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# 'Law could create society of rapists'

**'Too early to tell' if container port relocation will cost FNM next election**

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AS PUBLIC outcry mounts over the Government's handling of information sharing regarding several new public work projects, observers say it's too early to tell if the issue will cost the Free National Movement the next election race.

In recent weeks the controversy over the Government's proposed relocation of the container port from Bay Street to Arawak Cay; the construction of Corridor 18 under the Road Improvement Project; along with the subsequent dredging of Nassau Harbour and extension of the man-made island have boiled to a fever pitch.

Emotions ran high at Thursday's town meeting about the port relocation and its related projects, where angry attendees blasted the Government for not allowing sufficient public discourse before going ahead.

Despite the heat, political observers told *The Tribune* that public fury now may have little weight when ballots are cast during the next election.

Former Chamber of Commerce president Dionisio D'Auguiar said: "The man's (Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham) made a decision. If you don't agree with him vote him out of office, but a lot of people just vote on who has the best rally, and 2012 is three years away."

Mr D'Auguiar said it is too soon to say if the port issue will be a deal breaker for the FNM in the next election.

PLP MP for Fox Hill Fred Mitchell said elections are won on how the debate is framed at the time.

He said it's impossible to predict the next election too heavily on "what exists in mid-term" while adding that the port issue was a subset of blunders he claims the

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## MISS UNIVERSE ON THE RED CARPET



MISS UNIVERSE 2008 Dayana Mendoza, of Venezuela, walks the red carpet in Rawson Square yesterday. Miss Mendoza will crown her successor from 84 contestants on August 23.

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## Controversial pastor speaks out against marital rape legislation

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THE controversial pastor opposed to legislation which would outlaw marital rape now claims the amendment could create a "society of rapists".

The proposed amendment to the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act presented in Parliament by Minister of Social Services Loretta Butler-Turner last month undermines the institution of marriage and could harm families, Kingdom Life Church pastor Cedric Moss claims.

Quoting Biblical text to cite the "Word of God" Mr Moss argued rape cannot be committed in marriage as the couple give each other's body and agree to open-ended sexual consent in the marriage vows.

By including spouses as potential rapists the law contradicts the sacrament of marriage, the pastor argued.

He told the Rotary Club of West Nassau: "It makes sense to have such a law to govern sexual intercourse between two persons who are not married to each other because, unlike married people, they have no contract that implies open-ended sexual consent; therefore specific moment by moment consent is required between them."

"But can it be right to bring married people under such a law designed for unmarried people? No, and a thousand times no! It is not right, and it can never be right to bring all married couples under this definition of rape whereby moment by moment consent is required for every stage of every act of sexual intercourse."

"Each day you will be a potential rapist in your own home if you initiate sex with your wife without her consent."

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## MP Mitchell voted chairman of Crown Land Select Committee

THE House of Assembly's Select Committee on Crown Land matters held its first meeting yesterday with the MP for Fox Hill Fred Mitchell voted in as chairman of the group.

Representing the Government's side, FNM MP for Golden Isles Charles Maynard was elected as the deputy chairman.

Addressing the media shortly following their brief meeting, the committee said they hoped their work would be for the betterment of the Bahamian people and not end up as mere recommendations "collecting dust



Fred Mitchell

on a shelf".

According to the committee's chairman, an announcement will be made in the coming week for people who wish to make submissions to the committee to write in to the clerk of the House of Assembly. In addition, he said notices will be circulated with every administrator on the Family Islands so that persons throughout the archipelago can be informed of the committee's proceedings and make contributions where necessary.

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## Union president claims nurses 'falling ill' due to mould at PMH

By **MEGAN REYNOLDS**  
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MOULD infestation in the Eye Ward of Princess Margaret Hospital is causing nurses to fall ill with respiratory illness, according to Bahamas Nurses Union president Cleola Hamilton.

The nurses representative has expressed "huge" concern over the problem which was investigated by the Environmental Health Department last year.

A number of recommendations to get rid of the mould growing on

the walls and ceilings of the ward were put forward by the department to the Public Hospitals Authority (PHA) and Ministry of Health to ensure the health and safety of staff and patients.

But Ms Hamilton maintains nurses are still suffering from the effects as hospital bosses have failed to alleviate the mould infestation.

She claims new tiles were simply placed over the old ones, and the thriving mould is now growing through and putting the health of around a dozen staff at risk.

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LOCAL NEWS

**Supreme Court injunction postpones AAAWU election**

A SUPREME Court injunction has postponed the August 18 election of the Airport Airline and Allied Workers Union (AAAWU) pending a judicial review.

The injunction was granted by Sir Justice Jon Isaacs on Wednesday following an application from the union to restrain the Registrar of Trade Unions from seeking to take a poll by secret ballot.

AAAWU interim president and secretary-general Anthony Bain said a draft of the union's amended constitution and proposed industrial agreement has been completed by his executive council and is now available for members to make contributions.

The Registrar of Trade Unions will then be invited to supervise the poll for ratification by the membership and registration by the Registrar.

Once the amended constitution has been registered, Mr Bain said he will seek the union council's approval for a date to nominate and elect officers.

He said: "These amendments made to the constitution are necessary to bring the constitution up to date and to address the concerns of the Deputy Registrar of Trade Unions."

"We will be calling a number of meetings aimed at apprising the members of all matters affecting this union."

"The (goal) is to make this union more worker friendly."

Mr Bain advised that former AAAWU members Nelerene Harding, Robert Pickstock, Esther Clarke and Ivy Smith have been suspended from the union owing to their conduct.

He added: "They are not members of this union and cannot be a candidate nor participate in any union activities. They will pay agency shop fees."

**Man shot in robbery attempt**

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A MAN was shot and injured by would-be armed robbers who opened fire on a pedestrian because he had no money to give them.

Police reported that the 34-year-old victim was walking through a side street off Lyon Road sometime before 9pm on Thursday when he was approached by two gunmen who demanded cash.

The victim had no cash to give them, police said, and was shot in the left leg as a consequence.

The 34-year-old Shirley Street resident was taken to hospital where he is in stable condition.

Police are also investigating the armed robbery that occurred outside of a bank in the Palmdale area.

A man, who works for a company in the eastern area of New Providence, left the bank around 10am on Thursday when he was held up by a gunman.

Asst Supt Walter Evans said the employee was about to get into his company's vehicle when he was joined by a gunman who ordered him to drive off.

"The employee drove to an area in western New Providence when the gunman stole a large sum of cash which is believed to be the property of the company. It is reported that the employee also had personal funds and two cell phones which were also taken," Mr Evans said.

"The gunman took the keys of the company's vehicle and threw them into nearby bushes and made his escape in a white Astro Van, which was parked nearby."

The employee was not harmed, he said. Police are also probing whether or not the robbery was an "inside job."

Both matters are still under active investigation.

**Mitchell: Govt should increase funding for educational loans**

By TANEKA THOMPSON  
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GOVERNMENT funding for educational loans should be heavily increased, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell said as he spoke out against government's last-minute announcement regarding the indefinite suspension of its guaranteed loan scheme.

Earlier this week Education Minister Carl Bethel shocked many students who were counting on the loan to help finance costly studies abroad

when he announced that the plan had been suspended due to a high default rate.

"We find it appalling that government can simply with a wave of a hand say the (loan) plan is suspended, leaving scores of parents filled with anxiety. The investment in education as far as scholarships go should be tripled and not stopped - this is a disgrace, it's not good enough," said Mr Mitchell.

"I've had scores of parents call me and say 'what can we do?'"

Following the backlash from frustrated students, Mr Bethel

said his ministry had repeatedly warned the public that the programme's future was uncertain from the start. He added that the plan would remain suspended until it is able to sustain itself.

Mr Bethel explained that the cap on the loans was lowered from \$20,000 a year to \$10,000 in 2004 while the average grade point average of 2.5 per cent was raised to make the programme more exclusive in the face of rising defaulters.

Still the government's Guaranteed Loan Programme accumulated a \$68.05 million deficit because so many students

failed to make good on their repayment.

"Sometimes the wheels of government don't operate as quickly as possible and it's unfortunate in this case that the policy decision came as late as it did, but that's something we can't control."

"I have spoken several times about the debts, urging graduates to pay because of the threat it was posing to the viability of the fund," Mr Bethel told *The Tribune* in a recent interview.

Those who are already enrolled in the plan will still receive their allotment.

**"We find it appalling that government can simply with a wave of a hand say the (loan) plan is suspended, leaving scores of parents filled with anxiety."**

Fred Mitchell



Craig Ruttle/AP Photo

**Australian High Commissioner hosts reception onboard HMAS Sydney**

THE Australian naval frigate HMAS Sydney prepares to dock as it cruised up the Hudson River in New York Harbor Sunday, July 19, 2009.

GOVERNOR General Arthur Hanna along with the Acting Prime Minister Carl Bethel and other dignitaries were hosted to a reception onboard the HMAS Sydney on Thursday night by the Australian High Commissioner Philip Kentwell.

Thanking the Governor General and the other guests for attending the function, Mr Kentwell remarked that he hoped to see the Bahamas and Australia's already warm relationship continue to grow in the years to come.

Among those persons invited were Minister of Social Services Loretta Butler-Turner, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing Brensil Rolle, Commodore of the Defence Force Clifford Scavella, Commissioner of Police Reginald Ferguson, US Embassy political counselor Jeff Dubel, Haitian Ambassador Louis Harold Joseph, and China's Ambassador to the Bahamas Hu Dingxian.

The HMAS Sydney is expected to depart the Bahamas today and continue on its journey around the world as a part of its Northern Trident mission, heading through the Panama Canal before it makes it way to its homeport in Australia.

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## The Town Hall mob

THERE'S a famous Norman Rockwell painting titled "Freedom of Speech," depicting an idealized American town meeting. The painting, part of a series illustrating FDR's "Four Freedoms," shows an ordinary citizen expressing an unpopular opinion. His neighbours obviously don't like what he's saying, but they're letting him speak his mind.

That's a far cry from what has been happening at recent town halls, where angry protesters — some of them, with no apparent sense of irony, shouting "This is America!" — have been drowning out, and in some cases threatening, members of Congress trying to talk about health reform.

Some commentators have tried to play down the mob aspect of these scenes, likening the campaign against health reform to the campaign against Social Security privatization back in 2005. But there's no comparison. I've gone through many news reports from 2005, and while anti-privatization activists were sometimes raucous and rude, I can't find any examples of congressmen shouted down, congressmen hanged in effigy, congressmen surrounded and followed by taunting crowds.

And I can't find any counterpart to the death threats at least one congressman has received. So this is something new and ugly. What's behind it?

Robert Gibbs, the White House press secretary, has compared the scenes at health care town halls to the "Brooks Brothers riot" in 2000 — the demonstration that disrupted the vote count in Miami and arguably helped send George W. Bush to the White House. Portrayed at the time as local protesters, many of the rioters were actually GOP staffers flown in from Washington.

But Gibbs is probably only half right. Yes, well-heeled interest groups are helping to organize the town hall mobs. Key organizers include two Astroturf (fake grass-roots) organizations: FreedomWorks, run by the former House majority leader Dick Armey, and a new organization called Conservatives for Patients' Rights.

The latter group, by the way, is run by Rick Scott, the former head of Columbia/HCA, a for-profit hospital chain. Scott was forced out of that job amid a fraud investigation; the company eventually pleaded guilty to charges of overbilling state and federal health plans, paying \$1.7 billion — yes, that's "billion" — in fines. You can't make this stuff up.

But while the organisers are as crass as they come, I haven't seen any evidence that the people disrupting those town halls are

Florida-style rent-a-mobs. For the most part, the protesters appear to be genuinely angry. The question is, what are they angry about?

There was a telling incident at a town hall held by Rep. Gene Green, D-Texas. An activist turned to his fellow attendees and asked if they "oppose any form of socialized or government-run health care." Nearly all did. Then Green asked how many of those present were on Medicare. Almost half raised their hands.

Now, people who don't know that Medicare is a government programme probably aren't reacting to what President Barack Obama is actually proposing. They may believe some of the disinformation opponents of health care reform are spreading, like the claim that the Obama plan will lead to euthanasia for the elderly. (That particular claim is coming straight from House Republican leaders). But they're probably reacting less to what Obama is doing, or even to what they've heard about what he's doing, than to who he is.

That is, the driving force behind the town hall mobs is probably the same cultural and racial anxiety that's behind the "birther" movement, which denies Obama's citizenship. Sen. Dick Durbin has suggested that the "birthers" and the health care protesters are one and the same; we don't know how many of the protesters are "birthers," but it wouldn't be surprising if it's a substantial fraction.

And cynical political operators are exploiting that anxiety to further the economic interests of their backers.

Does this sound familiar? It should: It's a strategy that has played a central role in American politics ever since Richard Nixon realized that he could advance Republican fortunes by appealing to the racial fears of working-class whites.

Many people hoped that last year's election would mark the end of the "angry white voter" era in America. Indeed, voters who can be swayed by appeals to cultural and racial fear are a declining share of the electorate.

But right now Obama's backers seem to lack all conviction, perhaps because the prosaic reality of his administration isn't living up to their dreams of transformation. Meanwhile, the angry right is filled with a passionate intensity.

And if Obama can't recapture some of the passion of 2008, can't inspire his supporters to stand up and be heard, health care reform may well fail.

(This article was written by Paul Krugman, c.2009 New York Times News Service).

# We can ill afford to surrender our way of life

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THANK YOU for allowing me the opportunity to address these few points. Recently, there seemed to be a trend developing among certain Caribbean countries seeking ownership of key Bahamian banks, insurance companies, hotels, and other interests, unencumbered, I might add.

When one considers the levels of their ambitions and the reality of what have already changed hands, leaves a reasonably thinking person with one question. Why? Could there be a blueprint somewhere in a Caribbean business office, highlighting the various key firms in the Bahamas, that they need to target in order to achieve their objectives, whatever that might be? Another thing, how will Bahamians benefit? If this be the case, I hope that the objective is not to suck the life blood out of our people and have them denigrated to levels similar to Central American countries.

The Bahamas has a population of around 400,000 people. We are a small predominantly blessed black nation. The Bahamas can ill afford to surrender our cherished way of life to countries that have populations well in the millions. Why aren't they targeting American institutions? German institutions? Venezuelan institutions? Haitian institutions? Cuban institutions? Russian institutions? What we have in the Bahamas is only enough for our people, after all 5,000 young Bahamian graduates will be joining the job force this summer. We are a much smaller nation than Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad. One need not look very far to figure out what is happening here.

If they are allowed to own the major companies or institutions in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, then by extension will they be able to dictate immigration laws? These peoples would be coming in increased numbers, to take up positions of what will now be businesses owned by their nationals. Monies as

## LETTERS

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we have been seen exited the Bahamas, as an example is the Clico situation without prior knowledge of the government or its agencies, will continue/these tactics are a direct off route to our national security. How can the government(s) allow other countries with their personal country's objectives make the kinds of footholds and receive the kinds of advantages likely to dictate commerce/policies in the Bahamas? These people should not have the right to go after institutions in the Bahamas, no matter what damage is done as a result. Any Bahamian who sides, agrees and assists, a foreigner to either cause his own people hardship, or to be disadvantaged or by common design, causes the laws

of the land to be broken, that person or persons, is a traitor. God gave the Bahamas to Bahamians, Jamaica to Jamaicans, Trinidad to Trinidadian, etc. Incidentally, the Bahamas is not seeking to establish institutions in any of the Caribbean countries mentioned. We have increased what God has given us, but other Caribbean countries may not have increased what God has given them. I believe that they are trying to take away what our forefathers, grandparents, and parents have worked so hard for, but that devil is a liar.

Please hear me, the Bahamas does not want what you, nor can you have what God has given the Bahamas to sustain its people.

FRANK GILBERT  
Retired Policeman  
Nassau,  
June 22, 2009.

## Boundaries for buildings

EDITOR, The Tribune.

This is an open letter to:

Hon. Neko Grant,  
Minister,  
Ministry of Works.

Dear Sir,

1. A condo is presently being constructed at the southeast corner of the roundabout west of City Market, Cable Beach. A portion of the wall around the property has been taken down and the foundation appears to be very close to the boundary at Hampshire and Oxford Streets. Prior to the wall being taken down there was a pathway just outside the wall where persons were able to walk off the main road. Please ensure that the wall is not reconstructed beyond their boundary as not to put pedestrians' life at risk.

2. While the Yellow condo at the southwest corner of the roundabout "Riggles Place" was under construction I called the building inspections section at the Ministry of Works, and informed them about the wall that was being constructed approximately five feet beyond their boundary. I was told that they would know where their boundary lay. Because of this, pedestrians end up walking in the road, putting their lives at risk.

3. Large vehicles experience difficulties while driving around the roundabout, which has been narrowed tremendously due to the boundary not being adhered to. The wall has been continuously knocked down. So much so, that the owners placed large rocks in front of the wall. Additionally the corner heading south on the roundabout was able to accommodate the two-way traffic. As it is now, cars are unable to drive in a north to south direction at the same time.

4. I contacted Ms. Roach, Director of Works, at the time, and informed her of the construction work that was being carried out at an apartment on the north side of Hampshire Street, immediately west of Skyline Drive, without a work permit having been posted. In my opinion the wall has been constructed beyond its boundary lines, cones have also been placed four feet from the wall which leaves absolutely nowhere for pedestrians to walk. As far as I know the Director has yet to investigate these potential dangers to a person's life.

Kindly refer to the western wall at City Market, Cable Beach, and the wall/building immediately west of City Market, which appear to be the only two that are currently within their boundaries.

I also mentioned "Riggles Place" to her. She said that she was aware of the problem, and had sent out a letter to the owners in reference to removing the wall, but she was unaware that the instructions had not been acted upon. She promised to follow up on that letter.

To date, the wall remains in the road causing obstruction and endangering lives.

Please, Mr. Minister, take the necessary action to have these complaints thoroughly investigated and the appropriate action taken.

I await your speedy action in saving lives and ensuring that the building codes are adhered to.

A CONCERNED PROPERTY OWNER  
Nassau,  
July 29, 2009

## Will PLP politicians never learn?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

WHY was I not surprised to read in the newspaper that Senator Jerome Fitzgerald is Chairman of a group who submitted a bid for a contract for a desalination plant at Arawak Cay to the Water and Sewerage Corporation in 2006 whilst Perry Christie was Prime Minister and the PLP were in power?

And why am I not surprised the good Senator failed to declare this apparent conflict of interest when first he started grandstanding against moving

the port to Arawak Cay?

To my mind, whatever flicker of legitimacy the good Senator's crusade against moving the port to Arawak Cay may have had has been overshadowed by his failure to declare his own self-interest.

Will PLP politicians never learn they need to come clean about these sort of things "up front" if they wish to be taken seriously?

A True, True Bahamian  
Nassau,  
July 29, 2009

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## WHY YOU VEX?

"I is done vex when I reads all over that the turtles must have laws to protect dem from harm wid full page ads, committees an' ting, potcake dogs in Grand Bahama who is abused have animal cruelty laws to protect dem, the illegal Haitians who squatting on land has human rights laws to protect dem, even a bunch of men pastors done getting da laws fixed to protect the congregation an' people wid dey money from playing lottery - but I ain't hears no one talkin' as much 'bout we Bahamian women getting rights an' laws fixed to protect dem from dey husbands raping dem.

"Ain't dat a shame, all the others does have rights and the Bahamian women gats ta now struggle for theirs."

- "Women an' children first", Nassau.

"I vex because erry time I turn 'round to brush my teeth or bathe, the water off. Still when you go to pay your water bill at Water and Sewerage, dey don't even say "since you ain' had no water for three hours last week Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, we ga take off \$10."

"Man, dey really does do us wrong in Pinewood Gardens."

- Debbs, Nassau.

"I vex at how every time I go in one shop, restaurant, food store or the movies, the people who work there have their mouths all twist up like someone do them somet'ing."

"It really does take all of my willpower not to yuck the girl behind the counter up because she can't even smile and say 'good morning'."

"Dey have to be fool because they know my money is pay their salary. I don't know why every place in Nassau it seems have stink people working in customer service when these people lucky dey ain' picking up garbage off the streets."

- Shirley, Nassau.

"I vex at these fool people who quote the Bible to support every biggity, selfish, self-serving agenda they wan' push."

"The Lord I serve, and his son Jesus, is a God who is loving and wants equality for all."

"And I especially hot about this law to outlaw martial rape."

"I been hearing heathens quoting the Bible to support men being able to dominate over their wives to the point where they can abuse their bodies sexually as they see fit."

"And some of these no good men even have the nerve to say if you outlaw marital rape it ga increase sweetheating. What Bahamian man, married or not, you know who don't cheat on his wife? I wish I could knock sense into these narrow-minded 'men' and the women who dumb enough to sleep with them."

- Monique M, Nassau.

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# Govt yet to make final decision on turtle ban

By NATARIO MCKENZIE  
Tribune Staff Reporter  
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ALTHOUGH a proposed ban on the harvesting of sea turtles was expected to take effect last month, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources Larry Cartwright said government has still not made a final decision on the matter.

"We have finished the consultation process but the government has to give the final decision. We were trying to get it done before the end of July but it didn't happen, so as soon as possible now," Minister Cartwright told the *Tribune*.

Meetings were held in Abaco, Eleuthera, Grand Bahama and Exuma with fishermen and other people who wished to comment on the proposed ban. The turtle season is closed between April 1 and July 31. Once the ban is put in place there will be complete prohibition on the harvesting of turtles.



THE TURTLE SEASON is closed between April 1 and July 31.

The move for the ban is in response to calls from conservationists seeking measures to protect the turtles.

Jane Mather, president of Advocate for Animal Rights and spokeswoman for the Bahamas Sea Turtle Conservation Group, said that the ban will ensure

the preservation of turtle species that are close to extinction.

"We are closer than most people would like to believe. There's a lot of talk about Bahamian turtles, but there's no such thing because turtles are migratory creatures and they usually pass

through the Bahamas on their way down to mate.

"So when we kill them we are killing the mating stock and it often takes up to 50 years for some of the breeds to reproduce," Ms Mather said.

Species of turtles which have been seen in the Bahamas are the Green Hawksbill, Loggerhead, Leatherhead and Olive Ridley turtles. Although the government has not made a final decision, all indications are that the harvesting of turtles will be prohibited in the Bahamas in the near future.

Ms Mather said that the ban has been long awaited. "We have waited and waited and it's been many years. It's not just this group that's tried to put the ban on turtles because they are animals that will be extinct soon if we don't take care; they are all on the endangered species list. It's also the brutal way in which they are killed that's very offensive to a lot of people," Ms Mather said.

## Ground-broken for new Grand Bahama Arts and Craft Centre

GROUND was broken yesterday for what is expected to be the largest and most successful arts and craft centre in the Bahamas, offering employment opportunities and creating a new tourist attraction on Grand Bahama.

Members of the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA), the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) and the government hosted a special ground-breaking press conference to announce the construction of the new Grand Bahama Arts and Craft Centre.

GBPA chairman Hannes Babak said: "We are very excited about the Grand Bahama Arts and Craft Centre. The concept behind this project is to create a tourist attraction where visitors can actually see how native Bahamian arts and crafts are made, while providing employment opportunities within the local community."

Pyramid Construction Company was awarded the contract to build the 5,000 sq ft centre following an open bidding process meeting hosted by GBPA in early July.

"This is the first time that GBPA has done an exercise of this nature and it is in line with our 'making it happen' initiatives. Our chairman Hannes Babak was instrumental in implementing this process," said GBPA president Ian Rolle. Pyramid Construction Company won out over 16 other bidders for the contract which is valued at approximately \$635,000.

The centre, which will be located on East Sunrise High-



way accessed via Alcester Road, will house the offices of BAIC as well as a training centre for craft classes and an art gallery with a display area for finished products.

Other guests for the ground-breaking included Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport and MP for Lucaya; Larry Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources and MP for Long Island and Ragged Island and MP for South Abaco; BAIC executive chairman Edison Key, and President of GBPA Ian Rolle.

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FROM LEFT: Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport and MP for Lucaya; Hannes Babak, chairman of GBPA; Larry Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources and MP for Long Island and Ragged Island; Edison Key, MP for South Abaco and executive chairman of BAIC and Ian Rolle, president of GBPA.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Success for 'Operation Love Your Country'

By GENA GIBBS

THE Bahamas National Pride Association's 'Operation Love Your Country' is sweeping through the Big Pond, Windsor Lane and Kemp Road communities with much success.

Each month residents there have been volunteering time keeping their neighborhoods clean.

"National pride begins with love for your country," said Joanne Johnson, executive coordinator of the Bahamas National Pride Association (BNPA), a non-profit organisation affiliated with 'Keep America Beautiful'.

Also participating are St Cecilia, Tropical Gardens, Anne's Town and the Reeves Street, Lyon Road and Sarah Robinson Road neighbourhoods.

"We need to rediscover our country again and love it again," said Ms Johnson.

"Environmental laws are broken out of ignorance. If persons are told what the law expects of them, and they take part as neighbours in the clean up of their communities, then the accountability will rest with them.

"I see baby steps and we must educate people about the history of the Bahamas and loving the land to hold them accountable," she said.

Under the theme 'Team Up to Clean Up', BNPA has initiated



NEIGHBOURHOOD children pitch in to keep their community clean.

ated a programme to rid communities of derelict vehicles, discarded appliances and furniture and other trash. Community members truck the garbage to the public dump.

Since 1995, the BNPA has been inspiring Bahamians to develop positive attitudes towards their communities and change their behavior towards conserving the natural resources.

The BNPA has various programmes and projects to promote pollution prevention on a continual basis and to change littering behaviour patterns.

The 'Operation Love Your Country' campaign was started by former BNPA executive coordinator, Alpheus Ramsey.

Volunteers can participate in

programmes such as 'adopt-a-spot/adopt-a-bin' or the 'best kept yard' and 'clean campus competitions.'

BNPA encourages backyard composting mulching, Christmas tree and telephone book mulching projects.

"For effective changes to occur in community attitudes in response to National Pride's campaign for a litter-free environment, projects must produce results from the involvement of many people," the BNPA said.

Their neighborhood programmes like garbage bin distribution, putting up 'no littering' signs, beach monitoring and clean-ups, and environmental and junior pride clubs have gained popularity.

"To continue to get positive results, the organisation must display a clear understanding that people will only involve themselves to the extent that they feel wanted and needed," the BNPA said.



WINDSOR LANE volunteers show national pride.

## JUSTICE HARTMAN LONGLEY SWORN IN



Kristaan Inghram/BIS

JUSTICE Hartman Longley (left) has been sworn in as Acting President of the Court of Appeal at Government House by the

Governor General Arthur Hanna (right).

Mr Longley was called to the Bahamas Bar on October 6, 1976.

He served as assistant counsel in the Attorney General's Chambers from 1976 to 1978.

He also served as a Magistrate in Freeport and

Nassau, and from September 1993 to July 1995. He also held the position of Chief Magistrate.

Mr Longley was appointed judge of the Supreme Court in July 1995 and served until 2005.

On September 23, 2005 he was made a judge of the Court of Appeal.

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• Community Outreach: 11:30 a.m. • Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.  
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• Sisters' Prayer Meeting: 10:00 a.m. (2nd Thursday of each month)



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WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH (Malcolm Rd East)  
7:00 a.m. Reverend Edward J. Sykes (Celebration of the Holy Eucharist)  
11:00 a.m. Lay Preacher, Sis. Cecelia Gardiner

RHODES MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH (108 Montrose Ave. near Wulff Rd)  
7:00 a.m. Conducted by the 7 a.m. Fellowship of Worship Leaders  
10:00 a.m. Lay Preacher, Sis. Keili Jolly (Bible Study)  
11:00 a.m. Pastor Colin Newton and Lay Preacher, Sis. Cheryl Newman  
6:30 p.m. Conducted by the Rhodes Memorial Woman Alive

COKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH (Rose Street, Fox Hill)  
11:00 a.m. Lay Preacher, Sis. Vivienne Huggins (Radio Broadcast, ZNS 1)

PROVIDENCE METHODIST CHURCH (Shirley Plaza)  
11:00 a.m. Lay Preacher, Sis. Elaine Stuart  
HERITAGE OF REDEEMING LOVE METHODIST CHURCH (28 Crawford St, Oakes Field)  
9:00 a.m. Reverend Edward J. Sykes (Celebration of the Holy Eucharist)

METHODIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (Fire Trail Rd)  
5:15 p.m. Reverend Emily A. Demeritte

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Next Service: Lord's Day, August 30, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS



**PASTORS GREET** Ministry of Tourism Deputy Director (l-r) Dr Rick Kendall of South East Florida; Dr Richard Pinder; Dr Myles Munroe; Ministry of Tourism's deputy director religious group Linville Johnson, and Dr Pepe Ramnath of Mirimar Florida.

# Shootouts in Mexico leave at least 12 dead

**PACHUCA, Mexico**

A **RUNNING** battle between police and gunmen has left 12 people dead in this central Mexican city, officials said Friday, according to Associated Press.

The dead included three police officers and nine gunmen, said Hidalgo state Attorney General Jose Alberto Rodriguez. Two state police officers and one city officer remained hospitalized Friday after suffering gunshot wounds in the attacks late Thursday on the outskirts of Pachuca.

A state officer, who was also wounded, died Friday at the hospital.

Hidalgo state police director Donacion Millan said officers were acting on a tip that gunmen were in the area when they stopped four trucks carrying the assailants, who opened fire and fled.

Officers pursued them, and the two groups exchanged gunfire.

After the attacks, police seized assault rifles, grenades, federal police uniforms, handcuffs and 3 kilograms (about 7 pounds) of cocaine.

# Ministry aims for chunk of \$18bn religious tourism market

THE Ministry of Tourism is taking aggressive measures to get a chunk of the religious tourism niche market, a \$18 billion industry which has the potential of providing the Bahamas with year-round visitors.

This from the Ministry of Tourism's deputy director of the religious group market Linville Johnson who said that his department is working along with some 20 denominations to increase the number of visitors who attend religious events in the Bahamas annually.

Mr Johnson was speaking to the press at the first annual Kingdom Seminar hosted by international author and consultant Dr Myles Munroe at the Diplomat Centre on Wednesday night. The winter season is the peak period for visitors, but Mr Johnson emphasised the need for year round visitors.

"We have hundreds of visitors who come to the Bahamas annually solely for religious events. It's an \$18 billion global market that is large and is growing. We want to be at the cutting edge of this market so that we can get our fair share, and statistics show that we are one of the destinations of choice for these religious groups," he said.

Tourism's religious market is targeting large church groups by giving them the best deals possible from the Ministry of Tourism's website. Other activities include marketing and advertising through specialty religious magazines and public relations activities at seminars and conferences. Research by the ministry shows that the local religious tourism market is comprised of 54 per cent female visitors, aged 18 to 24, and 45 to 54, with a household income from \$25,000 to \$75,000, and 57 per cent of them stay an average of six nights in hotels, accounting for approximately 3,057 visitors and 18,201 room nights in 2007/08.

Said Mr Johnson: "For example, Dr Myles Munroe's annual conferences for youth, Christians and international leaders have been drawing a large segment of that market for us. Florida is our biggest market. What we want to do now is partner with other denominations

**"We have hundreds of visitors who come to the Bahamas annually solely for religious events. It's an \$18 billion global market that is large and is growing."**

Ministry of Tourism's deputy director of the religious group market Linville Johnson

during their events to increase the numbers through hotel bookings."

Dr Munroe's three-day Kingdom seminar attracted delegates from more than 30 countries including the United States, Indonesia, Malaysia, the United Kingdom and other parts of Europe.

"It's great when I can do what I love which is teaching and at the same time be a part of tourism in this country. This is a time when people everywhere are cutting back, but this event has not been impacted by the recession. Really this seminar is a response to a demand for the past ten years. When I travel people always ask me, 'when are you going to have a seminar in the Bahamas?' So this is different from the conferences, but it still attracts Christians from around the world," said Dr Munroe.

The Ministry of Tourism and the Wyndham Nassau Resort provided a welcome reception and tour of Paradise Island and Cable Beach Hotels to international pastors from Dr Munroe's Kingdom Seminar.

# Williams/Russell Town developments on track

By SIMON LEWIS

**FREEPORT** - The revitalisation of Williams and Russell Towns in Grand Bahama continues on track, Minister for Works and Transport Neko Grant said this week.

He was speaking to the media on Thursday "to dispel the rumours and untruths that have been circulated by some rejected politicians."

Mr Grant represents the Lucaya constituency, which includes the two communities, in parliament.

The revitalisation project started shortly after Mr Grant became the Minister of Public Works and Transport.

Seawalls, sidewalks, and paved parking have already been constructed and persons can now easily walk from one community to the other, he said.

Restrooms are to be built, the entire area landscaped, and 21 pastel-colored booths provided for local vendors.

Mr Grant said the residents have responded favourably to the project.

"I have been honoured to have represented the people of Williams and Russell Towns for the past 17 years," he said. "That speaks volumes of their trust in me. Four consecutive terms.

"I promised them in 2007 that if re-elected I would seek to revitalise Williams and Russell Towns, and as you can see we are well underway to doing that."

Roads in the area will be paved soon, he said.

"One of the reasons why we have not paved to date is that we would wish to have a first class operation out here."

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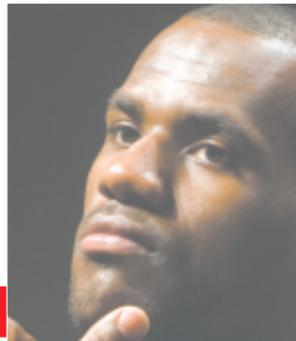
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0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date		
1.3860	1.3231	CFAL Bond Fund	1.3860	2.40	4.75				30-Jun-09	
3.0350	2.8952	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	
101.6693	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	
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Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume										
Change - Change in closing price from day to day										
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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										
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LeBron wants to keep his options open...

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# Boxers on medal quest

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## Amateurs get ready to fight at World Boxing Championships

Amateur boxers Valentino Knowles and Carl Hield have their bags packed for a 32-day excursion in Italy fully sponsored by the International Amateur Boxing Association.

The duo, along with coaches Andre Seymour and Prince Ferguson are expected to travel to Rome Sunday for a 17-day training camp before they end up in Milan for the World Boxing Championships.

The contingent is scheduled to return home on September 13, hopefully with a medal, according to Wellington Miller, president of the Amateur Boxing Federation of the Bahamas.

"This is a great honour for our federation because it means that the AIBA, which is the governing body for amateur boxing in the world, has recognised the value of our training efforts and our boxers' participation in international boxing tournaments," Miller said.

"I would like to thank all of those boxers who started off with the Amateur Boxing Association many years ago on whose shoulders these young boxers now stand. As a result of their concerted efforts over the years, these young boxers now have this opportunity to represent the Bahamas in these World Championships."

The boxers will train in Rome until September 1 when they are expected to head to Milan for the championships slated to run through September 12.

Miller said the boxers have showed a lot of determination and

fortitude to have stuck with the programme to get to the level that they have reached.

He also thanked their parents for allowing their sons to be a part of the programme.

Both the boxers and their parents expressed their gratitude at a press conference yesterday as they were sent off by Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Desmond Bannister.

"I want to congratulate Carl and Valentino, two young men who are doing progressively well in this country," Bannister said. "It's always good when I see young men moving ahead, looking ahead and setting goals to move the country forward."

"I appreciate the fact that your parents have come here and spoke so positively about where you're going and where you're heading. I hope you listen to Andre (Seymour) and the goals he has set for you."

Bannister said after watching both Seymour and Ferguson in action at the Olympic Games in Beijing, China, he's confident that the boxers will live up to what is expected of them.

"I want to say how delighted I am to have been awarded this opportunity to go down to Italy," said Valentino Knowles, who will be competing in his second World Championships.

"Nothing in life is easy, so after all my hard training and desire, I stuck around and my reward is now coming."

His father, McAllen Knowles, was extremely grateful for his son's participation in the sport.



(L-R) – ABFB president Wellington Miller, coach Prince Ferguson, boxer Carl Hield, Minister Desmond Bannister, boxer Valentino Knowles, coach Andre Seymour, permanent secretary Archie Nairn and ABFB secretary general George Turner...

Photo: Raymond Bethel/BIS

"He has been trying hard for a long time, now his time has finally come and he's going somewhere," he said as he thanked the ministry and the federation for all of their help in supporting Valentino.

Carl Hield, who will be appearing in his third World Championships, thanked God for allowing him to see the day when he was afforded the scholarship.

"It's been a hard road with some downs and outs, I stuck around and I'm here," he said. "I just have to go down and do my thing and carry the flag for my country."

His mother, Norman Hield, also thanked God for opening the doors for her son to enhance his boxing career.

"I want to thank Mr Miller, the president, Mr (George) Turner (secretary), Mr Seymour and all those who worked hard with C J to get him to where he is today," she said.

"I mostly want to express my sincere thanks to the minister for allowing C J to be a part of this team officially by being a part of the subvention so that he can do all the things that the boxers...before he was able to do and train without having to

worry about anything."

Coach Seymour said both boxers are seasoned and they are quite ready for the challenge that awaits them.

"What we can expect at the championships from both of these boxers is good performances," Seymour said. "We're going to take it one day at a time."

"We are going to try and get a medal at the championships. This is not a trip for experience. They have the experience. This is now time to win a medal. Gone are the days when we go for experience. We will train, train and train and when we step into the ring, our aim is to win."

Ferguson, who will be assisting Seymour, said he's also proud of the achievement of the two boxers in their quest for a medal at the championships.

"I had the liberty of traveling with them to many countries and many tournaments and regardless of the struggles that they had, they always stuck to their game plan and when they fell down, they always got back up," he said.

"To attend a tournament such as a World Championships, it means a whole lot to them and to the federation and I'm proud that I will be able to work with them and hope that they are successful in their quest for a medal."



BOXER CARL HIELD and his mother, Norma Hield...



BOXER VALENTINO KNOWLES and his father, McAllen Knowles

# BFA hires youth development officer for soccer

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THE Bahamas Football Association (BFA) has engaged the services of Paul James Jr of Guyana as the soccer youth development officer for the next two years.

"Soccer is the sport in the Bahamas and it seems to have the most vibrant youth development programme," said Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Desmond Bannister as he was officially introduced to James yesterday.

"What the ministry is extremely pleased about is that they are serious about youth development and the community outreach programme. I think anywhere you go on this island on a Saturday morning, you see hundreds and hundreds of young people playing soccer."

"It's a sport that is growing. We had the FIFA World Congress here recently and we anticipate the sport growing more and more popular in the Bahamas."

Welcoming James to the Bahamas, Bannister said he anticipates only good things for the sport, which has now also been able to secure lights in its national facilities at the Bailyou Hills Sporting Complex.

"It's the only artificial turf in the Bahamas and now they are going to have lights," Bannister said. "So I want to congratulate them on how progressive they are and assure them that they have the ministry's contin-



(L-R) Paul James Jr, BFA president Anton Sealy, permanent secretary Archie Nairn and BFA secretary general Lionel Haven...

ued support."

BFA president Anton Sealy thanked Bannister for ensuring that all of their programmes are pressed without any hindrance in his ministry.

Secretary general Lionel Haven, however, said James brings a wealth of experience from Guyana where he will help to continue to develop their youth programme.

"The initial programme calls for us to establish community programmes

here and in three different Family Islands," Haven said.

"In addition to that, we met this morning with the Ministry of Education and Dawn Knowles, and we will be working with them in trying to improve that programme."

Last year when they hosted the programme, Haven said they were able to attract some 25 boys and 18 girls teams from the primary schools, but he anticipates that these numbers will increase this year.

"What we want to do with them, not necessarily increase in terms of numbers, but we want to improve in terms of the quality that the kids are getting in terms of their education of the sport."

During his tenure, Haven said James will be responsible for instructing the coaches and also providing the skills for the youngsters in their quest to become better players.

Here for the first time since

August 1, James said he's delighted to be invited to participate in the programme, but after spending the past eight years working with youngsters between the ages of eight and 15, he sees the value of getting them grounded in the discipline of the sport at an early age.

"I think at the 15-and-under level throughout the Caribbean, we are not that far apart," James reflected. "But because of lack of competition and exposure, we tend to fall back."

"I think once we have the support of the federation and the ministry and the media, I think we will be successful in our youth programme."

James, however, said he saw the under-16 girls national team and he was impressed with what he saw, especially with their enthusiasm.

But he admitted that a lot more work needs to be done with the coaches.

Having had a chance to view the College of the Bahamas' Caribs soccer team in practice, James said there's nothing much that can be done for them at this stage.

He said the focus has to be on the youth, which will be one of his primary goals.

But his ultimate goal is to ensure that the under-15 national teams are developed much stronger than they are now.

With a plan to start working with the players from October, James said he's confident that by the time the national team gets ready to play next year, they will be better prepared for their Caribbean counterparts.

## INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

## GM calls Roy pillar of Trail Blazers franchise

By RYAN KOST  
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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Trail Blazers general manager Kevin Pritchard called Brandon Roy a pillar of the franchise at a press conference Friday during which he formally announced Roy's multiyear contract extension.

Pritchard said it was "an amazing day" and that he looked forward to Roy's future with the team.

He recalled going out to watch Roy in a workout before he was first signed to the team.

"I remember driving back from that workout thinking this is our guy, and he's going to be a pillar of our franchise," he said. "Brandon is a leader. He's a guy who cares about his teammates."

The Trail Blazers have declined to release contract terms, but Roy's agent said it's a five-year deal which could be worth more than \$80 million. The fifth year, ending in 2015, the agent said, is at Roy's option.

The two-time All-Star, who grew up in Seattle, said he never had any reservations about signing for the long-haul with team, despite free agency and the salary cap.

"From my first year in this organization, I knew where I wanted to be," he said. "I couldn't imagine being anywhere but here in Portland."

The 25-year-old Roy led the Trail Blazers with 22.6 points and 5.1 assists per game last season. He's been instrumental in helping the team win back a fan base that had been alienated by the so-called Jail Blazers of the past.

Contract negotiations took longer than Roy had hoped, he said. It was frustrating, but it "is something that's part of the business."

When his agent called to tell him the deal had finally been completed, "I just had this huge smile on my face — of relief," he said.

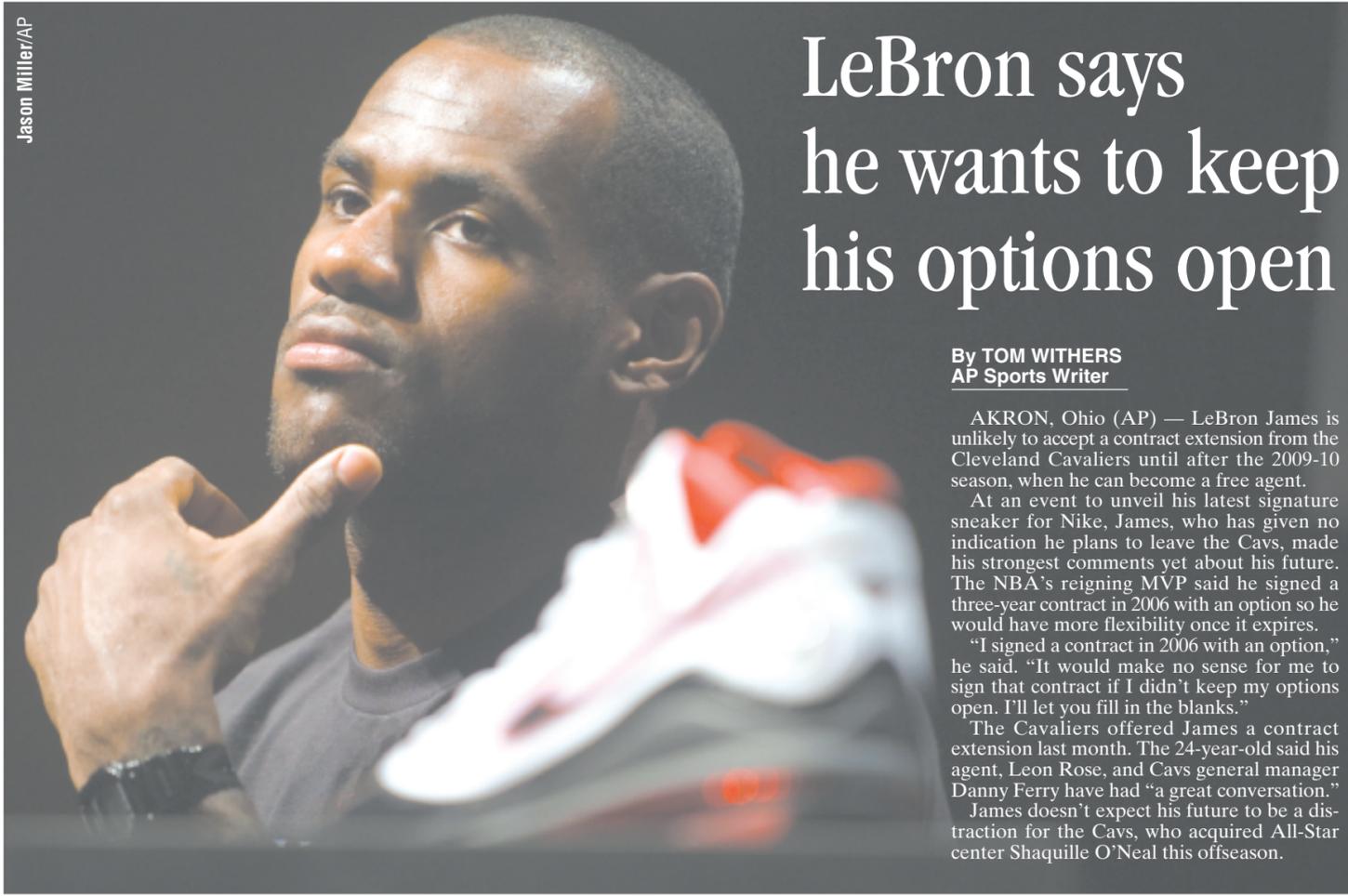
Now, he says he's "chomping at the bits" to get the new season started.

"Being the best team at the end of the season is my ultimate goal," Roy said. "I'm chasing the championship."

The Trail Blazers are still working on an extension with the team's second-leading scorer, forward LaMarcus Aldridge.

Roy said he hopes a deal gets done soon.

Jason Miller/AP



LEBRON JAMES answers questions from the media after revealing his new Nike Air Max LeBron VII shoes during an event at Ed Davis Community Center in Akron, Ohio, Friday, Aug. 7, 2009 in Cleveland, Ohio...

## LeBron says he wants to keep his options open

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — LeBron James is unlikely to accept a contract extension from the Cleveland Cavaliers until after the 2009-10 season, when he can become a free agent.

At an event to unveil his latest signature sneaker for Nike, James, who has given no indication he plans to leave the Cavs, made his strongest comments yet about his future. The NBA's reigning MVP said he signed a three-year contract in 2006 with an option so he would have more flexibility once it expires.

"I signed a contract in 2006 with an option," he said. "It would make no sense for me to sign that contract if I didn't keep my options open. I'll let you fill in the blanks."

The Cavaliers offered James a contract extension last month. The 24-year-old said his agent, Leon Rose, and Cavs general manager Danny Ferry have had "a great conversation."

James doesn't expect his future to be a distraction for the Cavs, who acquired All-Star center Shaquille O'Neal this offseason.

## AP source: Pistons, Wallace agree to deal

By LARRY LAGE  
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — A person with knowledge of the deal says Ben Wallace is coming back to the Detroit Pistons.

Wallace will receive a \$1.3 million, one-year deal, said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the contract has not been signed. Wallace is expected to do that early next week.

The four-time defensive player of the year helped the Pistons win the 2004 NBA title. He left as a free agent to play for the Chicago Bulls, signing a four-year, \$60 million deal.

He was traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers and most recently to the Phoenix Suns as part of the Shaquille O'Neal trade. Wallace was due \$14 million for the last year of his deal but gave up \$4 million to become a free agent.

Wallace was considering retirement as recently as May after the Cavs were ousted from the playoffs by Orlando. He cited a combination of injuries, declining production and a loss of passion for the game.

The 14-year veteran suffered a broken leg last season and suffered from tendinitis in his knees.

At his best, Wallace is one of the best defensive players in the NBA, a fierce rebounder despite his small size for a center (6-foot-9, 240 pounds).



IN THIS February 3, 2009 file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers' Ben Wallace (4) grabs a rebound in front of Toronto Raptors' Joey Graham (14) during a game in Cleveland. A person with knowledge of the deal says Wallace is coming back to the Detroit Pistons. Wallace will receive a \$1.3 million, one-year deal, said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the contract has not been signed.

(AP Photo: Mark Duncan)

He has never averaged more than 9.7 points per game in any season, but is valued more for his work on the boards (10.3 rebounds and 2.1 blocks per game over his career).

Wallace will be a familiar face for a team in the midst of big changes. He will recognize former Cavaliers assistant John Kuester, who last month became Detroit's sixth head coach in the past 10 years.

Kuester replaced Michael Curry, who was fired on June 30 after going 39-43 in his first season and being swept by Cleveland in the first round of the playoffs.

Detroit had reached the Eastern Conference finals in the previous six seasons under Rick Carlisle, Larry Brown and Flip Saunders.

Detroit has almost completely dumped that roster, with only Richard Hamilton and Tayshaun Prince remaining from the 2003-04 championship team. They added Charlie Villanueva and Ben Gordon in the first hours of free agency, and now they are bringing back another cog from their championship run.

The Pistons have been known as a defensive team under Joe Dumars, the former Piston who is the team's president of basketball operations.

Kuester has said that isn't going to change, despite his stint as Cleveland's offensive coordinator and the addition of two score-first players in Gordon and Villanueva.

## Hawks re-sign forward Marvin Williams

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks re-signed forward Marvin Williams on Friday, their last bit of unfinished offseason business.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported the restricted free agent agreed to a five-year, \$37.5 million deal, with incentives that could raise the package to as much as \$43 million.

"A big priority this summer was to retain as many of our free agents as possible and keep our nucleus intact, so Marvin's return is significant for us," general manager Rick Sund said.

Williams averaged 13.9 points and 6.3 rebounds during his fourth season with the Hawks. He was the second overall pick of the 2005 draft after spending one season at North Carolina.

The Hawks largely have kept together a team that reached the second round of the playoffs for the first time in a decade. They already re-signed point guard Mike Bibby and backup center Zaza Pachulia.

Atlanta also bolstered its backcourt by trading for Jamal Crawford and drafting Wake Forest star Jeff Teague.

"Marvin is an important part of our core, and we're very pleased to keep him in a Hawks uniform," Sund said. "As one of our talented and versatile young veterans, he's shown improvement every year in the league."

Williams could have accepted the Hawks qualifying offer of \$7.5 million and become an unrestricted free agent next summer. Instead, like Bibby and Pachulia, he decided on a long-term commitment to the Hawks.

## Gonzalez defeats Haas, advances to semis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fourth-seeded Fernando Gonzalez defeated Tommy Haas 7-5, 6-4 to advance to the semifinals of the Legg Mason Tennis Classic on Friday.

Gonzalez will play second-seeded and defending champion Juan Martin del Potro, who advanced after Robin Soderling withdrew before their quarterfinal with a right elbow injury.

Tied at 5-all in the first set, Gonzalez angled a forehand past the charging Haas for the first break point of the match. He then had three forehand winners in his own service game to close out the set.

"Both of us played really good tennis in the beginning," Gonzalez said. "I only had one break point and I did it. That gave me a lot of confidence for the rest of the match."

Gonzalez broke serve to open the second set and again to go up 5-2 against a clearly frustrated Haas. Haas, a Wimbledon semifinalist this year, broke back and then held his serve to get to 5-4. But the 11th-ranked Gonzalez rebounded and put away an overhead smash to win the match. He improved to 5-0 in quarterfinals this year.



FERNANDO GONZALEZ, of Chile, returns a forehand against Tommy Haas, of Germany, at the quarter finals of the Legg Mason Tennis Classic, in Washington, on Friday, Aug. 7, 2009. Gonzalez won the match 7-5, 6-4...

(AP Photo: Jacquelyn Martin)

"He made two mistakes in the first game (of the second set) and I took advantage," said Gonzalez, who reached the finals in Washington in 2003.

Soderling, a finalist at the

French Open this year, is expected to have an MRI scan on Friday. "My elbow started to bother me two weeks ago and this morning it was really sore," the Swede said, adding that he hopes to

play one or two tournaments before the U.S. Open.

Top-seeded Andy Roddick will play Ivo Karlovic and John Isner will face No. 8-seeded Tomas Berdych in the evening quarterfinals.

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### 5-DAY FORECAST

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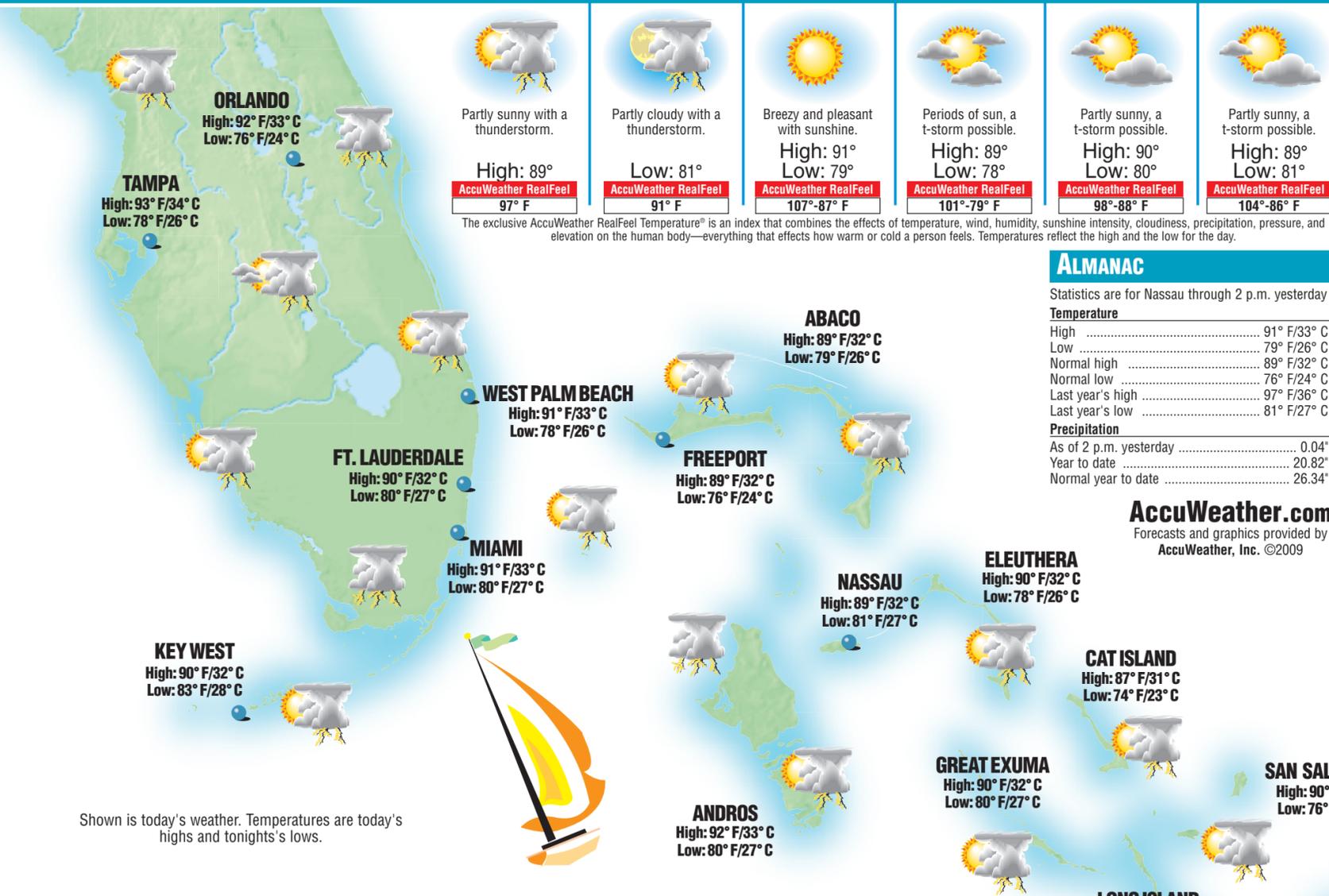
### TONIGHT

### SUNDAY

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### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY



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

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High: 89°  
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97° F

Partly cloudy with a thunderstorm.

Low: 81°  
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91° F

Breezy and pleasant with sunshine.

High: 91°  
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107°-87° F

Periods of sun, a t-storm possible.

High: 89°  
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Partly sunny, a t-storm possible.

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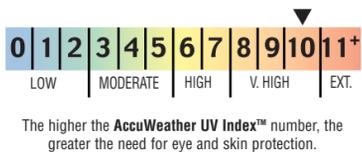
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Last year's low ..... 81° F/27° C

**Precipitation**

As of 2 p.m. yesterday ..... 0.04"  
Year to date ..... 20.82"  
Normal year to date ..... 26.34"

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### UV INDEX TODAY



### TIDES FOR NASSAU

	High	Ht. (ft.)	Low	Ht. (ft.)
Today	9:57 a.m.	2.7	3:48 a.m.	0.2
	10:14 p.m.	2.7	4:03 p.m.	0.3
Sunday	10:32 a.m.	2.8	4:21 a.m.	0.2
	10:49 p.m.	2.6	4:43 p.m.	0.4
Monday	11:10 a.m.	2.8	4:55 a.m.	0.2
	11:26 p.m.	2.5	5:25 p.m.	0.4
Tuesday	11:51 a.m.	2.9	5:31 a.m.	0.2
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### SUN AND MOON

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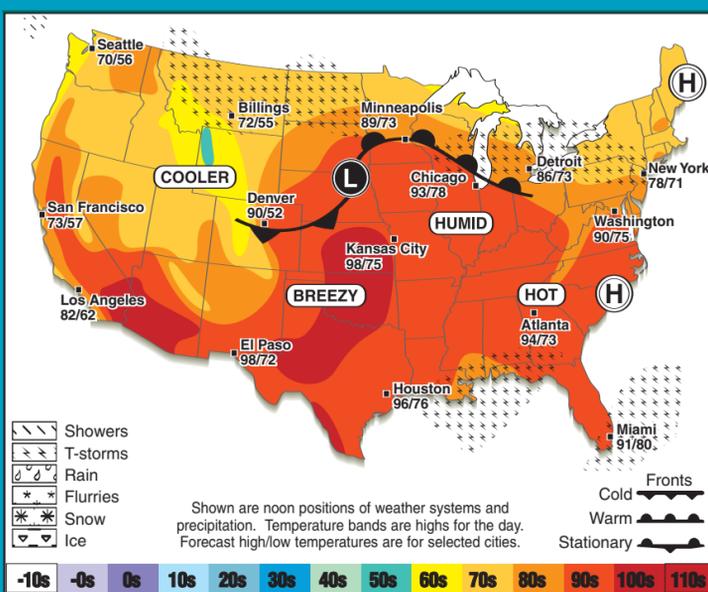
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Amsterdam	73/22	55/12	pc	72/22	55/12	sh
Ankara, Turkey	82/27	54/12	c	81/27	54/12	s
Athens	88/31	74/23	s	88/31	72/22	s
Auckland	56/13	42/5	s	59/15	43/6	s
Bangkok	90/32	79/26	t	89/31	79/26	sh
Barbados	86/30	78/25	pc	88/31	77/25	pc
Barcelona	78/25	70/21	t	78/25	68/20	t
Beijing	88/31	73/22	pc	89/31	74/23	c
Beirut	80/26	75/23	s	80/26	77/25	s
Belgrade	87/30	59/15	s	86/30	61/16	s
Berlin	82/27	64/17	pc	81/27	61/16	pc
Bermuda	86/30	76/24	t	85/29	75/23	s
Bogota	66/18	46/7	sh	66/18	44/6	sh
Brussels	75/23	54/12	pc	73/22	55/12	sh
Budapest	86/30	59/15	s	85/29	59/15	s
Buenos Aires	59/15	39/3	pc	59/15	45/7	s
Cairo	100/37	76/24	s	98/36	75/23	s
Calcutta	93/33	84/28	t	93/33	82/27	r
Calgary	72/22	50/10	s	72/22	52/11	s
Cancun	91/32	75/23	pc	91/32	74/23	pc
Caracas	80/26	68/20	t	83/28	72/22	t
Casablanca	77/25	61/16	s	77/25	63/17	s
Copenhagen	76/24	63/17	sh	72/22	62/16	sh
Dublin	64/17	52/11	sh	66/18	55/12	pc
Frankfurt	86/30	66/18	t	84/28	63/17	c
Geneva	78/25	59/15	t	80/26	62/16	t
Halifax	73/22	55/12	s	72/22	59/15	s
Havana	89/31	75/23	r	93/33	73/22	sh
Helsinki	75/23	55/12	pc	77/25	55/12	pc
Hong Kong	91/32	81/27	t	88/31	82/27	r
Islamabad	107/41	85/29	s	109/42	85/29	s
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Jerusalem	86/30	63/17	s	83/28	63/17	s
Johannesburg	62/16	45/7	s	66/18	45/7	s
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Lima	70/21	57/13	pc	69/20	58/14	pc
London	73/22	54/12	pc	75/23	57/13	pc
Madrid	91/32	63/17	pc	84/28	59/15	t
Manila	86/30	79/26	r	88/31	78/25	r
Mexico City	77/25	55/12	t	75/23	54/12	t
Monterrey	100/37	73/22	s	102/38	75/23	s
Montreal	75/23	63/17	s	72/22	63/17	c
Moscow	63/17	50/10	pc	68/20	52/11	pc
Munich	80/26	56/13	pc	82/27	53/11	t
Nairobi	78/25	53/11	c	79/26	52/11	pc
New Delhi	97/36	86/30	pc	99/37	88/31	pc
Oslo	72/22	54/12	sh	66/18	54/12	r
Paris	77/25	61/16	pc	77/25	59/15	sh
Prague	82/27	56/13	s	81/27	51/10	s
Rio de Janeiro	85/29	70/21	s	84/28	70/21	s
Riyadh	105/40	81/27	s	104/40	81/27	s
Rome	88/31	68/20	s	86/30	67/19	pc
St. Thomas	90/32	79/26	s	89/31	80/26	sh
San Juan	59/15	31/0	pc	69/20	36/2	s
San Salvador	90/32	70/21	t	90/32	74/23	t
Santiago	66/18	37/2	s	66/18	41/5	s
Santo Domingo	91/32	73/22	pc	85/29	73/22	sh
Sao Paulo	81/27	61/16	s	77/25	60/15	pc
Seoul	86/30	73/22	r	87/30	76/24	sh
Stockholm	73/22	54/12	pc	75/23	55/12	pc
Sydney	63/17	46/7	pc	64/17	50/10	s
Taipei	86/30	81/27	r	94/34	81/27	sh
Tokyo	86/30	79/26	sh	84/28	79/26	t
Toronto	75/23	63/17	r	91/32	66/18	t
Trinidad	93/33	64/17	s	79/26	52/11	pc
Vancouver	68/20	58/14	sh	70/21	58/14	c
Vienna	82/27	62/16	s	82/27	64/17	s
Warsaw	73/22	50/10	s	75/23	50/10	s
Winnipeg	74/23	61/16	r	75/23	60/15	sh

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Prcp-precipitation, Tr-trace

### MARINE FORECAST

	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
NASSAU	Today: E at 7-14 Knots	2-3 Feet	3-5 Miles	85° F
	Sunday: ESE at 8-16 Knots	2-3 Feet	3-5 Miles	85° F
FREEPORT	Today: E at 6-12 Knots	2-3 Feet	3-5 Miles	86° F
	Sunday: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-3 Feet	3-5 Miles	86° F
ABACO	Today: E at 6-12 Knots	2-3 Feet	3-5 Miles	82° F
	Sunday: ESE at 6-12 Knots	2-3 Feet	3-5 Miles	82° F

### TODAY'S U.S. FORECAST



### U.S. CITIES

	Today			Sunday		
	High F/C	Low F/C	W	High F/C	Low F/C	W
Albuquerque	91/32	64/17	s	91/32	65/18	pc
Anchorage	71/21	56/13	s	72/22	55/12	pc
Atlanta	94/34	73/22	s	92/33	73/22	pc
Atlantic City	84/28	70/21	pc	88/31	75/23	t
Baltimore	88/31	68/20	pc	92/33	74/23	s
Boston	78/25	64/17	s	78/25	67/19	t
Buffalo	76/24	68/20	r	86/30	73/22	t
Charleston, SC	90/32	72/22	pc	94/34	74/23	s
Chicago	93/33	78/25	t	96/35	73/22	pc
Cleveland	85/29	72/22	t	92/33	73/22	pc
Dallas	100/37	78/25	s	98/36	79/26	s
Denver	90/32	52/11	pc	84/28	56/13	pc
Detroit	86/30	73/22	t	92/33	72/22	pc
Honolulu	89/31	75/23	s	90/32	76/24	s
Houston	96/35	76/24	pc	94/34	78/25	t
Indianapolis	94/34	73/22	pc	92/33	73/22	s
Jacksonville	93/33	73/22	t	91/32	73/22	t
Kansas City	98/36	75/23	s	94/34	74/23	pc
Las Vegas	96/35	70/21	s	101/38	76/24	s
Little Rock	96/35	74/23	s	92/33	73/22	t
Los Angeles	82/27	62/16	pc	82/27	64/17	pc
Louisville	95/35	74/23	pc	93/33	74/23	s
Memphis	96/35	75/23	s	93/33	75/23	t
Miami	91/32	80/26	t	90/32	79/26	t
Minneapolis	89/31	73/22	t	90/32	67/19	t
Nashville	96/35	71/21	pc	93/33	72/22	s
New Orleans	88/31	77/25	t	89/31	78/25	t
New York	78/25	71/21	s	88/31	79/26	t
Oklahoma City	100/37	74/23	s	96/35	72/22	s
Orlando	92/33	76/24	t	93/33	76/24	t
Philadelphia	86/30	73/22	s	90/32	76/24	t
Phoenix	104/40	80/26	s	105/40	81/27	s
Pittsburgh	85/29	68/20	pc	90/32	70/21	s
Portland, OR	72/22	59/15	c	76/24	57/13	pc
Raleigh-Durham	94/34	70/21	pc	98/36	76/24	s
St. Louis	96/35	78/25	s	96/35	77/25	pc
Salt Lake City	73/22	53/11	c	78/25	58/14	s
San Antonio	100/37	77/25	s	98/36	78/25	pc
San Diego	75/23	67/19	pc	76/24	66/18	pc
San Francisco	73/22	57/13	s	78/25	57/13	s
Seattle	70/21	56/13	c	72/22	56/13	c
Tallahassee	94/34	74/23	t	94/34	72/22	t
Tampa	93/33	78/25	t	92/33	77/25	t
Tucson	100/37	74/23	s	100/37	73/22	s
Washington, DC	90/32	75/23	pc	94/34	78/25	s

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## LOCAL NEWS

## Man dies in tragic work accident

JESSEKEN Ferguson was tragically killed today while working at Tile King on Wulff Road. Employed in the warehouse, 26-year-old Mr. Ferguson, was critically injured when the forklift he was operating became unbalanced.

He jumped from the forklift as it fell over but was unable to escape the boom which trapped him underneath.

Two ambulances arrived on the scene and Mr. Ferguson was pronounced dead. A mortician removed the body while police took statements from witnesses to the accident and the staff who had tried to rescue him. Foul play is not suspected.

Mr Ferguson, who had joined Tile King in October last year, was the youngest of six children. One of his brothers, representing the family, arrived at Tile King on learning of the accident, and met with management.

Builders Mall was closed immediately after the accident and will remain closed until Monday, management announced.

Mr Mark Roberts, proprietor of Builders Mall, said that "all management and staff are shaken by the tragic loss and want to express their sincere condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of Jessie."

Mr Ferguson, who was predeceased by his mother, is survived by his brothers and sisters and two children.

## Mitchell

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The time allotted for submissions to the committee will end at the end of this month, and the committee is expected to meet again and review this information on September 4.

Mr Mitchell added that they plan to include voice evidence in their body of work once they get a handle on what the scope of the investigations will be. He also said the committee has agreed there would be protection for those who wished to remain anonymous.

A representative from the Attorney General's office will also be made available to the committee in case any legal matters arise.

This Crown Lands Committee was formed following a series of articles revealed in *The Tribune* relating to claims of nepotism and corruption in the Department of Lands and Surveys.

Following these reports, the former director of Lands Tex Turnquest was forced to resign from his post after *The Tribune* published allegations that members of his own family, including his mother-in-law, were granted Crown land lots on the island of Exuma.

These beachfront lots, which were sold at less than \$2,500 each, were flipped a few years later for more than \$550,000 apiece. Mr Turnquest denied any connection to any of the transactions.

# 'Too early to tell' if container port relocation will cost FNM next election

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Government has made.

Several members of the Opposition, most notably Senator Jerome Fitzgerald, have led the charge against the port's move to Arawak Cay raising questioned about potential environmental harm from the subsequent dredging of Nassau Harbour and extension of the man-made island.

For months they have continuously lambasted Government's behaviour on the port relocation as "secretive" pandering to unnamed special interest groups.

Some have criticised the Opposition for harping on issue for political gain.

But Mr Mitchell said his party needs to focus on strengthening itself to regain power and cannot rest on any possible points gained from current public disapproval of government.

"There are certain trends from which a government may never recover and it is incumbent upon the PLP to ensure that it has an organisation to fight an election in 2012 and have a properly framed debate which shows that the PLP is best for the country," he told *The Tribune* yesterday.

At Thursday's heated town meeting, Environment Minister Earl Deveaux revealed that the port relocation may not be set in stone.

"The 19 shareholders are free to say to the Government they are no longer interested.

"They are free to say that if they wish. We are responding to an initiative expressed by them," Dr Deveaux is reported to have said.

This revelation may give govern-

ment a window to backtrack on its decision regarding the port, ex-FNM minister Tennyson Wells said yesterday.



Earl Deveaux

"I think Earl's statement, it would be the best thing to sit down will all the interested persons and do it openly and transparently," said Mr Wells, who has also been vocal in his protest to the Arawak Cay proposal.

He admitted that his family has an interest in Arawak Cay but claimed this did not influence his opinion. He feels it's in the country's best interest to have the site remain an unblemished cultural and tourist attraction.

The public's strong resistance to the FNM's failed proposal to build a resort at Clifton Cay in 2000 is a lesson that should have prepared the

government for the backlash, said Mr Mitchell.

The FNM lost the election in 2002, which some pundits said was a key issue in that election race.

"It appears that there's a decision to be bloody-minded about it without waiting (to hear) what the public thinks. That same thing ran Mr Ingraham into trouble in 2002," said Mr Mitchell. "Those who don't know their history are doomed to repeat it".

The Arawak Cay site was chosen as the sixth best location for the container port with the fifth option being the present location on Bay Street.

But supporters of the move argue that the downtown revitalisation project hinges on the swift removal of the container facilities.

Government has said that the Opposition's idea of moving the container port to Clifton Pier is too expensive and argued that Arawak Cay is the best choice at this time.

# Union president claims nurses 'falling ill' due to mould at PMH

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She said: "We have huge concerns about staff health. The nurses are suffering from upper respiratory tract infection, and one of the nurses' whole face is swollen because of exposure to the spores of this mould.

"We have been asking the hospital to please deal with this mould problem and nothing is happening. We just need the staff to be safe.

"The Health and Safety Act says staff should work in a safe and healthy environment and I feel that the nurses health is being compromised by the mould infestation."

Up to five nurses work in the Eye Ward at a time on a rotation of three shifts per day, and Ms Hamilton claims Allied health staff are also at risk.

The Department of Environmental Health ensured the ward was inspected when complaints were made last year and recommendations were put to the Public Hospitals Authority (PHA).

Anthony Ryan, senior lab technologist at the Environmental Monitoring and Risk Assessment Division, maintains the PHA were very receptive to advice and acted quickly on their recommendations.

He said: "We inspected it and there was a local company brought in to do all the remediation work and we oversaw a lot of that work and were pleased with the result.

"The PHA were great in this exercise, they followed all our instructions and got the company in, and everything was above board and there have been no subsequent complaints.

"I'm actually shocked to hear this because I haven't heard one complaint."

But the nurses union president maintains the mould is growing back and nurses are being ignored.

She said: "We need the government to pay attention to the hospital because it is really going down and we need them to protect the health and safety of the workers."

Up to 100 PHA employees, including 40 nurses, found out this week they will likely face pay cuts this month as a consequence of taking more than their allotted sick days.

Hundreds of nurses who participated in a mass sick-out in June who were found to have exceeded the number of allowed sick days will be among those having their pay cut.

However, Ms Hamilton

said this has come as no surprise to nurses.

She said: "Every public servant who exceeded their 20 days sick pay will have a pay cut and nurses were aware of that before they became ill so it is nothing new to us."

The Bahamas Nurses Union has yet to come to an agreement with government following the sick-out over pay and health insurance benefits.

Calls to Princess Margaret Hospital press officer Thelma Rolle regarding the current mould situation were not returned before *The Tribune* went to press.

# Controversial pastor speaks out against marital rape legislation

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Therefore, the amendment in its current form would create a society of rapists, Mr Moss said.

He added: "The truth is that under such an amendment, based on the new definition of rape, a society of rapists will be the result, even if wives do not press charges against husbands who do not seek consent before initiating sexual intercourse."

But psychologist and Crisis Centre director Sandra Dean-Patterson said Mr Moss has confused sexual activity with rape.

Rape, Dr Dean-Patterson said, can and does occur in the home when sex is forced in a violent act.

She supports the legislation as it names violence in the home as unacceptable and protects all peo-

ple in the home from domestic violence and rape.

While there are no statistics to show how many women fall victim to rape under their husbands, Dr Dean-Patterson and other counsellors are well aware that sex is used as a violent act in the home and rape does occur between husband and wife.

The psychologist describes instances of women turning down sex from their husband because they have been promiscuous, and then being raped by their husbands, to become infected with sexually transmitted diseases and HIV.

She said: "This legislation will not create a society of rapists. Rape is a very difficult crime to prove, you cannot just go to the police and say you have been raped. You have to be examined and gather evi-

dence, and obviously if there may be evidence of sexual activity between a husband and wife, but there would also need to be evidence of violence."

Public debate over the legislation has revealed a fear men have of being wrongfully accused of rape by their wives, and Dr Dean-Patterson said this should be addressed in the legislation by making wrongful accusations a punishable offence.

Dr Dean-Patterson also hopes the controversy will also make men and women aware of how important it is to be clear about what they want when it comes to sex.

She said: "There are times when a woman says 'no' and she ends up participating in the sexual activity, and it's this poor communication that make men believe that 'no' is

not no, so hopefully this will be an opportunity to talk to young people about the impact of communicating very clearly that if you don't want to be in sexual relationships you need to make yourself very clear."

Mr Moss said he is not totally opposed to the legislation as he supports the protection of women and believes it is wrong for a man to force sex with his wife when she is unwilling, just as it is "wrong" and "prohibited" to withhold sex from one's spouse without reason.

The outspoken pastor appealed to the Government to change the amendment to define sexual violence within estranged and non-estranged marriages as 'spousal abuse' rather than rape, and to ensure it can only be prosecuted in cases of provable force and harm.

# FBI agent is accused in shooting death of PR officer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico

AUTHORITIES charged an FBI agent with negligent

homicide on Friday in the alleged "friendly fire" shooting death of a Puerto Rican policeman during a gunbat-

tle with kidnapers last year, according to *Associated Press*.

Justice Secretary Antonio Sagardia told reporters that special agent Jared Hewitt is accused of shooting 12-year police veteran Orlando Gonzalez Ortiz during a joint raid to rescue a kidnap victim.

Sagardia said Hewitt is no longer in Puerto Rico, but FBI commanders have assured local authorities that he will soon travel to the U.S. Caribbean territory for the prosecution.

"We are working shoulder to shoulder with the federal authorities, hand in hand," Sagardia said in the capital, San Juan.

The local FBI office said in a statement that it would not comment on the case, but promised to work closely with Puerto Rican author-

ities on security issues.

The FBI did not disclose Hewitt's whereabouts, and it was not clear if he had a lawyer.

FBI agents and police officers launched the late-night raid last August in the city of Carolina to free a Dominican man.

Police say kidnapers were holding him in the trunk of a car and demanding \$650,000 in ransom.

As FBI agents freed the victim, the suspects tried to flee in an SUV but crashed into another vehicle.

Police say a second group of U.S. agents fired at the kidnapers, and Gonzalez, who was guarding a side street, was hit by stray bullets that pierced his body armor.

If convicted, Hewitt faces a maximum sentence of three years.

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