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Punch publisher appears in court

Ivan Johnson, two women granted bail

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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PUNCH editor and publisher Ivan Johnson and two women were granted \$7,000 bail yesterday after being arraigned in a Magistrate's Court charged with making a false declaration.

According to police reports, Johnson was arrested just after 5pm in the pre-clearance section of Sir Lynden Pindling International Airport on Monday.

According to court dockets, Johnson, 58, of West Hill Street, Christine Toote, 22, and Mickell Gomez, 21, made a false declaration to a US officer just prior to

entering the US Customs area. They all pleaded not guilty to the charge during their arraignment before Magistrate Guillimina Archer.

It is also alleged the three falsely claimed they were not carrying in excess of \$10,000, but were found to be in possession of \$13,685 US and \$90 in Bahamian currency.

The three, who are represented by attorney John Bostwick, also pleaded not guilty to that charge.

The prosecution did not object to bail, which was granted to each in the sum of \$7,000 with one surety. The case was adjourned to December 2.



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

CHARGED: Punch editor and publisher Ivan Johnson outside of court yesterday.

COURT NEWS

NINE CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH VEHICLE LICENSE, INSPECTION SCAM

NINE people were yesterday formally charged in connection with a vehicle license and inspection scam.

The eight men and one woman were arraigned in Court 10, Nassau Street, yesterday on the charge of possession of a forged document.

Geno Rolle, 30, of Gamble Heights, Rosene Allbury, 33, of Caspien Road, Troy Marshall, 37, of Regency Park, Frederick

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BTC VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE PACKAGES ACCEPTED BY MORE THAN 450 EMPLOYEES

By SANCHESKA BROWN

MORE than 450 Bahamas Telecommunication Company employees have accepted the voluntary severance packages from Cable and Wireless.

By 5pm yesterday, all BTC employees were required to give an answer to Cable and Wireless (CWC) regarding their future employment at the company.

Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union (BCPOU) vice president Mario Curry said most of the employees want to take the package and the number of applicants will probably be higher than CWC anticipated.

He said it is still up to the company to decide who will stay, and who will leave.

"Not everyone will be able to take advantage of the package. You can't let go everybody because the company wouldn't run. Hopefully by July 15, or thereabouts, people will get the news whether they were accepted to go or not," he said.

The first group of people expected to go, according to Mr Curry, are those in the areas assumed to be "non functioning" departments.

"There are some jobs in BTC," he said, "that have been made redundant over the years

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IMMIGRATION DEPT CRITICISES REPORT ON DIRECTOR'S SCHOOLS SPEECH

IMMIGRATION Director Jack Thompson last night responded to published statements that implied his agency is set to swoop on the nation's schools to capture illegal immigrant children.

In a statement, the Department of Immigration criticised a Guardian report on Mr Thompson's speech at the New Providence Association of Public High Schools Principals annual retreat.

The report claimed Mr Thompson said the country has to "flush out" undocumented immigrants who are enrolled in the country's school system, "absorbing our resources."

However, Mr Thompson last night set the record straight.

In the Department statement, he said: "The captioned story and contents convey the impression that officials from the Department of Immigration propose to apprehend students while in school and interrupt their studies.

"The article gives the impression that children are to be targeted by the department's officials. The Department of Immigration regrets this insinuation and strongly condemns any such suggestion or attributions."

Mr Thompson said he told the crowd of educators that education is a fundamental human right which every child is entitled to receive.

"Administrators were told that students of foreign nationals attending schools should apply to the Department of Immigration for a residency permit or permit to

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ACTING PM RECALLS 'MEMORABLE' NIGHT BAHAMIAN FLAG WAS RAISED

ACTING Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest acknowledged the importance of the country's 38 years of independence at a flag-raising ceremony yesterday.

Mr Turnquest recalled the "memorable" night the Union Jack was respectfully lowered and the new aquamarine, gold and black flag of the Bahamas was "proudly hoisted", symbolising the country's nationhood.

"That flag also raised our hopes and expectations as a people. Those hopes and expectations embodying the vigor and strength of a united and enterprising people, committed to possessing and developing the rich resources of our natural environment of sun, sand and sea.

"It also symbolises the dedication to the pledge made that we would commit ourselves to excellence in all our endeavors.

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KICK IT: National Pride Day was celebrated in Rawson and Parliament Squares yesterday. Hundreds of Bahamians participated.
Felipe Major/Tribune staff

LOCAL NEWS

NATIONAL PRIDE DAY



SCENES FROM the National Pride Day celebrations held at Rawson Square.

ACTING PM RECALLS 'MEMORABLE' NIGHT

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ours, through love and unity, despite any challenges that would come our way, resolve to always press forward, upward, onward together to loftier goals," he said at a National Pride Day ceremony in Rawson Square.

Although the country is grappling with its fair share of problems, "particularly the unacceptable levels of criminal activity" and the trade of illegal firearms, Mr Turnquest said there are many areas of success.

Governor-general Sir Arthur Foulkes, also present at the ceremony, said excellence can only be achieved through "the love we have for God, our country and our fellow citizens."

"If we are faithful in this love, we will have a common unity of mind and spirit, which will enable us to be loyal, patriotic and law-abiding citizens," he added.

A national awards ceremony, cultural show and gospel concert were also a part of National Pride Day celebrations.

Mr Turnquest is filling in for Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, who is attending the Caricom Head of Government meeting in St Kitts.

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Family plead for witnesses of fatal traffic accident

By LAMECH JOHNSON

FAMILY members of traffic fatality victim John Gibson are pleading for witnesses to come forward and assist with investigations.

Jane Gibson-Major, daughter of the deceased, said the police have not finished their investigations because they don't have eye-witnesses accounts of the Cowpen Road accident which took place on Saturday, June 18.

"We're asking for persons who were in the area of Refugee Court at the time and saw what happened to please come forward, contact us," Mrs Gibson-Major said. "There was a nurse on the scene who assisted us with daddy and told us that the red truck overtook her and three other cars and then she heard a crash."

When *The Tribune* has spoken with Traffic Division officers investigating the

"We're asking for persons who were in the area of Refugee Court at the time and saw what happened to please come forward, contact us."

case, they confirmed they cannot determine who was in the wrong without statements from witnesses.

Mr Gibson was driving a 1995 silver Dodge Stratus heading north across Cowpen Road when he collided with car heading east on that road. Both drivers were injured and taken to hospital, where Gibson died shortly before 5pm.

Albon Gibson, one of the victims of four sons, said his father was on the way home when he died.

"My daddy was on his way to watch me finish building this boat. He didn't know

this and it was going to be a surprise but I was building this boat in honour of him. I

was going to finish and name it after him and paint in his favourite colour and sail it in August.

"Now he won't be here to see it finished or sailed."

Eye-witnesses can contact Ms Gibson-Major at the following numbers: (h) 392-1593, (c) 454-0059, or the Gibson home at 361-4352.

His funeral service is today at the Church of God Hall on Joe Farrington Road.



JOHN GIBSON was driving this 1995 silver Dodge Stratus

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POLICE FORCE TO HOLD COURT FOR BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

By SANCHESKA BROWN

THE Royal Bahamas Police Force has teamed up this summer with Caribbean Bottling and Coca Cola for the second annual Sprite freestyle basketball challenge.

More than 135 children have signed up for the programme, which runs from July

18 to the August 11.

Marketing manager at Caribbean Bottling Donnisha Armbrister said the freestyle challenge was a major success last year and as the programme has been expanded this year, it promises to be even better.

"When the RBPF came to us to plan the event, our main

focus was to promote healthy, active lifestyles as well as development in our community. This year we have agreed to place banners and donate items that would make the game a whole easier," she said.

Sergeant Anthony Rolle said the basketball is an excellent way to ensure youngsters spend their summer break in a

positive way.

"This camp it is a great alternative to crime and antisocial behavior. We reaped positive results last year and are hoping it will continue to be a effective crime tool," he said.

Sgt Rolle said the police specifically targeted high crime areas, including Fox Hill, Kemp Road and Englestone.

Championship winners will receive iPods along with other prizes donated by Sprite.

YELLOW ELDER TO HOST WACKY SPORTS DAY

A WACKY sports day and grill-out with games and competitions for the young and young at heart will be held in the Yellow Elder Park today.

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Repatriate illegal Haitian immigrants

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THE recent appeal that was made by the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to The Bahamas and other nations to stop deporting illegal Haitian immigrants was, in my view, unfair. Spokesperson for the UNHCR Adrian Edwards stated at the Palace of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland that due to the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti in January of 2010, The Bahamas should suspend repatriation of illegal Haitian immigrants until the situation improves in that impoverished nation.

However, I seriously question whether Haiti will ever improve. This country has borne the burden of the Haitian immigration crisis for many years. I wonder if the United Nations fully appreciates what this country has had to deal with for the past 40 years. The population of The Bahamas is around 341,000. On the other hand, Haiti's population presently stands at almost 9.7 million.

With an estimated 80 per cent of the Haitian population living in poverty is it any wonder why so many of its citizens are constantly fleeing that failed state? Further, over 54 per cent of Haiti's population lives in abject poverty. More than two-thirds of the Haitian labour force do not have formal jobs. I understand that Haiti ranks 145 of 182 countries in the 2010 United Nations Human Development Index. Most Haitians live on a mere \$2 a day. In addition, Haiti's adult literacy rate stands at 52.9 per cent.

Nearly half of Haiti's wealth is owned by only 1 per cent of the nation's richest. According to Wikipedia, foreign aid makes up approximately 30 to 40 per cent of Haiti's national budget.

With such dismal statistics, how can Mr Adrian Edwards fix his mouth to say that The Bahamas should stop repatriating illegal Haitian immigrants until the situation improves? I don't see how Haiti will ever improve. Haiti has been an independent nation since 1804. It is the first independent nation in Latin America; and the first black-led republic in the world, according to Wikipedia. Yet, despite its age, Haiti remains an impoverished nation. It has to constantly depend on hand-outs from other nations in order to survive. Haiti's past is littered with one political rebellion after another. You would recall the September 1991 coup d'état of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Aristide was Haiti's first democratically elected president. He won the 1990-1991 election with an astounding 67 per cent of the votes. The US government pressured the military regime to restore Aristide to his post as president.

After the military regime collapsed in 1994, Aristide was returned to power that year. He was president until 1996. He became president again in 2001. However, he was again removed from office in a violent uprising in February of

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2004. Many of his loyal supporters were viciously murdered by his political opponents in that rebellion.

According to Bahamian analysts, approximately 60,000 Haitian immigrants, illegal and legal, live in The Bahamas. We are already spread thin with our financial resources. This country just cannot afford to allow more Haitians to come here to live. If given the opportunity, nearly half of Haiti's 9.7 million Haitians would leave their impoverished nation in droves. Many of them would no doubt stop here en route to the United States. Imagine having over four million Haitians living here. They would take over this country.

The way things look right now, we could very well end up having a Haitian prime minister in 20 years or so. My brother had lived in Abaco for several months in 2009.

He told me that the Haitian population on that northern island is very large. It seems as if the Haitians have taken over Abaco. Even in New Providence, the illegal Haitian immigration situation is no better than Abaco's.

How often have we heard of persons with Haitian names being charged before the courts with murder and armed robbery? There have also been reports of Haitian young women engaging in prostitution in Abaco and even here in Grand Bahama. In addition, there is the constant problem of illegal Haitian immigrants selling food items out of their homes. Some of these illegal Haitian immigrants have no

regard for our Bahamian laws. They had become so accustomed to living in a lawless society. In many parts of Haiti, the central government is virtually nonexistent. This can explain why several of our guests from that country have no concept of law and order.

I love Haitians. I have nothing against them. While I don't agree with some of their practices, I do hope and pray to God that their country would experience a drastic change. Until then, The Bahamas will have to continue repatriating illegal Haitian immigrants. The situation in Haiti will never improve until the leaders of that nation make a determination to stop stealing from the nation's public purse. There have been too many reports of corruption in the previous governments of Haiti. It has been alleged that former President Baby Doc Duvalier and his cronies stole millions from the treasury while in office. President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's government has also been accused of corruption.

It remains to be seen, though, whether President Michel Martelly can bring about lasting, positive change to Haiti. The country desperately needs it.

But until then, this country has got to continue repatriating illegal Haitian immigrants. I wholeheartedly agree with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Brent Symonette, when he stated to the press that the government of The Bahamas will continue to repatriate illegal Haitian immigrants. The government has made the right decision.

KEVIN EVANS
Nassau,
June, 2011.

Illinois officially ends death penalty

CHICAGO — After years of stories of men sentenced to death for crimes they did not commit and families of murder victims angrily demanding their loved ones' killers pay with their own lives, the end of the death penalty in Illinois came quietly Friday when the bill banning executions took effect.

That bill was signed with much fanfare in March by Gov. Pat Quinn, who subsequently commuted the sentences of the 15 men on death row to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Fourteen of those prisoners have been placed in maximum security prisons around the state, while one was placed in a medium-high security prison with a mental health facility.

Ironically, the state's death row at the prison in Pontiac has been turned into a place where inmates go once they are deemed worthy of leaving the state's super-maximum Tamms prison in southern Illinois and enter a less-restrictive prison programme, a corrections department official said.

As for the death chamber itself, last used in 1999, Stacey Solano, a spokeswoman for the state's department of corrections, said no decision has been made about what, if anything, will be done with it.

Because the fate of executions in the state was sealed in March when Quinn signed the bill abolishing it, Friday's ultimate end to the death penalty was barely noted around the state. Solano said the department has received just two calls for information from the media on Friday.

That lack of interest stands in contrast to the last dozen years or so when Illinois was at the very centre of the national and international debate over the death penalty. Even before the day then-Gov. George Ryan declared a moratorium on executions in 2000 to the day in 2003 when he commuted to life in prison the death sentences of more than 160 inmates, the spotlight on capital punishment has shined brightest on Illinois.

In Illinois, where 12 men were executed between 1977 when the death penalty was reinstated by the U.S. Supreme Court and the year before Ryan's 2000 moratorium, the issue never went away. Even as lawmakers debated the death penalty and the moratorium Ryan imposed remained in place, prose-

cutors continued to seek the death penalty. By the time Quinn signed the bill in March, there were 15 men on death row.

Among them was Brian Dugan, who was convicted in 2009 in the 1983 slaying of 10-year-old Jeanine Nicarico — years after two men were sentenced to death for the same slaying before they were ultimately exonerated and released from prison.

His attorney, Steven Greenberg, said Friday that shutting down death row was proper given that people were convicted and sentenced to death for that crime and others they did not commit.

"Anytime you've got a system where there is a danger of providing retribution on the wrong person, that's no different than vigilante justice, which is what we had," he said.

Greenberg said that some jurors with their decisions not to recommend the death penalty in other cases in recent years were already sending a message that they remain concerned about the possibility of executing an innocent person.

But former Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine, a proponent of the death penalty and a vocal critic of Ryan's decision to clear death row, pointed out that among those who are benefiting from the ban is a man who raped a mother and daughter in front of one another before stabbing them to death.

"I believe there are some people who do such terrible things that they forfeit their right to be among us," he said.

Devine also said he doesn't believe the death penalty is necessarily gone forever in Illinois, and that the debate will begin anew when there is a particularly horrific crime.

"I suspect when the next John Wayne Gacy, Timothy McVeigh.... happens there will be some discussion of bringing it back," he said. "Nothing is carved in stone."

Serial killer Gacy, who prowled the Chicago streets preying on lonely run-aways and murdered 33 young men and boys, was executed in 1994. McVeigh was convicted of murder in the 1995 Oklahoma City federal building bombing that killed 168 people and executed in 2001.

(This article was written by Don Babwin, Associated Press).

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'You are granted bail with two sureties'

EDITOR, The Tribune.

"You are granted bail with two sureties."

These are the words that many Bahamians who are charged with committing serious offences have become accustomed to hearing after being in jail for several years without a trial and without bail. These are also words that the victims' families dread hearing because it re-opens wounds and sometimes puts them in fear because of the potential for retaliation from these individuals who have been charged and released on bail.

Because of the high rate of crime among persons on bail, many in the Bahamas are calling on magistrates to deny bail to persons charged with serious offences. In fact, many Bahamians believe that magistrates are positively contributing to crime in the society. I was one of these believers as well.

Just recently, I read about several cases that the Attorney General's Office lost, the most notable one being the case involving a fire in which several persons lost their lives. The judge's ruling was a lack of evidence. Even in the recent case of Maxo Tido, the Privy Council stated that the identification parade should not have been allowed into evidence.

The crux of the problem in the administration of justice seems to be at the prosecutorial level. The prosecutors receive the evidence from the police and then they present the evidence to the magistrate or judge. They have the responsibility to tell the police that a particular case has insufficient evidence and then recommend the release of persons who may spend several years of their lives in Fox Hill prison for no legal reason. Additionally, if the prosecutors feel that a case has merit, then they have a responsibility to bring the case to trial within a reasonable time.

Magistrates have little choice in granting bail to accused individuals because keeping these persons in jail for unreasonable periods without a trial would be a violation of their civil rights. A recent Nassau Guardian article stated where a father of a murdered victim praised a magistrate for extending bail to a charged murderer. He appreciates the fact that the lack of speedy trials leaves magistrates with no choice but to extend bail.

It seems that the Attorney General's Office needs immediate re-vamping and retooling. I know that they are between a rock and a hard place but let's stop wasting the court's time if the evidence is not available to prosecute individuals. There have been several recent cases where confessions were not accepted by judges because of potential police brutality. How about scrutinising more closely the police evidence received?

Innocent until proven guilty is the law in the Bahamas. No matter who done it, in a court of law evidence beyond a reasonable doubt is required as proof of guilt. Having young men locked up in Fox Hill on lack of evidence only hurts the society when these men are released on bail. Many of them become hardened criminals and add even more criminal elements to their repertoire. Prosecutors need to present viable evidence and bring trials to courts in a much more efficient manner. Otherwise, we will continue to hear magistrates and judges utter the words, "You are granted bail with two sureties."

DEHAVILLAND MOSS
Nassau,
June 29, 2011.

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LOCAL NEWS

GREENSLADE SAYS MOVE WOULD DAMAGE AUTHORITY OF PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE SAYS NO TO SCHOOL POLICING



NO SCHOOL POLICING: Commissioner Ellison Greenslade

By LAMECH JOHNSON

DISMISSING calls for the re-establishment of police officers in schools, the nation's top cop said he believes the move would damage the authority of principals and teachers.

Speaking at the New Providence Association of Public High School's principals forum, Commissioner Ellison Greenslade said the argument for school policing is similar to the argument for all Bahamians having guns.

Crimes

"People have said, based on all the crimes and what's happening, we need guns, and I say no way. We're not going to do that in the Bahamas and the commissioner makes no apology for that," he said.

"If I agree that everyone of you should have a gun because you're frightened, why do you have me? I should take my uniform off and we should abandon the police force, abandon the Defence Force, because you're saying that all of us have miserably failed. Be careful and don't jump on that bandwagon quickly."

Warning against circumstances leading people to sup-

port drastic changes, he said: "I don't want the police to take over your schools."

"I want you to be in charge of your schools."

"Because if you're not careful, and you've got to watch what you agree to, when the police officer shows up on your doorsteps and starts to run your school, then you start to no longer feel need-ed."

Commissioner Greenslade added: "I am a police officer and I'm a man and I know the trouble. I see it from some of these youngsters, who are not socialised, have never been to church, do not intend to go to church, do not have respect for their parents and they certainly will not respect you. And you must be able to cut that out. That is not a good fit."

The commissioner assured principals that his stance on school policing does not mean that the force will stop supporting schools.

He noted that he has already begun working to appoint school liaison officers who will serve as go-betweens for divisional commanders and school administrators.

"We will be more than happy to ensure that there is a school liaison officer assigned to every school in the Bahamas. We have sufficient

officers to do that and they should be available at all times to the schools," he said.

Mr Greenslade said this is just one of the many pro-

grammes being launched under Priority 3 of the 2011 Policing plan.

To see the full plan, visit: www.royalbahamaspolice.org.



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WHY YOU VEX?

"I vex at those heartless people on Prince Charles Drive who keep their poor lil' dog tie up to the same tree all day and night. Every time I walk my dogs past their house the poor thing is straining to get free, barking like crazy."

"Why keep a living, breathing animal with needs and wants stuck to a tree all day? The dog better off in the Humane Society where some animal lover can adopt him."

- Dog lover

"I am vex at hearing the same tired old cause and effect of crime by the endless stream of opportunists, pontificators, bellyachers, had-your-chance bureaucrats, an such."

"All they are doing is blowing hot air, making the air polluted, plus not a single one of them have so far mentioned public flogging which is in the law books! It is long past that we hear from the visionaries and the pragmatic guys on solutions."

- Reader

"It is quite vexing to see pastors criticising various government policies implemented for the good of the people, and at the same time remain silent on a host of questionable issues by other church colleagues."

- Pot an' Kettle

"I vex 'cause these lawyers apparently did not study English history nor did they avail themselves to visit museums or read about places of English history where they can easily learn that when the English speak of 'cruel and inhumane' treatment, the English can tell of beheadings, the 'rack' and other gory stories in their great history."

"So yet again, when the English say it is 'cruel and inhumane', it is so and that is why students from the third world have to go to a first world nation to matriculate, to get that knowledge which still seems to have eluded some graduates."

- Common Sense

"I vex that one pseudo intellectual (in a daily) was spewing propanganda about Bahamian hospitality towards Haitians and as to whether Bahamians can do so given the problems in Haiti. Well blow me down! The sheer ingratitude where we accommodate them to live for free on our nation's lands, getting free electricity, schooling, health care, everybody coming here and living illegally and profusely making children, almost outnumbering us the native species and this writer dares to talk about a better, peaceful Caribbean

while admitting the Haitians are spreading all over! Well mudda sic! What nonsense! What misguided nationalist!"

- Native Species

"I am terribly vex that the United Nations and numerous countries have mentioned our English speaking Bahamas to continue to keep sheltering the growing multitudes of Haitians and have not even mentioned having the French speaking countries such as Martinique, Guadeloupe or even French Guiana trying to accommodate these economic migrants."

- Common Man

"I vex cause 'bout 10 years ago people used to refer to each other as 'my boops' or 'ma jack' and such loving friendly terms of endearment, and today people in this society now refer to people as 'Haitians, Jamaicans, Chinese' or by some other country's name. Pity."

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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**TRAFFIC PRESS RELEASE NOTICE
THE 38th INDEPENDENCE 'BEAT RETREAT' OF
THE ROYAL BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE BAND
SATURDAY, 2 JULY, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M.**

INFORMATION

The Royal Bahamas Police Force Band will stage a "Beat Retreat" on Bay Street between Charlotte and East Streets on Saturday, 2 July, 2011 commencing at 5:30 p.m.

ROAD CLOSURE

From 5:00 p.m. until after the Beat Retreat, the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic:

BAY STREET BETWEEN FREDRICK STREET AND EAST STREET

PARLIAMENT STREET BETWEEN WOODS RODGERS WHARF AND SHIRLEY STREET

BANK LANE BETWEEN BAY AND SHIRLEY STREETS

CHARLOTTE STREET BETWEEN SHIRLEY STREET AND WOODS RODGERS WHARF

WOODS RODGERS WHARF BETWEEN NAVY LYON ROAD AND BAY STREET

TRAFFIC DIVERSION

From 5:00 p.m. vehicular traffic traveling east along Bay Street will be diverted north south along Fredrick Street.

NO PARKING

From 5:00 p.m. until after the Beat Retreat no vehicles will be permitted to park on the following streets:

- **BAY STREET BETWEEN FREDRICK STREET AND EAST STREET** - **BOTH SIDES**
- **PARLIAMENT STREET BETWEEN WOODS RODGERS WHARF AND SHIRLEY STREET** - **BOTH SIDES**
- **BANK LANE BETWEEN BAY AND SHIRLEY STREETS** - **BOTH SIDES**
- **CHARLOTTE STREET BETWEEN SHIRLEY STREET AND WOODS RODGERS WHARF** - **BOTH SIDES**
- **WOODS RODGERS WHARF BETWEEN NAVY LYON ROAD AND BAY STREET** - **BOTH SIDES**

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

LOCAL NEWS



CHARLIE was found in bad condition on Prince Charles Drive but is now strong and healthy.

Petrified puppy gets a second chance at life

A PETRIFIED puppy found huddled in the middle of Prince Charles Drive during rush hour traffic was given a new chance at life when a pair of caring caterers stopped to help.

Storm and John of catering company Citrus picked up the tiny puppy, who was covered in scabs and sores and could barely stand up on her own, and took her to veterinarian Dr John-

son of Purrfect Pets in Prince Charles Drive.

The diagnosis was dire: had she not been rescued, the puppy would have only lived another 12 to 48 hours.

Dr Johnson estimated the potcake was no more than three weeks old.

She was treated for scabies, fleas and ticks, and at least two kinds of worms.

Storm and John took Charlie home to nurse her back to health, and within two months she had grown to be a grateful and loyal companion to her rescuers, and healthy enough to integrate into a pack of four large dogs.

"The initial idea was to nurse her back to health and find a home for her," Storm said.

"But as she grew stronger, Charlie

grew closer to her rescuers and vice versa.

"Giving her away was not an option. She was happy to stay, and her new owners were just as happy to have her join their family."

Now at around four months old, Charlie's cheerful disposition, friendly nature and watchdog skills have brought much joy to her new owners.

GB POWER COMPANY LINESMEN RESCUE BABY MOCKINGBIRD

By DENISE MAYCOCK
Tribune Freeport
Reporter
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FREEPORT – A baby mockingbird was rescued by Grand Bahama Power Company linesmen who discovered the hatchling nesting inside a tension machine.

With the assistance of Bird Conservation expert Erika Gates, the baby Northern American Mockingbird was safely removed by employees and reunited with its parents.

According to company officials, linesmen Keith Knowles and Arthur Spenser discovered the baby bird while making a routine onsite check of equipment in preparation of a job assignment.

"They were getting ready

to transport the machine to a job location, when an examination of the equipment revealed the distraught baby bird," officials said.

The men immediately notified their supervisor, Troy MacKenzie, who made several phone calls but was unable to find an agency that would come to help with the baby bird.

The employees were eventually referred to Erika Gates, a bird conservationist here on Grand Bahama.

When Mrs Gates arrived at the GBPC Transmission and Distribution site, she instructed the men on how to safely remove and relocate the baby bird.

Mrs Gates noted that the relocation efforts were critical to the survival of the mocking bird.



A BABY NORTH AMERICAN MOCKINGBIRD seen being rescued by GBPC linesmen who discovered the bird nesting inside a piece of equipment called a tension machine.

"Upon my arrival I noticed the parents flying around the compound making sounds of distress. They were clearly looking for the hatchling. It was important that the temporary nest be placed as near as possible to the original site of where the employees found the bird," she explained.

The baby bird would have starved to death if the parents were not able to find and feed the bird, Gates said.

With her guidance, Mr MacKenzie said the employees were able to safely move the bird to a temporary nest they had created.

"We are so grateful that Mrs Gates was able to respond so quickly to our call and assist us with relocating the bird," he said.

Linesman Keith Knowles



BIRD CONSERVATIONIST Erika Gates assisted the Grand Bahama Power Company Transmission & Distribution employees in the safe relocation of the baby mocking bird. Seen (from left) are GBPC linesmen Keith Knowles and Arthur Spenser, along with Erika Gates, Bird Conservationist holding the rescued baby mockingbird.

said it is standard practice for employees to conduct and complete safety briefings and safety checks of equipment

before starting a job.

"We were informed by Mrs Gates that had we not conducted the checks and simply moved the machine to the job site, it would have resulted in the death of the baby mocking bird."

The GBPC employees have reported that the parents and hatchling have been safely reunited and that the mocking bird family is doing well.

They also expressed thanks to Mrs Gates for her assistance in the rescue and relocation of the baby mockingbird.

BTC PACKAGES

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and some areas that will probably be closed completely like the mailing room, tower riggers and enterprise support. The people in those areas will most likely hear from the company within the next few weeks on the status of their jobs."

The company is expected to begin letting go staff in about three weeks time, while some employees will have to wait up to a year before they are phased out.

While negotiations have officially stopped on the packages, Mr Curry says they are still working with a group of people who had accidents of the job and require additional benefits.

While not confirmed, it has been speculated the company intends on letting go the older workers and do a mass recruitment of hiring younger people.

Although an exact number has yet to be confirmed, it is estimated that around 400, or 30 per cent, of BTC's staff will be cut.

IMMIGRATION DEPT

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reside. It was emphasised that while students should not be denied the right of a basic education, records by the Department to Immigration are critical for future applications, ie permanent residence, citizenship," continued the statement.

Mr Thompson said he also told the audience that the matter of schooling the children of illegal immigrants is "sensitive" and requires professionalism and discretion. The root of the problem lies with parents as it is they who make decisions on behalf of their children, he added.

Still, he stressed that as a matter of policy churches, schools and clinics were off limits for apprehension exercises.

"The Department of Immigration fully appreciates the sensitivity of the matter. Its policies and actions always seek to be in compliance with international law and by acceptable national and international standards and practices."

NINE CHARGED

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Sands Jr, 20, of Dumping Ground Corner, Pedro Demelvard, 19, of Montgomery Avenue, Indiana Strachan, 22, of Simms Street, Lintheo Colebrooke, 22, of Kennedy Subdivision, Ranford Brown, 30, of Nassau Village and Robinson Roc, 30, of Rock Crusher, were all arraigned on the single count of possession of a forged document before Magistrate Guillimina Archer.

It is alleged they were each found in possession of a forged Road Traffic license disc last month.

Additionally, Rolle and Marshall were charged with conspiring to possess a forged document.

Rolle was granted \$6,000 bail with one surety, while Marshall was granted \$3,000 bail with one surety. The remaining persons who pleaded not guilty to the charge were each granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety.

They are expected back in court on November 7.

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- First & Third Sunday 11:30 a.m.
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- Second & Fourth Sunday 11:30 a.m.
- * Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

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7:00 p.m. Rev. Carla Culmer/Praise Team

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LOCAL NEWS



CELEBRATION AT THE BRITISH COLONIAL HILTON

20 NEW DOCTORS GRADUATE FROM UWI

TWENTY new doctors have graduated from the University of the West Indies' School of Clinical Medicine and Research in Nassau.

Their achievement was celebrated at a ceremony in the Governor's Ballroom, British Colonial Hilton Hotel on Monday.

Minister of Health Dr Hubert Minnis described the establishment of UWI in the Bahamas as a great milestone in Bahamian history, and one which has had a great economic impact on students who would have otherwise had to travel abroad to study.

"It is a fundamental responsibility for any government to ensure that all citizens have access to affordable health-care... health providers are responsible for laying the foundation upon which national development rests," he said.

The Class of 2011 included: Ian Alleyne-McQuay, Kandis Bannister, Kent Bazard, Terrell Carey, Sabrina Famous, Ryan Friday, I-talya Goodman, Talietha Johnson, Charneca Knowles, Larano Knowles, Marcela Malcolm, Janelle Osadebay, Louis Pintard, Shivargo Rolle, K-Joy Simms, Sarai Sears, Jason Thompson, Vonetta Thompson, Rhea Thurston, and Gregory Tynes.

Senior medical professionals robed the graduates in white coats. The special award recipients were:

- Dr Rhea Thurston – Dr Cecil M Bethel Award, most outstanding student; the Dr Anthony Regis Award, most outstanding student in final MBBS examinations; prize for most outstanding student in psychiatry
- Dr Ian Alleyne-McQuay – Professor Knolly Alan Butler

Award, most outstanding student in surgery portion of the MBBS exams

- Dr Gregory Tynes – Dr Mortimer Moxey Award, most outstanding performance in community medicine

- Dr Janelle Osadebay – most outstanding performance in obstetrics and gynaecology

Professor Brendan Bain, regional co-ordinating unit director for the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training Network (CHART), served as keynote speaker.

He charged the graduates to take care of their own health and wellness before attempting to serve patients.

"Even as you enjoy the genuine euphoria of your deserved success, accept that the medical practice is extremely stressful... Have a plan for stress management. Don't hesitate to ask for advice about that.

"Take breaks. You might think you're Superman or Wonder Woman, but that's a delusion," he said.

According to Dr Robin Roberts, SCMR director, the need for good doctors is being enhanced by the rise of a new breed of patient.

"Never before in medicine has there been such a need for a good doctor. For what we have is a new patient, one who is equipped with the Internet and WebMD, one who wants to be informed when making choices.

"And more than anything else, this new patient wants to make us accountable if something goes less than they expect... We are here to take care of people, not illnesses. With that, I tell you to go and make your parents proud and make your University of the West Indies proud," Dr Roberts said.

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US NORTHERN COMMAND AND EMBASSY DONATE TO GB CHILDREN'S HOME

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FREEPORT – The United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) and the US Embassy made a generous donation to the Grand Bahama Children's Home.

Admiral James Winnefeld Jr and US Ambassador Nicole Avant visited the home on Tripp Lane, where they spent time with the children and met with staff and executive committee members.

They presented bed linens, clothing, footwear, and toys during their visit on Thursday. The youngsters were also treated to patriotic snacks, food, refreshments, and playtime on a bouncing castle.

The US Embassy is celebrating its 235th anniversary of the Independence of the United States.

Celebrations were held in Grand Bahama on Thursday with a visit to the home. Later that evening, the ambassador and Mr Winnefeld co-hosted independence celebrations aboard the USS VICKSBURG at Lucayan Harbour.

The Children's Home cares for up to 40 children ages 0-12 years who have been removed from their families as a result of abuse, neglect, and abandonment.

"It is a privilege to be here with you. Each of you is capable of being whatever you want to be; you are the future of the Bahamas.

"The items we have brought were given by officers of USNORTHCOM and we hope this donation will make life easier for you at the Home," Mr Winnefeld said.

Geneva Rutherford, GBCH committee member, thanked Mr Winnefeld for the donations.

"Our inventory was low and the items that were donated are critical to the home. We were out of supplies and we are very grateful for the sheets, blankets, flip flops, and art supplies that we received for the children," she said.

The group home was founded in 1977. In 1980, the committee was reorganised and Lady Henrietta St George, the wife of the late Grand Bahama Port Authority chairman Edward St George, served as chairperson.

The GBPA has made significant donations to the development of the home since 1980, donating a building for the first home on Jobson Avenue.

Due to the demand for space, The Village was established in April 2003 at Tripp Lane, where a new building was built. The old home, which housed 900 children over 20 years, was in need of better facilities.

The Children's Home is run jointly by Department of Social Services and the Grand Bahama Children's Home Committee. It is funded through donations from the community and government which covers cost of staff salaries.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE DAY MESSAGE

89TH ICA INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY

17TH UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COOPERATIVES

2 JULY, 2011

THEME:

"YOUTH, THE FUTURE OF COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE"

Today we join millions of cooperative members around the world in observing International Cooperative Day. "Youth, the future of cooperative enterprise" is the theme for this year's 89th International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) International Co-operative Day and the 17th Un International Day of Cooperatives, 2 July, 2011.

This theme underscores that unless change is welcomed and embraced, aims, objectives, strategies and structures are adapted, cooperatives face oblivion.

A considerable percentage of the potential membership base of the cooperative movement within The Bahamas, are the off-springs of existing members. Therefore, the marketing and development strategies must be re-tooled and adjusted to reflect and engage the next generation of cooperative leaders.

The image of cooperatives in The Bahamas must reflect the diversity in our population and be so structured to develop strategically sustainable alliances with schools, colleges, youth and church organizations that are relevant to the aspirations and goals of our young people.

I am advised, that the Department of Cooperative Development in conjunction with The Bahamas Cooperative League and representatives of various high schools have met recently in a forum to discuss the re-launch of the school cooperative program.

Junior cooperatives have existed in The Bahamas for many years as an extra-curricula activity at several of our senior high schools and it is heartening that efforts are being undertaken to re-vitalize this initiative.

In this year's International Cooperative Day Message, the International Cooperative Alliance notes that:

"The theme for the International Day of Co-operatives 2011 highlights how the co-operative model of enterprise can successfully empower youth. It links to the celebration of the United Nations International Year of Youth, which concludes in August 2011, just prior to the launch of the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives 2012. The year of youth encourages dialogue and understanding across generations and promotes the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and freedoms, and solidarity.

The International Day of Co-operatives addresses the need for all co-operative stakeholders to promote the participation of young people in the co-operative



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movement. Too often young people are not aware of the co-operative model of enterprise; they do not learn about cooperatives in school, as co-operatives often do not figure in school curricula. Young people also may not realise that the products and services they use are provided by co-operatives.

Yet, co-operatives provide young people opportunities that address their practical and strategic needs. They offer them a model of enterprise to create their own businesses. They offer the opportunities to be employed with enterprises that address young people's concerns for more democratic, responsible and ethical business operations.

At a time when social media connects young people to an extent never seen before, cooperatives are seeing unprecedented opportunities. The co-operative is a model that embodies collaborative forms of action so appealing to this emerging generation.

Co-operatives provide opportunities to young people to gain professional employment experiences, to further their education and provide capacity building, encourage participation in decision-making in co-operatives or form their own co-operatives.

ICA's engagement with youth is longstanding. The ICA Board co-opted its first youth representative in 2003 to participate fully in the discussions of the Board, and in 2008 the ICA formalised the election by the ICA General Assembly of a

youth representative as a board member. Additionally, ICA has an active Youth Network, which aims to:

- help young co-operators from different countries to connect and to share experiences and ideas;
- provide an environment where young co-operators can learn more about the wider cooperative movement;
- involve young people from outside the movement through education and support;
- empower young co-operators to engage with the rest of the movement to both raise the profile of youth issues and to ensure the youth perspective is presented during wider discussions.

As part of its priorities for the International Year of Co-operatives 2012, ICA seeks to engage greater numbers of youth in the co-operative movement. ICA is organising an artistic competition open to young adults all over the world with the purpose of promoting the values and principles of co-operation among the youth: the Coop' Art competition. Participants will be able to submit their projects through a dedicated webpage from November 2011 to May 2012 and the award ceremony will be held in Manchester in November 2012. Any person between 16 and 35 years-old can participate.

There are three different categories for the competition: music, video and photography. The aim is to promote the principles of cooperation in a way attractive to young people to raise their awareness about the co-operative movement worldwide.

On this International Day of Co-operatives, the ICA calls on co-operators throughout the world to engage young people in the co-operative movement and to invest in their future leadership."

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The future of cooperatives in The Bahamas is assured by the level of involvement and participation of the youth of our nation. As Minister of Agriculture & Marine resources with responsibility for cooperatives, I am pleased to join with the International Cooperative Alliance and the United Nations to encourage cooperatives in The Bahamas to invest in and to engage our young people.

Today, I congratulate The 38,000 cooperative members in The Bahamas on your stewardship as you observe and celebrate **International Cooperative Day.**

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SOFTBALL NPSA ACTION

• THE New Providence Softball Association continued its regular season on Thursday night with a double header on tap at the Banker's Field at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

In the ladies' opener, the Wildcats routed the Sea Star Phoenix 13-1 as every batter in the line-up had at least one hit and scored at least a run.

Khatrel Dorsett went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, scoring a pair of runs to lead the attack. Lindsay Clarke and Terah Albury were both 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored apiece; Donnette Edwards was 3-for-4 with an RBI and run scored and Cedrucja Clarke was 1-for-2 with two RBI and a run scored.

Linda Knowles went the distance with a one-hit, six strike put with two walks performance for the win. Charlene Cambridge was tagged with the loss on 14 hits with four walks and a strike out.

In the men's contest, the Dorsey Park Boys Bommer George knocked off the Miller Rams 14-5, out-hitting them 14-2.

Desmond Rolle had a perfect 4-for-4 night with an RBI and a run scored; Mario Ford and Philip Johnson were 2-for-4 with an RBI, scoring a run; Edward Rolle was 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored and Rudolph Fox was 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Charlie Gaitor was 1-for-2 with two RBI and a run scored in a losing effort.

Garret Strachn fired a one-hit, five walk, two strike out performance for the win. Stephen Ferguson got tagged with the loss on 14 hits.

The NPSA will be back in action tonight with another double header on tap, starting at 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL BANKER'S LEAGUE

• THE Banker's Softball League continued its regular season action on Wednesday night at the Billou Hills Sporting Complex with the First Caribbean International Bank blasting ScotiaBank 19-3.

Patrick Lockhart had a perfect 4-for-4 day with two RBI as George Ingraham picked up the win on the mound. Hector Rolle went 1-for-2 and Lester Dean was tagged with the loss.

• The league will be back in action today with the following games on tap:

10:30 a.m. Colina vs Bank of the Bahamas.

Noon CitiBank vs CMC.

1:30 p.m. Royal Bank of Canada vs BAF.

3 p.m. FCIB vs Fidelity.

SOFTBALL NPOTSA ACTION

• THE New Providence Oldtimers Softball Association continued its regular season action over the weekend at the Archdeacon William Thompson Softball Park at the Southern Recreation Grounds with the following results posted:

Unique Care House Giants def. William Jets 19-16 as Vernon Bowles got the win over Rudy Gardiner. Jeff Randall led the offensive attack by going 3-for-5 with five RBI and two runs scored and Brian Capron went 3-for-6 with two RBI and three runs scored.

The Dozer Pros nipped the Corner Boys 15-14 as Ray Johnson got the win on the mound and Harold Fritzgerald suffered the loss. Kwth Moss led their offensive attack by going 2-for-5 with three RBI and a run



Demetrius Pinder

Hundreds flock to the BTC National Track and Field

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IT was more than president Mike Sands anticipated as hundreds flocked to the Grand Bahama Sports Complex to view the highly competitive BTC National Track and Field Championships last weekend.

"The performances of the athletes lived up to its expectations and its billing," Sands stated. "We spoke about the countdown to the showdown. If there's any one event that lived up to that was the men's 400.

"Not withstanding that, it was a world class meet with world class performances when you consider what the three competitors did in the men's high jump as well."

Sands attributed a lot of the performances to the overwhelming support that the BAAA received from the crowd that packed the stadium on both nights.

Demetrius Pinder was one of those home grown athletes who took advantage of the support from the crowd as he led from start to finish in repeating as the men's 400 metre champion in 45.49 seconds.

"I just want to give God thanks and to everybody who supported me," said Pinder, who surged from behind to

hold off Ramon Miller (46.26) and former champion Chris 'Bay' Brown (46.04).

"I had to do it. It's home, the home people, not just Freeport, but the whole Bahamas. They support me to the fullest, so I just wanted to make everybody proud."

Miller, whose time was a B qualifying mark for the World Championships, said he knew that everybody in the race was going to run, so he was just proud of the way he performed.

"All year, I had my problems. I started with a coach, then I lost him and I thought everybody was going downhill," Miller pointed out. "But I think the Lord, my family and my girlfriend. They all told me that I could do it."

It wasn't what Brown anticipated, but he accepted the defeat gracefully.

"I felt a little flat. I don't know what happened," he said. "But hey, I already qualified for the World Championships, so I just have to get ready for it."

"During the race, I felt the guys coming behind me, but when I tried to go with them, I just couldn't get it together. I really wasn't focussed on Demetrius. I was just trying to run my race."

While the men's quarter-

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Donald Thomas

Eve talks with youth at Macedonia Baptist Church Summer Camp

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SHE'S had a phenomenal career that has spanned more than two decades. But veteran javelin thrower Lavern Eve will tell you that she owes her longevity to her faith in God.



Lavern Eve

While home for a break following another triumph at the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations' BTC National Track and Field Championships in Grand Bahama over the weekend, Eve attended the Summer Youth Camp at Macedonia Baptist Church, in Fox Hill. She was able to share her experiences with the youngsters present.

"I like talking to kids because I believe that is where we need to start our influence," said Eve, who grew up and still resides in Fox Hill. "Coming home, I wish I could do it more often because I think they need to see us more and hear our story, so they could feel like they are on the right track because most of the time, the kids feel like they are privileged."

She added: "They need to hear our story because we grew up the same way as they did and we did the same things that they are doing. We were not born with silver spoons in our mouths."

"They just need to let them know the road we took and how we got to where we are. I love coming home

"I had to do it. It's home, the home people, not just Freeport, but the whole Bahamas. They support me to the fullest, so I just wanted to make everybody proud."

Demetrius Pinder

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Tribune Trivia Yesterday's Question

Which upscale Andros resort is reportedly up for sale again?

Yesterday's Answer

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scored. Levitra pounded the Q-Club Divers 17-4 as Don Dean got the win and Keith Richards suffered the loss. Delton Bain was 2-for-4 with five RBI and two runs scored in leading the way offensively.

Da Boyz routed St. Agnes 14-3 as Vernon Clarke was the winning pitcher and Ken O'Brien was charged with the loss. Chavez Thompson went 2-for-4 with four RBI and three runs scored in the win.

And the Technicians blasted the KC Construction 18-11 as Greg Thompson got the win on the mound and Paul Moss was tagged with the loss. Kevin Lockhart went 3-for-4 with four RBI and four runs scored offensively.

BTC Track Meet

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mile was the marquee event on the track, the men's high jump stole the show on the field and another Grand Bahamian, Donald Thomas, made sure that he didn't lose his title at home.

"I was just glad to be home and competing before my people," said Thomas, who last competed in Grand Bahama as a basketball player. "I feel them 100 percent behind me, so I just wanted to go out there and give it all I had."

Duplicating their show-down that started at last year's Nationals and continued at the CAC Games and ending up at the Commonwealth Games, Thomas managed to post a leap of 2.30 metres or 7-feet, 7 1/4-inches to hold off the challenge from Trevor Barry, who did 2.29m or 7-6.

"I respond good to pressure. It was a good competition. Trevor always jumps his best when we jump together," Thomas noted. "I expected him to jump well and I expected a good challenge. But I strive on competition."

While the senior athletes, including sprinter Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie, Leevan 'Superman' Sands, Lavern Eve, Adrian Griffith, Michael Mathieu, Bianca Stuart, Hughnique Rolle, Oneil Williams and Ivanique Kemp all lived up to their advanced billing to earn their national titles, one of the biggest upsets came in the men's 400 hurdles when Grand Bahamian Jeffery Gibson (50.82) nipped Nathan Arnett (50.84).

"I knew I was pushed to the limit, but I'm glad that I got this opportunity to run at home," Gibson stated. "I knew that I could have ran a faster time, but I just tried to do enough to win."

Arnett said he knew that "Jeffery was coming for him because he's a strong finisher. I knew he was going to come. You win, you win. You lose, you lose."

Another fantastic performance came from Grand Bahamian Andre Wells, who pulled off an upset over O'Jay Ferguson by winning the Under-20 boys 400 in 46.87, compared to his rivals' time of 48.41.

"I thought I executed it fully," he stressed. "I tried my hardest and all my hard work came through. I would like to thank God, my coach and my parents for this accomplishment."

"He beat me all season, but I finally put my race together and I won."

Ferguson said he's happy for Wells, but he admitted that he wasn't at full strength, just coming off a groin injury that forced him to miss about two weeks of training.

The nationals, which many felt should return to Grand Bahama again because of the support from the fans, is over, but the BAAA is now looking forward to the athletes turning up the heat as they now compete overseas in the various international meets.

Darling, Mackey represent Bahamas at 2011 Tampa Pro Bodybuilding Classic

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JAMES 'Jay' Darling admitted that he wasn't quite ready, but he knew sooner or later he would have to make his debut on the men's professional bodybuilding scene.

One year after winning the Central American and Caribbean Championship title to secure his pro card, Darling finally stepped out on the big stage at the 2011 Tampa Pro Bodybuilding Classic in Florida over the weekend.

"I've been procrastinating for a long time, even trying to hold off for as long as I could," Darling said on his return home. "I work on the training department at the Defence Force base and we have been so busy.

"But Commodore Roderick Bowe has been very supportive of me and he really helped me out for the show. I also want to thank my friend, Stephen Haughey (of 100 Jamz), who I can depend on and go to for assistance."

Darling, who along with Jena Mackey represented the Bahamas, competed in the 202 and Under Division where he finished at the bottom of the nine-man field.

"It was so surreal. When I got on the stage, I was so amazed," Darling stressed. "Even though I knew I wasn't at my best, I was so proud to be a part of the professional bodybuilders.

"I knew when I went out there with just nine competitors, the guys looked very awesome and so I knew that it would have been very difficult for me to win. I think I did as well as I could under

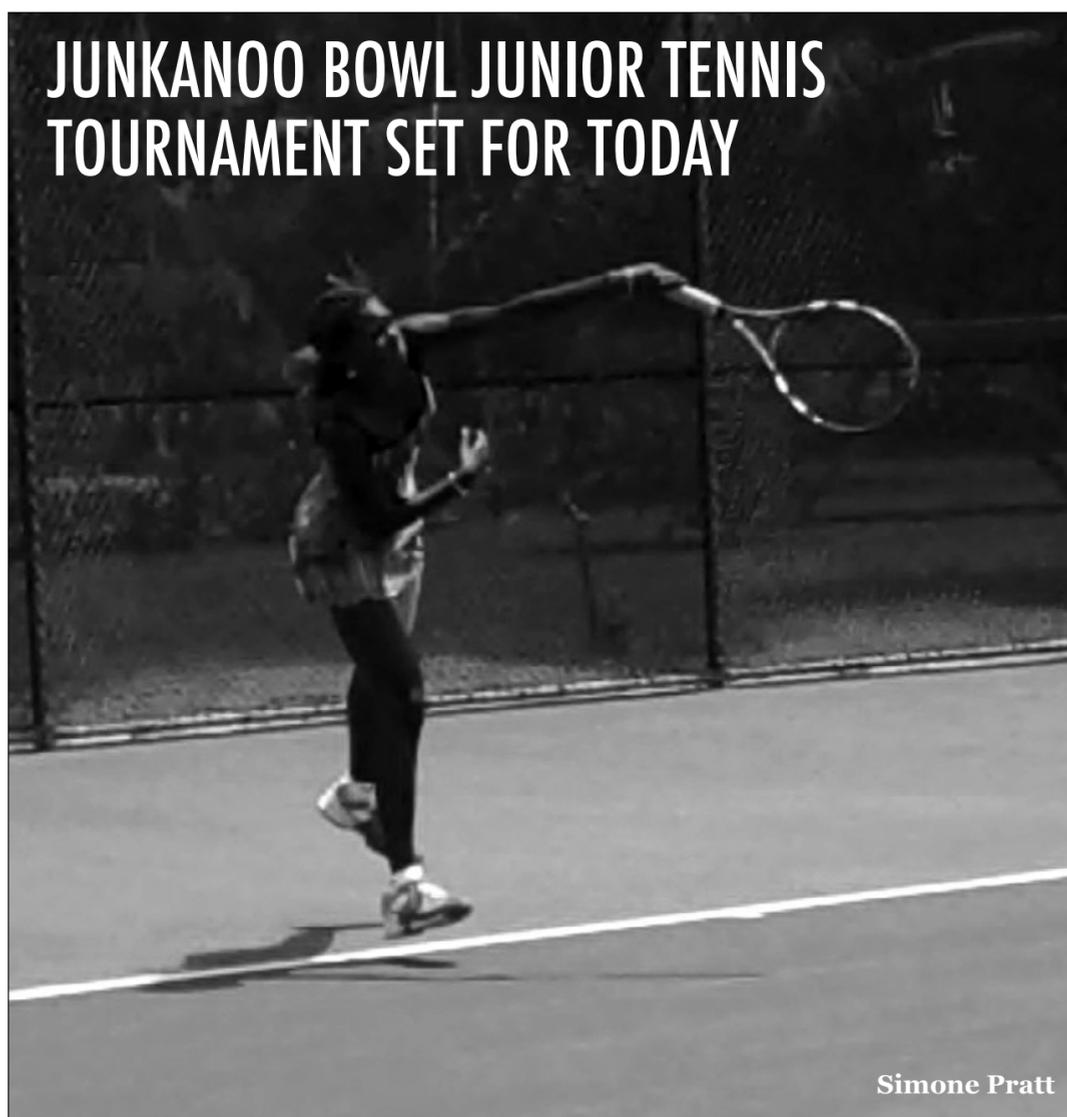
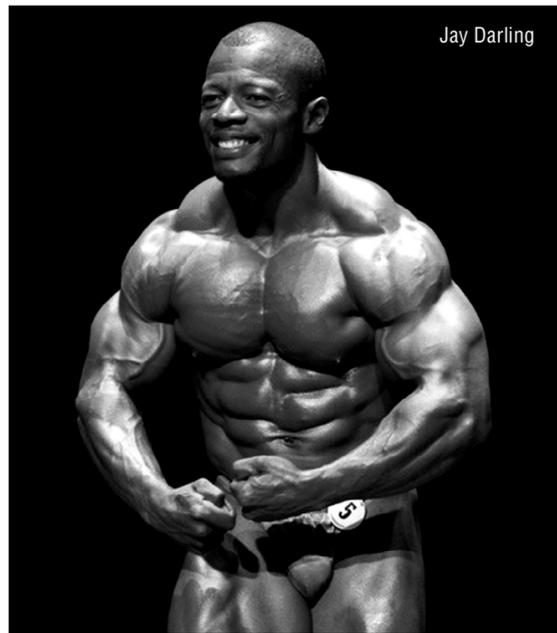
the circumstances."

Darling, the former men's national champion, said he got so much support from all of the competitors, including those whom he competed against. He said he and Mackey were well received as the only competitors from the Bahamas.

Mackey, making her second appearance in the championship, ended up in an eight-way tie for the 17th and final spot in the women's bodybuilding division.

"I was just glad to be on the professional level and representing my country," Darling insisted. "I can't wait to do it again."

But in the meantime, Darling said he will have to work on getting more defined and he said he's confident that by November, he should be in a much better position to compete again.



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THE International Tennis Federation's Junkanoo Bowl Junior Tennis Tournament under-28 boys and girls finals are all set for today at the National Tennis Center.

Grand Bahamian Simone Pratt was the only Bahamian to survive through the rounds to earn her berth in the girls' final. She did it by coming from behind to beat Cathetine Leduc of Canada 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

She will now face Kristina Chasovskikh of Russia in their final, set for 9 a.m.

On the boys side, number one seed Robert Livi of the United States beat Daniel Khanin 6-3, 6-2 and will meet number two seed Dekel Bar of Israel in the boys under-18 final also set for this morning.



The Ed Ambrister Baseball League camp underway

BASEBALL might be finished this year for other leagues in Nassau, but the newly-formed Ed Ambrister Baseball League gets its youth baseball camp underway at Windsor Park today from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The camp also continues all next week, Monday through Friday, with two session time everyday from noon - 2 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.

The camp is open to all boys age 10 and over and will run at least until school opens.

In addition to learning about the game of baseball, there will be games and movie days at next door Stephen Dillet school where baseball campers will watch Ed Ambrister's performances in the 1975 World Series as a player on the winning Cincinnati Reds with Hall of Fame teammates Pete Rose, Jos Morgan and Tony Perez.

Ambrister is one of five Bahamians to have played Major League Baseball and the only one still alive.

Camp directors include Mike Butler, Mario Ford, Andy Percentie, Roosie Archer, Renee 'Sunshine' Davis, Crestwell Pratt, Andy Ford, Ken Adderley and Tommy Stubbs, who will also mentor the young players to becoming respectable residents and teach them about the history of baseball, especially in the Bahamas.

Also next week, starting Monday morning, the Ed Ambrister Baseball League will conduct a week-long workshop for government school PE teachers at Stephen Dillet Primary School and at Windsor Park.

Eve, Summer Camp

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and one of the things I want to do when I retire, I want to work with the youth and our javelin throwers as well."

For the majority of her career, Eve has scripted a story that will probably never be penned again. She got started out as a multiple athlete, competing in softball, basketball and volleyball.

In track, she began as a heptathlon athlete, but after having to engage in an 800 metres race to complete the seven-discipline event, she decided to stick with the throws.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Eve, at age 46, has not lost a national title in the past two decades. She can't even remember the last time she was beaten locally in the javelin.

The former national record holder in four events - javelin, shot put, discus and hammer - is now specialising in the javelin and even though her career is winding down, she still stands head and shoulders above her rivals.

Having won a medal in just about every international event she has competed in, except for the World Championship and the Olympic Games, Eve is still on a quest to compete at a high level. She has no time limit on her career.

Her view is that she will take it one year at a time and see how her body responds to the challenge.

"I'm trying to get in two meets in Canada," said Eve, who has already qualified for the Central American and Caribbean Championships, but would like nothing better than to make another trip to the World Championships.

"I will also be going to Europe to compete in a few meets after CAC to see if I can qualify for World's if I don't do it at CAC. Then I will see what happens after that."

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