and close friends including**, the entire management and staff of Restview Memorial Mortuary and Crematorium Ltd. Both Nassau, Bahamas and Freeport, Grand Bahama.

Funeral Announcement will be announced at a later date.



THE WOMEN were on the beach off Hanna Road, near the junction with Fox Hill Road.

Gang of 12 puts women through hour of terror

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12 of them running in the water in their jeans and shoes, screaming 'We are going to get you, we are coming for you' and I just got so scared."

The 32-year-old took her cell phone from the bag she was carrying and threatened to call the police.

But the gang of thugs were undeterred.

One asked the women for a cigarette, which she gave him, and when the group still did not back off, the 32-year-old said she was going to take a picture of them with her camera phone.

She said: "We begged them to leave us alone six or seven times. We were so traumatised and scared."

"They said they were going to kill us. They said they were going to carry us in the bush."

"I thought we were going to be raped and killed."

"One of them said he was in a gang with the Haitians and he was going to kill us, because that's what they do, is kill people."

"And they were surrounding us, on the rocks, on the beach, in the water. It was just scary."

The women said they were trapped for around an hour before the men left. They then waited in the sea for another 45 minutes before they felt safe enough to go back to their car and drive home.

They had enjoyed a day at the beach near the Blue Water Cays development the previous weekend when they had mingled with a friendly group having a cook-out.

But now they want to warn others visiting the isolated spot to be vigilant.

The 32-year-old said: "I didn't report it to the police after it happened because I just wanted to go home and recover, I was so traumatised, and I didn't think they would be able to do anything about it."

"But I want other people to be aware of it so it doesn't happen to anybody else because I have never been so scared in my life."

Former PLP chairman calls for consultation on chief justice appointment

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consultation by members in civil society — at the very minimum by members of the Bar Association

"For too long we have had judges come sit on our bench without any input from our Bar, without any input from lawyers, and even without any input from the wider Bahamian community. That certainly is wrong and does not serve our democracy well, particularly in light of the fact that the judiciary is one of the most important pillars in our constitutional democracy," he said.

Asked whether or not the Bahamas should adopt some form of public fettering process as seen in the case of Justice Sonia Sotomayor in the United States, Mr Rigby said that there is clearly some value in the Bahamas embracing a similar system.

"Clearly there is value in that kind of process where either the nominee comes before, whether it is the House of Assembly, or a committee of the House of Assembly or whether it is a committee of the Senate or a committee of both the Senate and the House of Assembly. There is certainly a merit in that kind of process."

"But the point is this, in order to advance a democracy one can be a strict constitutionalist and say that because the power is solely vested in the PM that he ought to make the appointment. I am suggesting that mature leadership, recognizing the importance of the further development and the evolution of ones democracy requires leaders to sometimes recognize that the power is truly invested in the hands of the people."

"And in this regard if we say that the court system is at the centre of the strength of our democracy, then clearly by now we ought to come to a position where there is at least some broad based consultation on the potential appointments rather than a judge being appointed at midnight and then showing up on the court and nobody knows it until you appear before the court. That is wrong," he said.

As a wider issue, Mr Rigby said that under today's system of selection the public essentially does not get an opportunity to know anything about a judge's temperament, their intellect, or what their private bar experience is. In contrast, he said, the uproar that was expressed over the appointment of Rubie Nottage to the bench should be used as an example where at the very minimum the Bar Association should be allowed to make some observations as to the suitability of a nominee.

Also, with what is expected to be two additional appointments to the judiciary, Mr Rigby said one has to wonder how persons are even elevated to the degree that they are first considered then chosen for appointment.

"We know the purpose of the judicial and legal service commission, but when one looks at what has been happening post 2007 with the new appointment of judges on the supreme court and the court of appeal, it gives an obvious impression that there is an attempt to allow for the politicization of the court system."

"And that is a dangerous, dangerous, dangerous road that we are travelling on. We ought to be looking for those Bahamians, or if we say foreigners, who are qualified who bring a degree of competence and intellect to the bench; who understand the customs of our society and therefore who brings that knowledge and their experience to the bench so that justice can be seen to be done."

"And I am not satisfied given almost 15 years that I have been at the Bar that we are at the state where we can truly say that we have a bench which truly reflects the norms, the standards, and the values of our country. And I would think, that given the critical crisis that we are in, that we can't seem to get those who are accused of serious crimes to have their matters heard and determined in a reasonable period that we ought to at least as a country be very concerned about the manner in which judges are being appointed to our court system," he said.

SPORTS



Men's national volleyball team switches two players

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THE Bahamas Volleyball Federation has switched two veteran players with two younger ones on the men's national team heading to the NORCECA 2010 World Qualifying Tournament.

The team will be heading to Havana, Cuba on Tuesday and will be playing out of Pool H against Cuba, Canada and Suriname through August 16.

The team, managed by Jermaine Adderley, earned the rights to travel to Cuba after they finished as runners-up in the second round in Santo Domingo in June.

Making up the team heading to Cuba are Glen Rolle, Renaldo Knowles, Arison Wilson, Muller Petit, Tony Simon, Prince Wilson, Jamaal Ferguson, Byron Ferguson, Ian Pinder, Javari Southard, Romel Lightbourne and Shedrick Forbes.

Southard replaces setter Audril Farquharson and Arison Wilson will be travelling in place of Maurice 'Cheeks' Smith.

"I think it's a very strong team and I feel they have the capability of making the next round, which is in Italy next year," Adderley said. "It's just up to them to go out there and execute."

Adderley said it's going to be a challenge for the team.

"It's going to be very high," he said. "But I really think that with the team that we have, we should be able to perform very well. I'm really excited about the team and the opportunity that they have to compete at this level."

Pinder, one of the players looking to make an impact on the team, said they have just implemented some new strategies to use and they hope to have them down to perfection before they leave.

"It's a little difficult now, but we're starting to see what the coach is trying to tell us and we're trying to get it down pat," Pinder said.

"It gives us plenty options where



Men's national volleyball team

Team gets set to head to NORCECA World Qualifiers

the only player who probably won't be attacking will be the libero. But it's a nice solid offence."

If they can execute the plan, Pinder said he's confident that the team can enjoy the same type of success

as they did in Santo Domingo, even though the competition will be a lot stiffer.

"We can't go there and fold up because the players are taller and hitting harder than we are," Pinder said. "We have to swing back and be ready to play."

Without sufficient time to experiment when the tournament starts, Pinder said it was going to be vital for whoever steps on the court to

get into the flow of things right away.

"We just can't wait for one person to get going," he said. "We have a bench full of potential players, so we just have to utilise everybody and hope that they are all ready whenever they are called upon."

The Bahamas will open play against Canada on August 14, followed by Cuba on August 15 and Suriname on August 16.

Jr Boys still winless at Caribbean Junior Volleyball Championships

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WHILE the girls have a chance to play in the playoffs, the boys have virtually been eliminated from the post-season play in the Seventh Caribbean Junior Volleyball Championships.

On Wednesday at Baie-Mahault in Guatemala, the girls dropped their first game in three straight sets to Trinidad & Tobago, 25-19, 25-23 and 25-13.

They were 2-1 going into their last game in the round robin against Guadeloupe

yesterday in a match that will determine whether or not they play in the gold medal game or the bronze medal game.

Meanwhile, the boys' team is still winless, having lost their third straight game to Trinidad & Tobago, 25-19, 25-22 and 26-24.

But despite going into their final game against Barbados today with a 0-3 record, head coach DeVince Smith said the players were starting to come around.

"I think our lack of play and the fact that this is the first time these guys are playing at the international level

has contributed to their performance," Smith said.

"I don't have any player returning from the last team. So it's an entirely new team. But every game they played, they got better and better. So I think they still put up a good show, but they just fell short-handed."

Smith, who is assisted by Oswald Moore, said the level of competition was extremely high and it was obvious that the teams had been better prepared for the tournament in that they had either participated in other tournaments prior to going to Guadeloupe or they had their

players in volleyball training camps.

"We just had too many mental lapses. In our first game, we didn't get a chance to pass the ball eventually to get into our game," said Smith of their opening 25-13, 25-13, 25-18 loss to French Guyana.

"We had a lot of service errors, but the other teams were a lot more consistent. Plus, they were bigger than our guys. So they played a lot better than we did."

The boys lost their second game to Barbados 25-18, 25-23 and 25-22.

Making up the boys' team

are Garry Greenslade (captain), Joshua Bodie, Lorenzo Williams, Rhandi Elliott, Chanucey Cooper, D'Andre Forbes, Matthew Wert, Kriston Moore, Jon Isaacs, Philip Sturup, Dorlan Curtis and William Mckinney.

The manager is Helena Cooper.

The girls' team, managed by Veronica Moore and coached by Jason Saunders and Margaret Ablury, comprised of the following:

Avoni Seymour (captain), Q'Jannis Wison, Terae Sweeting, Janae Saunders, Kendra Dawkins, Alicia Musgrove, Irina Key, Deandrea

Oутten, Liyah Davis, Sydline Justilien, Leandra Armbrister and Jessica Francis.

After beating Barbados (25-20, 25-20 and 25-23) in their opener and Martinique (25-23, 25-19 and 25-20) in their second game, the girls lost their third game to Trinidad & Tobago (25-19, 25-23 and 25-13).

"I think they have a very good chance of medaling," said DeVince in assessing the play of the girls. "I think all of the teams are on the same level of play."

"So once they come out and play, I think they should be fine."

Browns' Stallworth: 'I am truly sorry'

FOOTBALL
CLEVELAND
Associated Press

SUSPENDED Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth feels he has done "irreparable harm" to the family of the man he killed while driving drunk and said he is ready to accept whatever ruling NFL commissioner Roger Goodell makes on his future.

Stallworth, suspended indefinitely by the league for killing Mario Reyes while driving drunk in Miami, met with Goodell in New York on Wednesday about a possible reinstatement.

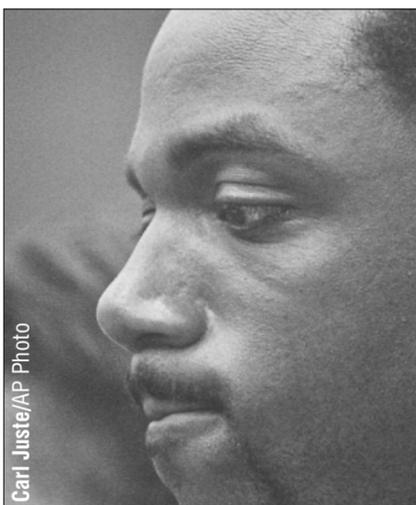
Stallworth was recently released from jail after serving 24 days for the DUI conviction.

In a public statement released Thursday, Stallworth apologized for his actions and vowed to conduct himself "in a manner that more accurately reflects who I am and meets the high standard expected of all NFL players."

"I recognize that there is a difference between the legal standard in my criminal case and the standard to which NFL players are held," Stallworth said. "It is clear that I exercised poor judgment and caused irreparable harm to Mario Reyes, his family, the NFL, its owners, coaches, employees and to my fellow players."

Stallworth thanked Goodell for the opportunity to express his remorse and said he will accept whatever punishment Goodell hands down.

"Whatever he ultimately decides is the appropriate discipline, I will accept knowing that I have profoundly affected the NFL and its relationship with the fans of our game,"



Carl Juste/AP Photo

THIS is a July 16, 2009, file photo showing Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth in a Miami-Dade County courtroom, in Miami, Fla.

Stallworth said. "I jeopardized the honor and privilege that I have been given to be an NFL player and to play for our fans. I am truly sorry."

The league has given no indication when Goodell will rule on Stallworth, who struck and killed Reyes on March 14, just a few hours after drinking at a Miami Beach club.

Stallworth had a blood-alcohol level of .126, above Florida's .08 legal limit.

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RENALDO'S RAMBLINGS

2009 Summer Youth Camp draws to a close

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Today, as the camp come to a close, they will compete in karate and judo as well as a talent segment.

In keeping with the national colours, the campers were grouped into houses that were either gold, aqua, white or black. Competition was staged based on their houses.

Wood said the Ministry was quite pleased with the support they got from all of the national federations and associations, as well as both the men and women national volleyball teams, who helped out significantly with the smooth operation of the camp.

Pattianna Evans, one of the youngsters who participated in track and field yesterday, said the camp had been very good and she enjoyed herself.

"The camp is nice. I like it. I liked all of the activities," said nine-year-old Evans, who will be entering grade six at Albury Sayle. "I came first three times when I ran today. I wished I could run again."

Wood, a Senior Sports Officer and former multiple national team member, said the camp was beneficial in that it provided an opportunity to look at some of the raw talent available in the country.

She said the only thing left now was for the school physical education teachers, many of whom were a part of the camp, to enhance on their skills when schools open in September.

'Choo Choo' heads to Denmark

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try behind you, the only thing you can do is succeed," Mackey said.

Michelle Minus, promoter of First Class Promotions, said since Mackey was preparing to defend his Commonwealth title against African Charles Aduma, they wanted to make sure that he is fully prepared for the task ahead of him.

"We know that Charles is a little above the level of Michael Gbenga," said Minus of the African, whom Mackey defeated on points to win the title on July 19, 2008 at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

"So these are the things as time goes on that you will be seeing as we try to lift his career and to get him ready for hopefully a world title shot. We just want to make sure that he's prepared for what's ahead of him."

Eventually if Mackey wants to establish himself as a world contender, he will have to face a calibre of fighter like Kessler, so Minus said it was important for him to get used to sparring against that type of competition now.

While his coach Ray Minus Jr. will be making the trek with him for the first week, Dundee Jr. is scheduled to join Mackey in the last part of the trip.

"I know I'm going to miss the wife and school is going to be opening up, so I won't be here to see the kids off for the first day of school," said Mackey, of his wife, Shetara and his children Jermaine Jr. and Gemaine.

Offseason highlights

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When I was a kid, summer was always a bittersweet time for me. Sure there was the list of standard givens that made it great – no school, no home-work, nothing more to worry about than hanging out, Playstation, getting into manageable amounts of trouble.

But the summer also comes along with a huge void of all the sports that meant something to a young Rambler. There was no NBA, no NFL, no NCAA Basketball or Football, and other than a once a month wrestling or boxing pay-per-view, Sportscenter was bombarded with constant baseball highlights.

No disrespect to the game, but there's only so many replays I can watch of Jim Edmonds making a diving catch in the outfield, a routine double play, or someone hitting a home-run into rows of empty seats.

It's just not that entertaining. What I know now and what I didn't know then, was that the those months were the catalyst for the watershed moments that took place during winter fall and spring.

What I didn't know was that the off season was the place where championships were won, legacies renewed and faith restored.

With the return of the Ramblings after an extended three month hiatus, I get to be totally subjective and relive the greatest off seasons of the past few years.

KENTUCKY BASKETBALL (2009)

Back Story

Growing up watching college hoops I thought Kentucky basketball was the best thing out there that didn't involve a transforming robot or special counter-terrorist task force. After beginning his career with a national championship, Tubby Smith, received pressure from many UK fans, who believed that his inability to reach a Final Four appearance in his last nine seasons was well below UK standards. The longest drought is the longest of any coach in UK history.

On March 22, 2007, Smith resigned his position of UK Head Coach to accept the head coach position at the University of Minnesota.

Then Billy Gillispie era began the very next season. In Gillispie's first season as coach, the Wildcats went 18-13.

In his second, Gillispie went 19-12 with an 8-8 Conference record. UK missed the NCAA tournament for the first time in 18 years and played in the NIT.

For UK to play in the NIT is unbelievable, it's like Barack Obama moving to the Bahamas, running for some union president spot and losing.

It was the breaking point for the entire Big Blue nation.

The Moment:

On March 31, 2009, former UMass, New Jersey Nets and Memphis head coach John Calipari became the next head coach at the UK. with an eight-year deal worth \$31.65 million. Calipari didn't come to Lexington alone, he brought the Calvary with him. Here is the list of Kentucky's 2009 recruiting class:

1. John Wall, point guard, No. 1 overall prospect
2. DeMarcus Cousins, power forward, No. 2 overall prospect
3. Daniel Orton, center, No. 22 overall prospect
4. Eric Bledsoe, point guard, No. 23 overall prospect
5. Jon Hood, shooting guard, No. 40 overall, "Mr. Basketball" from Kentucky
6. Darnell Dodson, small forward, transfer from Miami Dade Community College



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JOHN WALL

PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS (2006)

Backstory:

In a word...Jailblazers. Cellphones were stolen, people were fighting, getting arrested, smoking, dogfighting, you name it and the Blazers were doing it.

It started well before but I remember thinking that the bottom fell out when Mike Dunleavy was fired, and replaced with Maurice Cheeks.

Steve Smith was traded to the Spurs for Derek Anderson and for some inexplicable reason, Bob Whitsitt, one of the worst GM's in NBA history signed Ruben Patterson. Bear in mind, at the time this was the same guy who had previously pled no contest to a felony sexual assault charge, and was required to register as a sex offender. Yes, that's right. We signed a registered sex offender. How could anyone think that was a good idea! It was too much for Sabonis, he just left the team and retired after being disrespected by Rasheed Wallace.

It got worse. Wallace, Damon Stoudamire, and Qyntel Woods, were arrested for marijuana possession.

Woods pleaded guilty to first-degree animal abuse for staging dog fights in his house. Wallace was suspended for seven games for threatening a referee. Zach Randolph and Patterson got in a fight during practice. Police found marijuana in Stoudamire's home in an illegal search, and Bonzi Wells said to Sports Illustrated "they [fans] really don't matter to us. They can boo us every day, but they're still going to ask for our autographs if they see us on the street."

Finally, in 2004, the Blazers missed the Playoffs, ending a streak of 21 straight appearances.

The Moment

Draft night, 2006. The Blazers worked harder than a freshman trying to unhook a bra for the first time. They made seven draft day trades, two of which changed the fate of the franchise.

Brandon Roy was selected by the Minnesota Timberwolves as the sixth overall pick, but then traded to the for the draft rights of Randy Foye. I still can't say it without smiling....then I remember we picked Greg Oden over Kevin Durant and the smiling stops...immediately.

LaMarcus Aldridge was drafted second overall by the Bulls, only to have his draft rights traded to the Blazers for Tyrus Thomas and Viktor Khryapa. Right now the starting five in Portland could be Andre Miller, Randy Foye, Martell Webster, Tyrus Thomas and Greg Oden. The ceiling for that team is about 35-40 wins. Roy went on to win Rookie of the Year, two All-star selections, All-NBA Second Team, while Aldridge averages 18 and seven. Great job front office, we had one good draft after a franchise long history of colossal blunders, but if Roy and Aldridge deliver a championship to the Rose Garden, all may be forgiven.

MIAMI DOLPHINS (2007)

Backstory

Trent Green, Cleo Lemon, John Beck. That's not a list of boy band members. Those were the starting quarterbacks for the Dolphins in 2007. The Fins were so terrible they were exiled out of the country to play the Giants in London's Wembley Stadium. The losses kept piling up, and the Dolphins finally ended a 16 game losing streak when they beat the Ravens at home and finished 1-15.

The Moment

Late in the 2007 season, Bill Parcells was named Executive Vice President of the Dolphins football operations. Faith was immediately restored. About two minutes after the season ended, Parcells fired general manager Randy Mueller, and shortly thereafter Cam Cameron was fired along with almost all of his staff.

Tony Sparano was hired as the new head coach, who was previously an assistant under Parcells during his days as the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys and the front office moves began.

They took Jake Long with the first pick of the 2008 draft and drafted quarterback Chad Henne with their second round pick for a second consecutive year.

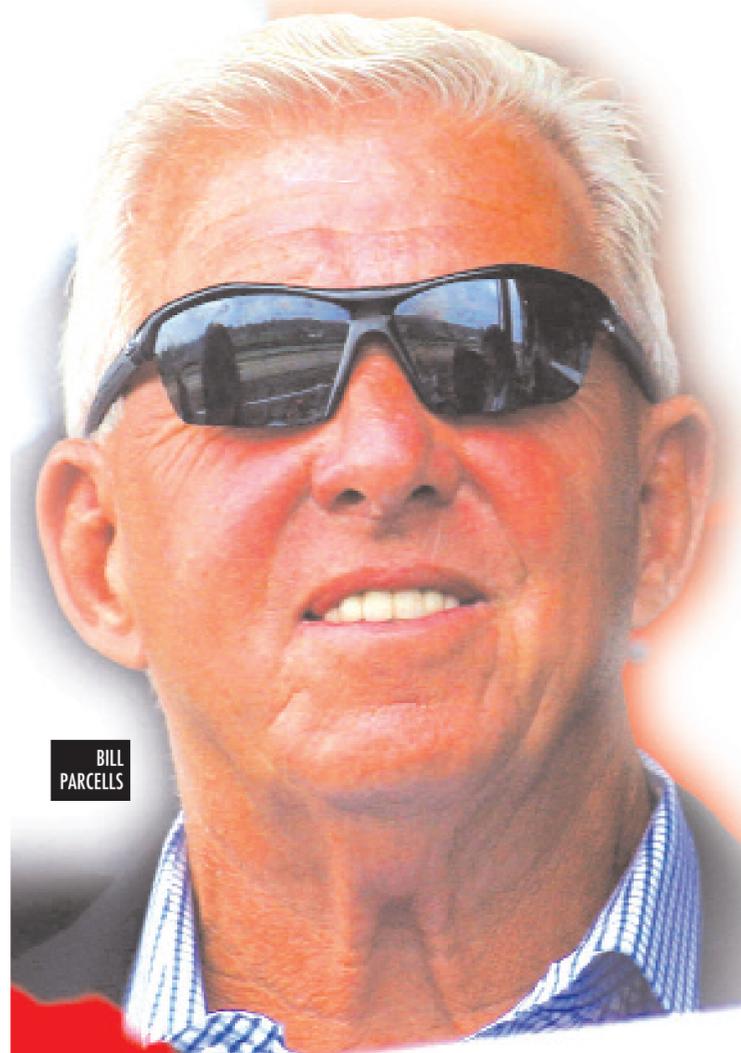
After the New York Jets traded for Brett Favre and released quarterback Chad Pennington the same day, the Dolphins signed Pennington, who was a former Parcells draft pick and gave the Dolphins two Chad's on the roster, a foolproof strategy.

A year after going 1-15, the Dolphins completed a 10 game turnaround a rookie coach, with a new quarterback and new offence. They became only the second team (1999 Indianapolis Colts) to make such a leap.

Miami, five straight games and nine of their last 10 and returned to the playoffs for the first time in seven seasons.

It was the Dolphins' first AFC East title since 2000. And that is what you call a nearly perfect off season...If we ignore the 2008 Celtics.

This brings me full circle to this off-season, particularly in the NBA. Artest to the Lakers, Shaq to the Cavs, Vince Carter to the Magic and the 2010 off season with LeBron, D-Wade, Chris Bosh and Amare as free agents for next season, the landscape of the NBA for next five years could be changed. It extends much further than sports. A great off season can change anything. After the Jon Kerry lost in 2004, the Democrats had the greatest political off season ever when they discovered the potential of a young Senator from Illinois. We all see how that worked out. The FNM had an off year in 2002 when they lost the general election with Tommy Turnquest at the helm. In the off season Hubert Ingraham came back on board and the FNM rolled back into power. The problem with the great off season, more often than not, you never fully realize its greatness in the moment. It's like the perfect storm between a good rack of lamb, college and Miami jouvert. Then again what fun would summer be if we didn't have a reason to be completely nostalgic.



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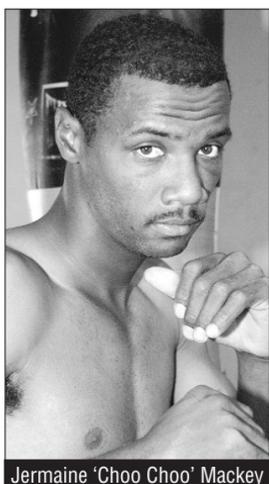
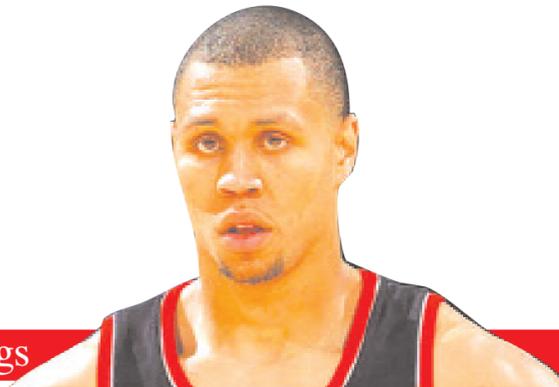
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Jermaine 'Choo Choo' Mackey

'Choo Choo' heads to Denmark

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WITH a world ranking in hand, Jermaine 'Choo Choo' Mackey is now packing his bags and heading to Denmark to train for his British Commonwealth title defence.

Mackey, who was recently awarded the 24th spot on the World Boxing Council's super middleweight divisional rankings, has until August 17 to report to Denmark for a three-week training session with WBA world champion Mikkel Kessler that will end on September 5.

"I'm excited, can't wait because it's a world of knowledge that I will be getting from this training session with this top ranked competitor, who is one of the top fighters in the world," Mackey said.

"I'm pretty excited and just waiting to go there and do my part. I have a chance to spar with one of the best in the world. So I know it's going to be great."

The trip has been arranged through Mackey's management team that includes First Class Promotions, headed by Ray and Michelle Minus and Angelo Dundee Jr. out of Florida.

Coming from such a small island with a ranking in the WBC, Mackey said the trip will definitely boost his confidence as he prepares for his Commonwealth

title defence on Saturday, October 31.

"I've been in Berlin, Germany before, but I've never been as far as Denmark," Mackey pointed out. "This is something that I couldn't planned or something that I could foresee."

"So hats off to my management team, the Minuses and Angelo Dundee, I think it's a great dynamic team," said Mackey, who also thanked his sponsors, V8 Splash, Nautilus Water, Prime Bahamas and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

"I want to thank everybody because I know I have the country backing me up and with the coun-

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Felipe Major/Tribune staff

COACH Fritz Grant blow the whistle to start one of the relay events at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's Summer Youth Camp track and field meet yesterday at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.



Right: Camp Director Oria 'Big O' Wood (middle) enjoy the action as the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture campers compete in track and field yesterday.



BELOW: A competitor crosses the finish line at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's track and field meet yesterday at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

2009 Summer Youth Camp draws to a close



CAMPERS are lined up by instructors as they get set to compete in relay events at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's Summer Youth Camp yesterday at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

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AFTER more than a month of hosting hundreds of youngsters, the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's annual Summer Youth Camp will come to a close today at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

Camp director Oria 'Big O' Wood said since they got started last month at the various venues at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre, they had an enjoyable time teaching the future stars about the basics of the sporting disciplines on a daily basis.

"We had a few problems with administration, but after we were able to work them out, the Ministry tried to hire as many instructors this year as they could with the funds we had," she said.

"I think we did a good job because everybody was able to make some money. It might not have been what they had expected, but the money was spread out across the board very well."

After starting out with more than 400 instructors, Wood said they eventually reduced the list to just over 200, which was able to cater to the 1,500-plus campers.

"We had a very good camp. We had over 200 kids alone in the kiddies corner, which ranged from 3-7 years old," Wood said. "They were taught by the professional physical education teachers, who took them through daily exercises and their routines for the various sports."

As for the regular campers, they were engaged in swimming, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball and soccer.

Yesterday, the campers participated in track and field golf.

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A CAMPER competes in the long jump at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's Summer Youth Camp yesterday at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.



Galleria focus on major upgrades

■ Almost \$1million to be spent on improved seating

■ Digital film, 3-D digital technology to be introduced

By **CHESTER ROBARDS**
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GALLERIA Cinemas is to spend almost \$1million upgrading seating, and introducing digital film and 3-D digital technology, the company's CEO has announced.

The move comes as the economic

downturn has left movie house absorbing supply side costs.

Chris Mortimer said business has remained relatively flat since the onset of the global financial crisis, which he also attributes to the blend of profitable and non-profitable film.

According to him, some movies missed by this country because of strict regulations by Bahamas Plays and

Films Control Board marginally impacted recent movie goer numbers this year.

"The economic environment isn't one that allows it to be a great year, but it hasn't been a bad year," he said.

"What we've done more of is absorbing more supply based in creases to

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Nassau Harbour dredging 'could begin next week'

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THE DREDGING of Nassau Harbour could commence next week, according to a chief engineer at the Ministry of Works.

The announcement comes as more and more questions arise concerning the project which calls for the extension of Arawak Cay, and prompted a town hall meeting hosted by the Ministry of Works yesterday.

Robert Garaway told *Tribune Business* that the actual dredging work will tentatively begin August 13 after preparation works, which include the installation of pipelines to carry dredged fill to Arawak Cay, a retention pond and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) have been fully completed.

The dredging company has begun staging of the pipelines that will move the unearthed material to the holding pond on Arawak Cay.

Mr Garaway said recently the start of the dredging is not being delayed because the almost 1,000 page document is being reviewed as was previously thought.

According to him, strict final approval has not been given to the EMP as yet because the document will change throughout the course of the project.

As dredging commences, the company will have to ensure that an acceptable amount of turbidity is maintained in the harbour.

Turbidity control measures have already been put in place for other aspects of the two-sided project which also includes the Arawak Cay extension.

Concern has been mounting over the transfer of the Downtown container port to Arawak Cay due to the Government's lack of transparency on the public/private deal.

Opposition Senator Jerome Fitzgerald has been at the forefront of the information gathering, calling for the Government to release all details on the port relocation.

Tribune Business understands that the Government also warned the shipping industry, following this newspaper's revelations that the Prime Minis-

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JEROME FITZGERALD

Miss Universe PR boost for Graycliff

Pageant contestants visit resort, restaurant and humidor

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THE OWNER of Graycliff resort, restaurant and humidor said yesterday the public relations his property received from the visit of Miss Universe contestants greatly outweighed the costs associated with it.

Enrico Garzaroli told *Tribune Business* that the exposure from international and local media meant more for the Graycliff than the expenses of preparing the three-course lunch menu of sweet potato soup, fresh beet with goat cheese and figs and salmon trout with Mediterranean sauce.

According to him, Graycliff might make a return from the beauty contestant's visit - though he's not too concerned.

"It's nothing to talk about," he said.

"At the end of the day we might even break even. We saw that as technically only the restaurant.

"We wanted to do something different not really

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MISS PUERTO RICO Mayra Matos is shown how to roll a cigar at the humidor at Graycliff. Miss South Africa and other Miss Universe contestants look on.

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Galleria focus on major upgrades

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ensure that it remains an inexpensive option for people to come out and so that's been able to help us drive consistent business throughout the downturn."

Mr Mortimer said the company's e-card has been a huge success with almost 6,000-plus subscribers, so much that Galleria had to suspend the membership programme until infrastructural upgrades can be made to accommodate more.

"We had to stop the e-card growing too fast because controls were not in place to deal with it," he said.

With the planned upgrades will come

more peripherals to accommodate the growing e-card subscriptions and incentives for the programme such as online ticket purchases, movie listings and previews.

"This gives us an opportunity to deal with them on a more one-to-one fashion," said Mr Mortimer.

"Not just their ability to get tickets but free events and see it first events."

"We want to focus on our loyalty program."

He added that investment in infrastructure will not mean erection of new facilities.

According to him, horizontal growth within New Providence could mean the cannibalisation of existing operations.

And he lamented that the cost of building is substantial.

However, Mr Mortimer said the movie house could add new screens in the future.

Galleria has taken advantage of the burgeoning Bahamian film market by often showcasing local films at special days and times and has partnered with the Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF) to feature independent films.

"BIFF does weekly programme art type films," said Mr Mortimer.

"We want to get art film goes engaged and our thing is we partnered with them because there are a number of people who said 'why don't you guys bring in art films'."

Nassau Harbour dredging 'could begin next week'

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ter had "changed the rules of the game" regarding the Arawak Cay port's financing, that it might withdraw its support for the project if further details appeared in the press.

With the relocation will come the revitalization of the city centre, which has been said will be expedited by the removal of container traffic from that area.

However, questions remain as to what will happen to the properties vacated by the shipping companies which will seemingly be extended by the Government's plan to create a pedestrian vista of Nassau Harbour along the waterfront.

Mr Fitzgerald contends that the shipping companies will not lose as much as they will gain with the movement to the new port.

According to him, the Prime Minister's assertion of a huge loss to the companies shows "naivety."

"He must understand that the people are paying for the extension while they are giving the land (on Arawak Cay) free of charge," he said. "This is best the deal ever. It couldn't be any better."

Pageant contestants visit Graycliff resort, restaurant and humidor

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meant to make money, but to have the girls enjoy themselves."

Mr Garzaroli said for him, the public relations side of the visit was the most important.

This is in-keeping with the sentiment of the hospitality industry and the tourism's big picture. They both believe the Miss Universe competition provides an priceless portal for exposure of the Islands of the Bahamas.

The contestants recently visited the Compass Point resort for lunch and have scheduled visits to Grand Bahama, Bimini and Harbour Island.

Miss Universe contestants raved about the Graycliff property and food as they toured the outer grounds and humidor.

"Everybody enjoy everything and laughed a little, taking pictures of everything pictures by the pool," said Mr Garzaroli.

"It was a little bit like a day of getting the mood of the Bahamas.

"Maybe they will feature some stuff and they will remember about Graycliff."

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As jobless claims slide, layoffs may slow further

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In a positive sign for the economy, companies are laying off fewer workers as they prepare to ramp up production to replenish their depleted stockpiles of goods.

Many analysts pointed to Thursday's drop in jobless claims as evidence of a trend signaling fewer job losses in coming months, particularly compared with the flood of layoffs earlier this year.

Still, job openings remain scarce. And most economists expect the unemployment rate to keep rising to 10 percent or higher by the end of this year. On Friday, the government will report the July unemployment rate.

First-time claims for jobless benefits dropped to a seasonally adjusted 550,000 last week, down from 588,000 in the previous week, the Labor Department said Thursday. The four-week average of claims, which smooths out fluctuations, dropped to 555,250, its lowest point since late January.

"The lower claims figures are an important economic development and confirmation that the economy is turning the corner," Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank, wrote in a note to clients.

Fewer layoffs could help boost consumer sentiment. That's because those who are spending less now for fear of losing their jobs could grow more confident. If they start borrowing and spending more, it would help invigorate the economy. Many economists say an improved job market could be evident in the unemployment report to be issued Friday. LaVorgna, for example, has cut his projection of job losses for July to 150,000 from 325,000. That would be the fewest since last July.

Overall, analysts expect the report will show the unemployment rate rose to a 26-year high of 9.6 percent last month, up from 9.5 percent in June, according to survey by Thomson Reuters. Employers are forecast to have cut 320,000 jobs in July, the survey found, down from 467,000 in June and from an average of 645,000 in the six months from November to April. But many economists think the July job losses will be smaller. Dean Maki, chief U.S. economist at Barclays Capital, expects Friday's report to show a 275,000 drop in payrolls.

Analysts generally expect production to ramp up in the July-September period as manufacturers restock shelves and warehouses.

Layoffs in the construction industry should also decline, Maki said, because home building has recovered from record



AP Photo/Paul Sakuma

"The lower claims figures are an important economic development and confirmation that the economy is turning the corner."

Joseph LaVorgna

lowers. Spending on residential construction rose in June for the first time in more than three years, the Commerce Department said Monday.

"We think the trend is toward smaller and smaller job cuts" until the last three months of the year, Maki said, when employers may actually add jobs — which hasn't happened since December 2007.

Many companies have cut as many workers as they possibly can while still maintaining an adequate output of goods, said Rob Saam, senior vice presi-

dent of Lee Hecht Harrison, a consulting firm that helps find jobs for laid-off professionals. In many cases, these companies have managed to boost the productivity of their diminished staff. "You can only maintain that level of productivity for so long before you wear out your work force," Saam said.

Other figures out Thursday indicated that jobs are still scarce. The number of people who are continuing to claim unemployment benefits rose by 69,000 to 6.3 million, after having dropped for three straight weeks — evidence that the unemployed are having difficulty finding new work.

The figures for continuing jobless claims lag behind those for initial claims by a week.

When emergency extensions of unemployment are included, the total jobless benefit rolls climbed to a record 9.35 million for the week ending July 18, the most recent period for which figures are available. Congress has added up to 53 extra weeks of benefits on top of the 26 typically provided by the states.

Despite the decline in new jobless claims, they remain far

IN THIS JUNE 30, 2009 photo, a job seeker enters a job fair in San Jose, Calif., Tuesday, June 30, 2009. The government says the number of newly laid-off workers filing initial claims for jobless benefits fell sharply last week, largely due to changes in the timing of auto industry layoffs.

above the 300,000 to 350,000 that analysts say is consistent with a healthy economy. New claims last fell below 300,000 in early 2007. Separately, many retail chains reported sluggish July sales Thursday as consumers proved reluctant to spend. Mall-based chains, such as Macy's Inc. and teen retailers Abercrombie & Fitch, were the hardest hit as shoppers focused on necessities. Financial markets fell in afternoon trading. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 24 points, or 0.27 percent, while broader stock averages also declined.

The recession, which began in December 2007 and is the longest since World War II, has eliminated a net total of 6.5 million jobs. More job cuts were announced this week. The publisher of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel said it would slash 92 jobs as the current advertising slump continues to ravage the newspaper business. Elsewhere, about 6,000 General Motors Co. blue-collar workers have taken the latest round of early retirement and buyout offers. But GM wants to cut about 13,500 workers, setting the stage for more layoffs.

SUMMARY

WHAT HAPPENED: The government said Thursday that initial jobless claims fell to 550,000 last week from 588,000 the previous week. While still high, new claims have dropped by about 50,000 in the past month.

WHAT'S IT MEAN?: Initial jobless claims track layoffs, so many economists see the drop as evidence that companies are cutting fewer jobs. Many businesses have cut inventories so low that they're expected to ramp up production to restock their shelves.

DOES THAT MEAN COMPANIES ARE HIRING?: Not yet. Economists expect the jobless rate will rise to 9.6 percent when the government issues its July unemployment report on Friday — and to rise further in coming months. Businesses likely cut 320,000 jobs in July, economists say, down from 467,000 in June and an average of nearly 700,000 earlier this year.

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Collecting Social Security early comes at a price

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Many Americans are living on the edge these days, and that means more are opting to take Social Security early. The potential consequences for them down the road are troublesome.

Applying for benefits as soon as eligibility begins at age 62 obviously brings an immediate payoff in the form of monthly checks that won't stop until you do. Who knows if you will live long enough to come out ahead if you delay? The downside is locking in smaller amounts for life at a time when people are living longer and retirement can last for decades. For that reason, it's best to make deliberate calculations and give careful consideration to waiting until you can collect as much as 75 or



AP Photo

RETIRES RICK CORLEY, left, and his wife Jean pose for a photo in front of their home in Moore, Okla., Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009. With their retirement savings badly depleted because of the stock market, the Corleys both applied for Social Security benefits when they turned 62.

80 percent more per check. Still, a move that should

often be held off as long as possible has become a routine step for many during the recession.

The evidence: a big spike in early retirement claims for Social Security. Through last week, applications for benefits in the current fiscal year were up 23 percent over a year ago.

Part of the increase is attributable to aging baby boomers and the increasing percentage of women reaching retirement age after only joining the work force en masse a few decades ago. But Stephen Goss, the Social Security Administra-

tion's chief actuary, says applications are still running about 7 percent above expectations because of the economy.

The average age when people start collecting Social Security is 63.6, based on the most recent calculation. That is likely to drop after this year's barrage of claims is factored in.

Financial planners report fielding many more calls from clients who are rethinking their Social Security plans.

Joshua Kadish, wealth manager at Retirement Planning Group in Riverwoods, Ill., often has advised clients to delay claiming benefits until 70 if they're in a position to wait that long. But they're less likely to heed that now; he's seeing more of them put in their claims.

"They've been laid off from their job and are 62 or older and eligible to start drawing it," he said. "They see that the probability of them finding a decent-paying job any time soon in this environment are slim, so they're starting to draw."

That was the situation for 64-year-old Rick Corley of Moore, Okla., who's now living through his second recession in retirement and feeling the financial fallout.

Corley didn't agonize over whether to take Social Security early or wait a few years so his monthly checks would be big-

ger. With his and his wife's retirement savings depleted badly because of the stock market, he simply opted for the first day he was eligible — his 62nd birthday. Jean, who like her husband had retired early in 2000 before the tech bubble burst, did the same when she turned 62 a year later.

"We didn't have to make a decision because I felt we were forced to take it," said Corley, a retired pharmaceutical salesman. They get \$1,100 a month from Rick's company pension but could no longer justify regularly tapping his 401(k), which has shrunk from close to \$600,000 when he retired to \$135,000 today due to the dot-com fiasco and more recent market turmoil.

That left them heavily in need of Social Security, from which they receive a combined \$2,300 a month. But their annual income is now more or less fixed at barely two-thirds of the roughly \$60,000 they had counted on living on.

If they could have waited to start drawing benefits, the long-term squeeze would be lessened.

Social Security checks are about 25 percent less for each year you retire before full retirement age, which is 66 for

those born from 1943-54. After full retirement age, the monthly benefit will increase by 8 percent for each year you delay.

So the Corleys' \$28,000 income from Social Security could have been bumped up to roughly \$35,000 if they'd delayed taking it until 66, or more than \$46,000 at 70.

The couple, who paid off their three-bedroom house before they retired, have had to reduce spending everywhere, including downsizing from an SUV to a small car. They decided they couldn't even afford their \$750-a-month health insurance, so they pay as they go and hope to avoid crises until Medicare kicks in at 65.

While they are happy and insist they have no regrets, it's a preview of the cutbacks and strained budgets that millions of other Americans may be committing themselves to in the years ahead by taking Social Security early.

Rick admits he gave no thought to the size of the monthly benefit check until it was too late to do anything about it.

"We were set for retirement — or so we thought," he said.

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IN THE ESTATE OF LEONARD MAURICE THOMPSON (a.k.a. LEONARD M. THOMPSON) domiciled and late of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, The Bahamas. deceased

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Abaco, The Bahamas

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS CLE/Qui/2009
IN THE SUPREME COURT QUI/FPO/No. 00180
EQUITY SIDE
BETWEEN

IN THE MATTER OF THE QUIETING TITLES
ACT 1959

AND
IN THE MATTER of the Petition of JACKSON McINTOSH of Coopers Town of the Island of Abaco one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

NOTICE

THE PETITION OF JACKSON McINTOSH IN RESPECT OF:-
ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land situate at Fire Road on the Island of Abaco one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and designated as Lot No.9 and being bounded **EASTWARDLY** by Lot No.10 now or formerly owned by one Samuel and Clifford McIntosh **SOUTHWARDLY** by the sea at high-water mark **WESTWARDLY** by Lot No.8 now or formerly owned by one Thomas and Ezekiel McIntosh **NORTHWARDLY** by the sea at high-water mark which said parcel or lot of land is shown on the diagram or plan filed herewith and is thereon colored **RED**. And **ALL THAT** piece parcel or lot of land situate at Fire Road on the Island of Abaco one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and designated as Lot 14 and being bounded **EASTWARDLY** by Lot No.15 now or formerly owned by one Willis McIntosh and Mable Burrows, **SOUTHWARDLY** by the sea at high-water mark **WESTWARDLY** by Lot No.13 now or formerly owned by one Henry David and Thomas McIntosh; **NORTHWARDLY** by the sea at high-water mark which said lot of land is shown on the diagram or plan filed herewith and is thereon colored **YELLOW**. And **ALL THAT** piece parcel or lot of land situate at Fire Road on the Island of Abaco one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and designated as Lot 21 and bounded **EASTWARDLY** by Lot No.22 now or formerly owned by Andrew, Eulin and Bartholomew McIntosh. **SOUTHWARDLY** by the sea at high-water mark **WESTWARDLY** by Lot No. 20 now or formerly owned by Samuel Sr. Samuel Jr. and Clifford McIntosh; **NORTHWARDLY** by the sea at high-water mark which said lot of land is shown on the diagram or plan filed herewith and is thereon colored **GREEN**.

2. JACKSON McINTOSH claims to be the owner in fee simple in possession of the said land by virtue of a conveyance form one Ezekiel McIntosh dated the 31st day of March A.D. 2008 and has made application of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Under Section 3 of the Quieting Title Act, 1959 to have his title to the said land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provision of the said Act. A plan of the said land may be inspected during normal working hours at the following places.

- (a) The Registry of the Supreme Court, Freeport, Grand Bahama Commonwealth of The Bahamas;
- (b) The Chambers of V. Alfred Gray & Company, Marsh Harbour, Abaco;
- (c) The Administrator's Office Coopers Town, Abaco, The Bahamas.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having dower or right of dower or an Adverse Claim or Claim or recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 6th day of September A.D. 2009 file in the Supreme Court in the City of Freeport aforesaid and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a Statement or her claim aforesaid on or before the 6th day of September, A.D. 2009 or it will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated this 22nd day of July A.D. 2009.

V. ALFRED GRAY & CO.
Chambers
#21 Kipling Blvd.
Freeport, Grand Bahama

Attorney for the Petitioner

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF: THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2009											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,561.94 CHG -10.69 %CHG -0.68 YTD -150.42 YTD % -8.78											
FINDEX: CLOSE 787.45 YTD -5.68% 2008 -12.31%											
WWW.BISXBHAMAS.COM TELEPHONE: 242-323-2330 FACSIMILE: 242-323-2320											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
1.81	1.28	Abaco Markets	1.39	1.39	0.00	0.127	0.000	10.9	0.00%		
11.80	10.00	Bahamas Property Fund	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.992	0.200	11.1	1.82%		
9.30	6.94	Bank of Bahamas	6.94	6.94	0.00	0.244	0.260	28.4	3.75%		
0.89	0.63	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.078	0.090	40.4	2.86%		
2.37	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00	0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%		
14.20	10.18	Cable Bahamas	11.39	11.35	-0.04	2.400	1.406	0.250	8.1	2.20%	
2.88	2.74	Colina Holdings	2.74	2.74	0.00	0.249	0.040	11.0	1.46%		
7.50	5.50	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	5.71	5.60	-0.11	0.419	0.360	13.4	6.43%		
4.78	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	3.51	3.47	-0.04	0.111	0.052	31.3	1.50%		
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	1.82	1.82	0.00	0.240	0.080	7.6	4.40%		
8.20	6.60	Farmguard	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.420	0.240	15.7	3.64%		
12.50	10.00	Finco	10.75	10.53	-0.16	3.650	0.322	0.520	33.0	4.89%	
11.71	10.30	FirstCaribbean Bank	10.34	10.30	-0.04	3.655	0.794	0.350	13.0	3.40%	
5.53	4.95	Focol (S)	5.13	5.13	0.00	0.332	0.150	15.5	2.92%		
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
12.50	0.30	Freeport Concrete	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.035	0.000	8.6	0.00%		
9.02	5.50	ICD Utilities	5.49	5.49	0.00	0.407	0.500	13.5	9.11%		
12.00	10.39	J. S. Johnson	10.39	10.39	0.00	0.952	0.640	10.9	6.16%		
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.180	0.000	55.6	0.00%		
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
14.60	14.25	Bahamas Supermarkets	7.92	8.42	14.60		-0.041	0.300	N/M	2.05%	
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	4.00	6.25	6.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%	
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.35		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD %	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date			
1.3860	1.3231	CFAL Bond Fund	1.3860	2.40	4.75			30-Jun-09			
3.0350	2.9952	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9047	-1.20	-3.66			31-Jul-09			
1.4817	1.4059	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4817	3.35	5.38			31-Jul-09			
3.6090	3.1031	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.1031	-8.35	-13.82			30-Jun-09			
12.9801	12.3289	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	12.9801	2.87	5.79			31-May-09			
1011.6693	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	101.6693	1.10	1.67			30-Jun-09			
100.9600	93.1992	CFAL Global Equity Fund	96.7398	0.35	-4.18			30-Jun-09			
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Dec-07			
9.4733	9.0775	Fidelity International Investment Fund	9.2765	2.00	-2.98			30-Jun-09			
1.0622	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0622	2.56	6.22			30-Jun-09			
1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0243	-0.84	2.43			30-Jun-09			
1.0585	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0585	2.04	5.85			30-Jun-09			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00											
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks											
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks											
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume											
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume											
Change - Change in closing price from day to day											
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today											
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months											
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings											
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
YIELD - Last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
NAV - Net Asset Value											
N/M - Not Meaningful											
FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index, January 1, 1994 = 100											
TO TRADE CALL: COLINA 242-502-7010 ROYALFIDELITY 242-356-7764 FG CAPITAL MARKETS 242-396-4000 COLONIAL 242-502-7525											



Hackers attack Twitter while Facebook also slows down

BARBARA ORTUTAY,
AP Technology Writer
NEW YORK

A hacker attack Thursday shut down the fast-growing messaging service Twitter for hours, while Facebook experienced intermittent access problems.

Twitter said it suffered a denial-of-service attack, in which hackers command scores of computers to a single site at the same time, preventing legitimate traffic from getting through.

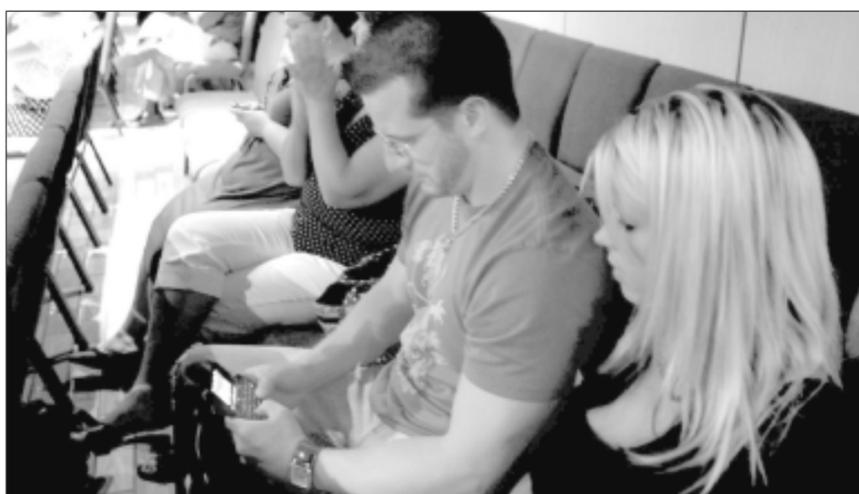
The fact that a relatively common attack could disable such a well-known Web site shows just how young and vulnerable Twitter still is, even as it quickly becomes a household name used by celebrities, large corporations, small businesses and even protesters in Iran.

"Clearly they need a stronger infrastructure to be able to fight this kind of attack," said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant at computer security firm Sophos. Twitter's tech support teams, he added, "must be frankly out of breath" trying to keep up with the site's enormous growth. According to comScore, Twitter had 20.1 million unique visitors in the United States in June, some 34 times the 593,000 a year earlier.

For Twitter users, the outage meant no tweeting about lunch plans, the weather or the fact that Twitter is down.

"I had to Google search Twitter to find out what was going on, when normally my Twitter feed gives me all the breaking news I need," said Alison Koski, a New York public-relations manager. She added she felt "completely lost" without Twitter.

The Twitter outage began at about 9 a.m. EDT and lasted a



(AP Photo/The Florida Times-Union, Bruce Lipsky)
IN THIS PHOTO TAKEN JUNE 28, 2009, Stephanie Waugh, right, watches as her husband Jeremy Waugh text messages a friend, who said he'd meet them at church during Sunday's service at Journey Church in Orange Park, Fla. The congregation at Journey Church were asked to turn off the ringers on their phones, but were encouraged to send text messages, or to send status updates on Twitter and Facebook to encourage friends to join the service online.

few hours. Facebook, whose users encountered intermittent problems Thursday morning, was also the subject of a denial-of-service attack, though it was not known whether the same hackers were involved. Unlike Twitter, Facebook never became completely inaccessible. Facebook said no user information was at risk.

LiveJournal, a 10-year-old online diary and blogging site that has waned in popularity in recent years, was also the subject of a denial-of-service attack that lasted about an hour Thursday morning, the company said.

By early afternoon both Twitter and Facebook seemed to be functioning, giving cubicle-bound social media addicts a collective sigh of relief. Twitter

warned, though, that as it recovers, "users will experience some longer load times and slowness."

Technology business analyst Shelly Palmer told AP Radio that denial-of-service attacks are a reality of the information age. "People tend to want to take sites that are very public and go after them," said Palmer, managing director of Advanced Media Ventures Group. "In fact you'd be surprised how many sites for major companies are really attacked on a daily basis. This is a crime, it's a real crime and it should be treated that way."

Earlier this week, Gawker Media, which owns the eponymous media commentary blog and other sites, was also attacked. In a blog post, Gawker

said Tuesday it was attacked by "dastardly hackers," leading to server problems that caused network-wide outages Sunday and Monday. It was not immediately clear whether those attacks were related to Twitter's. Thursday's was not the first — and likely not the last — outage for Twitter.

Besides planned maintenance outages, overcapacity can cripple Web sites, especially such fast-growing ones as Twitter and Facebook.

In fact, service outages on Twitter once were so common that management began posting a "Fail Whale" logo on the Web site to signal when the service was down. The logo featured a whale being hoisted above the water by a flock of birds.

Collecting Social Security early comes at a price

FROM page 4B

"I had about \$550,000 in my 401(k), the S&P 500 had averaged 13.5 percent for 25 years, and I was going to take out 8.5 percent a year and live on that for the rest of my life — and even have something left over for the grandkids."

All of this isn't to say that taking Social Security early is automatically a bad decision. Sometimes it's necessary because of a layoff or other setback; other times it may make sense due to failing health or limited life expectancy. But it needs to be thought through carefully.

Sue Stevens, a financial planner who heads Stevens Wealth Management in Deerfield, Ill., says she would ask her clients a lot of questions before simply advising them to delay as long as they can.

"The decision is a little more

complicated than they're probably aware of," she said. "Do you have a job? Do you have a pension? Are you in a pickle with your assets? Are there two people involved?"

A good place to start is the Social Security Administration's Web site, which has a discussion on when to start receiving benefits as well as a retirement calculator (www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator). If you don't have your annual statement from Social Security, you can find the amount of your estimated benefit there.

It's important to factor in how long you might live.

The average life expectancy of a 62-year-old today is about 86.5 for a woman and 84 for a man. Those who delay Social Security until 70 begin to surpass early filers in total lifetime benefits roughly about the time they pass 80, according to the American Academy of Actuaries.

If you decide to take Social Security early but ultimately go back to work, be aware there's a penalty if you make too much. In 2009, half of every dollar you earn above \$14,160 is deducted from benefit payments.

It's also critical to consider a spouse's situation and survivor benefits. Many planners recommend that the higher earner of a couple delay taking benefits until 70 while the lower earner should take them at 62. The lower earner thus would

enable the couple to start receiving some early benefits, and eventually would get the higher level as survivor benefits.

Many people worry that Social Security will dry up and go away before they get what they're entitled to. Government officials say that's extremely unlikely. Indeed, your biggest risk may be running short on financial resources in the future. That's when you want the biggest Social Security check possible.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **MARJORIE JOSEPH of COMFORT STREET, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **31st day of July, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **MANIO JULES of PRINCE CHARLES DRIVE, P.O. BOX N-10847, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **7th day of August, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL

The Public is hereby advised that I, **DORINDA SCAVELLA of Highway Park, off Soldier Road, Nassau, Bahamas**, intend to change the name to **DORINDA FARQUHARSON**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box N-742, Nassau, Bahamas no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **NEVILLE HIGGINS of SUNSET DRIVE, CARMICHEAL ROAD, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **31st day of July, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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and

Mr. Norwood A. Rolle

are pleased to announce the opening of their Chambers

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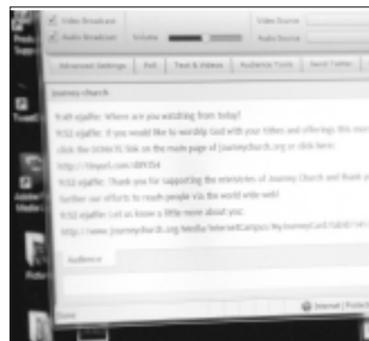
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IN THIS PHOTO Taken June 28, 2009, Eric Jaffe, pastor of Journey Church, sends updates and greetings to about a dozen people online during the early portion of Sunday's service in Orange Park, Fla.

AP Photo/The Florida Times-Union, Bruce Lipsky)

AMENDED DIVIDEND NOTICE

PREMIER COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors of **PREMIER COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED** has resolved to amend the record date of the declared Dividend for all shareholders of record as of the close of business from 31st day of July, 2009 to 14th day of August, 2009, the same to be payable as of the 14th day of August, 2009.

Public Notice

RE: Tarpum Bay Commonage Committee.

To all Commoners of the community of Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera, Bahamas who were granted lots in Phases 10 - 24 and have not commenced building as yet, you are asked to contact the officers of the Commonage Committee as soon as possible in relation to the status of your grant.

President - Shaun Ingraham - 242-334-4578
Shaundonavon@yahoo.com

Secretary - Deborah Moxey - 242-334-4183
Treasurer - Eugene Carey - 242-334-4180 or
242-334-4140

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2008/CLE/Qui/01307
**IN THE SUPREME COURT
EQUITY SIDE**

IN THE MATTER of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of
S. G. B. Company Ltd.

AND

IN THE MATTER of all that piece parcels or tract of land 260 acres more or less situate in the Settlement of The Bight Long Island one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Copies of the filed plan may be inspected during normal working hours at:-

- The Registry of the Supreme Court, Second Floor, Ansbacher House, East Street, Nassau, The Bahamas.
- The Chambers of Hanna & Co., Second Floor, Pond Plaza, East Bay and Ernest Streets, Nassau N.P., The Bahamas.

Notice is hereby given that any person having dower or right to dower or any adverse claim/s not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 18th day of September, A.D., 2009, file in the Registry of the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of such claim in the prescribed form and verified by an affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a statement of such claim on or before the aforementioned date will operate as a bar to such claim.

HANNA & CO.

Chambers
3rd Floor, Columbus House,
East & Shirley Streets,
Nassau, The Bahamas

Attorneys for the Petitioner

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Senate readies fill-up for 'cash for clunkers'

DAVID ESPO,
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WASHINGTON

Acting with unusual haste, the Senate readied a \$2 billion fill-up Thursday for "cash for clunkers," an economy-boosting program that sent car buyers storming into formerly deserted auto showrooms at a pace that quickly exhausted its \$1 billion funding.

The House approved the \$2 billion replenishment last week for the program, which gives consumers up to \$4,500 in federal subsidies for trading in their cars for new, more energy-efficient models. A final Senate vote would send the bill to the White House, where President Barack Obama's signature was assured.

Officials said the additional money would help consumers purchase 500,000 more new-model cars.

The Senate's action capped an unusually swift response by lawmakers, who were informed scarcely a week ago that the program was quickly running short of money.

In advance of a final vote, the bill's supporters worked to defeat numerous proposed modifications to the program. "We all know that if we change the bill, it will die," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters a few hours before debate began. "We are going to do everything we can to stop that."

Among the proposed changes was one to place the car-buying subsidies off-limits to the wealthy.

As the program stands, Microsoft founder Bill Gates can get \$4,500 to buy a new car, said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "You have to ask, is this a wise way to spend limited amounts of money?"

Republicans readied amendments to terminate the Troubled Assets Relief Program that has spent billions bailing out banks and other financial institutions, and to require the government to sell its stake in General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC.

The program began 10 days ago with \$1 billion, designed to help automobile makers and consumers while contributing to a cleaner environment. The government said Wednesday that more than \$775 million of the original funds has been spent, accounting for the sale of nearly 185,000 new vehicles. Administration officials estimate the extra funding will last into Labor Day.

Under the program, passenger car owners are eligible for a voucher worth \$3,500 if they trade in a vehicle getting 18 miles per gallon or less for a new car getting at least 22 mpg. Vouchers of \$4,500 are available for owners who trade in a passenger car getting 18 mpg or less for a model that gets at least 28 mpg.

There are similar guidelines for SUVs and pickup trucks.



MARK HENDERSON puts a 1988 Lincoln Town Car, a car from traded in as part of the federal government's "cash for clunkers" program, into the crusher at Pearl Road Auto Parts Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, in Cleveland. Pressing colleagues to replenish the program, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid warned lawmakers they might miss their August vacation takeoff plans Friday if they don't quickly pass the \$2 billion measure.



A 1988 LINCOLN TOWN CAR, a car from traded in as part of the federal government's "cash for clunkers" program, is crushed at Pearl Road Auto Parts Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, in Cleveland.

Dealers are barred from reselling the old models, and are charged with assuring their destruction.

Jeremy Anwyll, CEO of the auto Web site Edmunds.com, said the unintended result is that vehicle prices are climbing. "What we've created now is a shortage for key models," he said. "Prices are going up dramatically."

Hyundai Motor Co. has added a day of production at its Montgomery, Ala., factory, while Ford Motor Co. and GM are considering following suit.

Tom Stephens, vice chairman of product development at GM, said in an interview that the company has had spot shortages of compact and midsize cars, which have been popular with consumers jettisoning their clunkers. The company also reported an increase in sales of the Chevrolet HHR small sport utility. "Consumer confidence



is really what you need here," Stephens said. "It's hard for them if they don't know if they have a job or a for-sure paycheck to go out and make a major purchase, so I think this is kind of jump-starting some things."

The longer-term impact is uncertain, but so far, GM's share of cars sold under the program is largest, account-

ing for 18.7 percent of new sales. Toyota Motor Corp. followed with 17.9 percent, while Ford had 16 percent. Detroit automakers represented 45.3 percent of the total sales while Toyota, Honda Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co., all Japanese firms, totaled 36.5 percent.

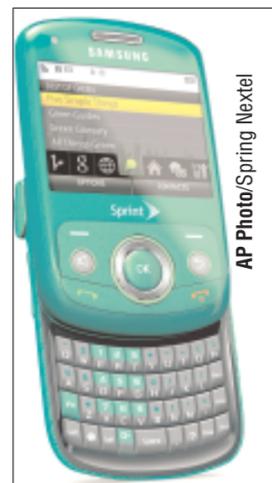
Toyota also has the best-selling new model for traders

of clunkers, the Corolla. The Ford Focus, Honda Civic, Toyota Prius and the Toyota Camry are also favorites. There is one SUV on the list, the Ford Escape, which also comes in a hybrid model that can get up to 32 mpg. Six of the top-10 selling vehicles are built by foreign manufacturers, but most are built in North America.

(AP Photo/Harry Hamburg, file)

IN THIS MARCH 12, 2009 file photo, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Obama administration is refusing to release government records on its "cash-for-clunkers" rebate program that would substantiate _ or undercut _ White House claims of the program's success, even as the president presses the Senate for a quick vote for \$2 billion to boost car sales.

● In brief Spring and Samsung launch 'green' phone



IN THIS PRODUCT IMAGE released by Sprint-Nextel, the Samsung Reclaim is shown.

PETER SVENSSON, AP
Technology Writer
NEW YORK

Sprint Nextel Corp. and Samsung Electronics Co. said Thursday they will sell a \$49.99 "eco-conscious" phone with a casing of biodegradable plastic made partly from corn.

Several manufacturers have made "green" phones, but they have generally been bare-bones devices, like Motorola Inc.'s Renew, carried by T-Mobile USA. Nokia Corp.'s Evolve is also a simple, low-end phone and lacks the backing of a U.S. carrier.

The new Samsung Reclaim is a more fully featured phone, sporting a slide-out alphabetic keyboard, e-mail and Web access, a camera and GPS navigation. The phone goes on sale Aug. 16.

The plastic of the casing is 40 percent corn-based. The phone's charger lights up when the phone is fully charged, to remind the owner to unplug it to save electricity.

David Owens, Sprint Nextel Corp.'s director of product marketing, said the company is paying more than the usual amount of subsidies to Samsung to bring the price down to \$49.99 for customers signing two-year contracts.

"We took a big step to put it under the \$50 price because that's where we know there's a lot of volume," he said.

The price applies after a \$50 mail-in rebate.

UAL moving operations centre

CHICAGO

United Airlines said on Thursday it plans to move its operations center from suburban Chicago to the downtown building that until recently was known as the Sears Tower. The move will bring 2,800 jobs into the city from Elk Grove Township, near O'Hare Airport. The day-to-day running of the airline happens at the operations center, including plane dispatching and employee scheduling.

The earliest United will make the move is late next year. United already moved its headquarters from the same area to downtown two years ago. United now employs some 16,000 people within the city limits, Chairman and CEO Glenn Tilton said. United said it is not using one-third of the space in Elk Grove Township, and that updating the 50-year-old facility might cost as much as \$90 million.

Petitions for US worker green cards down sharply

DALLAS

The number of petitions from employers trying to bring foreigners to work permanently in the U.S. has declined dramatically over the last two years, an Associated Press review of government data has found.

With the nation facing a deep recession and high unemployment, the government has received about half the number of employer-sponsored applications for work-based green cards in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 than it did in each of the previous years. There were

almost 235,000 applications submitted in fiscal 2007, almost 104,000 the following year, and fewer than 36,000 through the first eight months of fiscal 2009, according to data obtained by the AP. In addition to the weak job market, long application processing times, deep job cuts in sectors that have traditionally lured large numbers of applicants and more competition from American job seekers have led to the sharp decline, experts say.

"It mirrors the recession. Employers aren't hiring as much," said Kristi Barrows, deputy director of the Texas Ser-

vice Center. At the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Texas Service Center in Dallas, would-be immigrant workers once waited a year or longer for a decision. Now, with the drop in applications and addition of staff, the Texas center has trimmed the average wait for those petitions and the others it processes to about five months, a marked improvement that's still a month shy of the agency's target timeframe.

The Texas processing center and one in Lincoln, Neb., handle the nation's foreign worker applications for permanent residence, known as green cards.

To bring in a foreign worker, employers must prove that they couldn't find a staffer in the U.S. who met the minimum requirements for the job, that they're financially healthy and that they will pay the prevailing wage. The potential worker must have specialized skills, be able to fill a job Americans aren't or have extraordinary abilities, such as those of musicians or pro athletes.

In fiscal year 2007, the latest year for which the statistics were available, most applicants came from India, Mexico, the Philippines, China and Korea, according to the Department of Labor.