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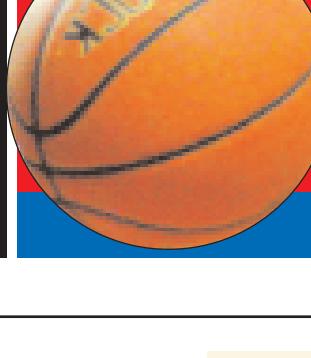
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NIB scheme to run out of cash

THE \$20 million allocated for the national employment benefit scheme will be exhausted by the end of December, National Insurance Board (NIB) Director Algernon Cargill warned yesterday.

During the second phase of the scheme, Government has said it will establish a fund into which all employers and employees will contribute 0.5 per cent of the employee's insurable wage to sustain the

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- Three in custody after man stabbed in neck
- Murder count equals national record of 78

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A MAN is dead after a gang of teen thugs stabbed him in the neck yards away from his home in a brazen daylight attack.

The brutal assault occurred in middle of a residential area around 3.30 pm yesterday.

Fearing for his life, the 23-year-old victim managed to stagger back to his home on Peach Street before he collapsed. The victim — whose name was not released by police up to press time — was taken to hospital by ambulance and died about three hours later.

Three teenagers were in police custody last night assisting with the investigation.

The "senseless" killing pushed this year's murder count to 78, matching the national murder record of 2007.

The gang held up the young man around 3.30 pm yesterday as he walked to a nearby shop to purchase something

for his mother, Sgt Skippings reported. He was attacked about 100 yards away from his home.

Moments before, the same group of boys were shooed away from the victim's home by his mother because they were involved in a heated altercation outside her property. Police said the victim was not involved in the first alteration.

The rowdy group moved away from the woman's home after she scolded them, but apparently lay in wait near the home before springing on her son as he walked to the store.

"Sometime around 3.30 (yesterday afternoon) police received information of a stabbing at Peach Street. Police responded and spoke with the mother of the deceased who indicated that an altercation took place in the front of her residence involving some young men," said Press Liaison Officer Sergeant Chrislyn Skippings.

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CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING WITH SENIORS



MINISTER OF STATE for Local Government and Pinewood Gardens MP Byran Woodside celebrated Thanksgiving with the seniors of Pinewood Gardens at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, where the Pinewood Urban Renewal Programme distributed groceries and had a luncheon for the seniors.

Online poll: Tribune readers blame judicial system for crime

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HUNDREDS of Tribune readers who voted in an online poll have overwhelmingly blamed the judicial system for the country's crime problem.

Criminals were ranked second in the poll,

which asked online readers who they held responsible for the state of crime in the country, and its impact on tourism.

The possible choices were: The police force, for not preventing crime; the media, for reporting crime; the court system, for letting criminals back on the street; and criminals, for committing crime.

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Minister hoping to avert COB strike

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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MINISTER of Labour Dion Foulkes hopes to prevent a faculty strike at the College of the Bahamas by holding talks between college bosses and union members after a cooling off period. While both parties say they are willing to negotiate the terms

of a new industrial agreement, union members are reluctant to wait any longer as the agreement is already 15 months overdue.

An overwhelming majority of Union of Tertiary Educators of the Bahamas (UTEB) members voted to take strike action at the COB campus in Oakes Field on Wednesday, with 131 opting to

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Waiter robbed at gunpoint

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ARMED robbers, who refused to pay for conch salad at Candies in Arawak Cay, threatened their waiter at gunpoint and robbed him when he chased them for payment.

The robbery was one of three in New Providence on Thursday as staff were also terrorised by thieving gunmen at EJ's Chinese Kitchen in Carmichael Road and at Kyes Food Store in Market Street and Palm Tree

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VANDERPOOL-WALLACE

Two airport checkpoints to be removed, says Minister

VISITOR experience in Lynden Pindling International Airport's departure lounge will be greatly improved once two upper level security checkpoints are removed, said Tourism Minister Vincent Vanderpool Wallace.

The removal of the checkpoints, which had been heavily criticised by visitors passing through LPIA, will pave the way for additional seating and retail spaces.

"There were several departments coming together to rid of us this second checkpoint that a very large number of visitors had objected to, not knowing that was put in place by the US government and not the Bahamas' government."

"Now that it's (about to be removed) the whole exit experience for visitors will be better — that space can now be used for commercial purposes. We've removed an irritant and made additional space for the airport," said the senator.

Although a target date has not been set for the removal of the checkpoints, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace predicted that the change would happen soon.

Earlier this week, the Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) said approval had been granted for it to remove the two secondary security checkpoints on the US Departures

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LOCAL NEWS

Off set with James Catalyn

LEGENDARY Bahamian playwright, thespian and stakeholder in the Bahamas' theatre scene for the past 40 years James Catalyn discusses his opinions on where Bahamian society is heading, about cooking and a 1974 Datsun with the uncanny ability to find its way home after a night of partying.

- NAME: James Julius Catalyn

- DATE OF BIRTH: Saturday, January 6, 1940

- PLACE OF BIRTH: East Shirley Street, (opposite Ebenezer Methodist Church), St Matthew's Parish, The Pond Area, Nassau, Bahamas.

- RELIGION: Anglican. Membership: Christ Church Cathedral. Confirmed, Sunday, December 12, 1993, by the Rt Rev Michael H Eldon, Lord Bishop. (Formerly a Methodist. Attended Ebenezer Methodist Church). Confirmed to serve as a Samaritan Minister for the HIV/AIDS Caring Ministry by Bishop Lawrence A Burke, SJ, on April 19, 1994.

- MARITAL STATUS: Single

- CHILDREN: One son, Randon Scott Catalyn; daughter-in-law, Camile; granddaughters, Blaire Alexandra Catalyn and Brittany Smith.

- EMPLOYMENT: Tourism executive. Retired in 2000 after 32 years at the Ministry of Tourism.



with James Catalyn

Tribune (T): As a veteran Bahamian playwright what is your impression of the current theatrical scene?

James Catalyn (JC): Pathetic! We are an independent nation without a National Theatre for the Performing Arts (the old Shirley Street Theatre is a joke and a far cry from being a legitimate theatre); without a proper Cultural Ministry representing and encompassing all aspects of Bahamian culture, including the performing arts and not just specialising in the "frenzied" art of Junkanoo and the other "frenzied" art forms to keep the populace jigging. We are aware that all of our governments spew forth words about culture, but they do not believe their own words. Most of them, if not all, have never seen a stage production and are not interested, especially if they have to pay for admission. There was much more activity years ago. Several performing and musical groups had lots of venues for performances. Every church hall or school auditorium became a theatre. Even gardens—Government House Gardens for example—became an outdoor arena for plays. Young people were drawn to the stage and were encouraged to read and study the performing arts. We saw interesting and enlightening non-violent movies and we read. Today we watch television with all its sex and violence and wonder where our children have gone wrong.

T: What do you regret the most in what has changed about the country since you were a child?

JC: Nationally, we have lost our personal and national pride. We have lost manners and respect for each other. We have become a lazy, lackadaisical, complaining people, waiting for a handout from government, our fellow man or whomever. We have come to believe that the world owes us something. We do not monitor our children because we lack good parenting skills.

T: Who or what inspired you to become involved in theatre?

JC: Throughout my childhood I performed in school and church plays and concerts, thus sparking my interest in the theatre. I became involved in the theatre in the late 1950s and was a member of the "Friends of The Bahamas Drama Group", which was directed by the late Trevor Marshall. I was a founder member of the now defunct Bahama Drama Circle, founded by McQuella Cartwright Smith and the late Donald Charlow, in the early 1960s. Growing up on Shirley Street, there were always plays or concerts being staged in Epworth Hall (Ebenezer) or St Matthew's schoolroom. I also got a lot of encouragement from the late Meta Davis Cumberbatch and the late BEA Saunders.

T: What are some of your pet peeves?

JC: Lack of respect for punctuality. I am grossly annoyed when events, et cetera, do not begin on time; late arrivals of government officials and others, when persons are expected to wait; late arrival of brides and long delays at receptions, et cetera. There is no such thing as "Bahamian Time."

Disorganisation – functions, events, etcetera, not properly organised and executed. I like things to move like clockwork.

Nosy people. Especially the kind who ask unnecessary questions, like, "What he dead from?"

T: Are you a good cook?

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JC: I enjoy cooking and baking. However, I do have problems with yeast and have not mastered the art of bread-making because of it. My "hot cross buns" at Easter time are normally referred to as "hot cross rocks."

T: What's the hardest thing about writing comedy?

JC: I don't set out to write comedy. I set out to write about Bahamian life and situations the way I see it. Once you put that down on paper and you assemble the right cast and the right director, then you're on your way. I think a lot of who I am is reflected in my work. Let us "laugh at wese". Life is too short to worry.

T: Name a book that changed the way you look at life.

JC: In recent times I have read several books that changed my way of thinking. After a lifetime of being told and being made to believe that the Bible was basically "handed down" out of heaven, and that you "cannot question the Bible", I became very interested in reading the scholars and learning just how the Bible was assembled; how the "Deity" came into being, how the Nicene Creed was agreed upon; the evilness of the church throughout the centuries; the pastors, priests and prophets who want to brainwash you and stuff their philosophies down your throat and myriad other religious faux pas. I am currently reading "Lost Scripture" (Books that Did Not Make it Into the New Testament) by Bart D Ehrman. His opening statement in his general introduction to the book reads:

"Even though millions of people worldwide read the New Testament – whether from curiosity or religious devotion – very few ask what this collection of books actually is or where it came from, how it came into existence, who decided which books to include, on what grounds, and when."

Many persons are not even aware of The Apocrypha, a collection of other "books" that did not make it into the "Bible" as we know it. It is important to read and understand for yourself. It has nothing to do with one's faith.

T: If someone gave you \$1 million to donate, who would receive it?

JC: Support two of my pet charities, The AIDS Foundation of the Bahamas, the Samaritan Ministry and also the AIDS Camp, for their ongoing work in HIV/AIDS; assist the work of Cancer (Cancer Society); the Salvation Army and assist directly, on a personal basis, persons whom I know are in dire need of support. I would need to be assured that the monies are being put to use for the purpose for which it was donated.

T: Briefly describe one of your favourite productions of James Catalyn and Friends.

JC: There are many: Feature length plays and "Summer Madness" revues. One of my favourite plays is "The Settin' Up", where the friends come to console the mourners, reminisce and see what they could "teef" and to drink liquor and coffee and eat Johnny cake. A little fiak (obeah) is involved and the "teefer" confesses at the end of the play.

Of the "Summer Madness" Revues (25 in total over the years), there are several outstanding and hilarious satirical skits, especially those highlighting politics, religion, education, the media, et cetera.

"Summer Madness" comprises of skits about "typical, topical and timely topics" and very little escapes the pen and the stage.

T: Are any of your characters based on real people?

JC: To get the true Bahami-

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LOCAL NEWS

In brief**Man charged with rape and armed robbery**

A MAN accused of breaking into a woman's home and raping her was arraigned in a Magistrates Court yesterday.

Oscar Ingraham has been charged with burglary, armed robbery and rape.

It is alleged that on Monday, November 23, Ingraham broke into a woman's home with the intent to rape and rob her. It is further alleged that Ingraham robbed the woman of \$50 cash and raped her.

During his arraignment before Magistrate Guillemine Archer in Court 10, Nassau Street yesterday, Ingraham said that the complainant is his ex-girlfriend and that she had made up the charges because she was upset that she could no longer get money from him.

Magistrate Archer told Ingraham that she could only make a determination about the case once the evidence has been presented in court.

Ingraham was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison. His case has been adjourned to February 23, 2010.

Teen denies indecent assault on girl aged 12

A 19-year-old man of Eneas Jumper Corner pleaded not guilty to indecently assaulting a 12-year-old girl.

It is alleged that Larry Petti-Homme indecently assaulted the girl on Friday July 9.

Petti-Homme, who was arraigned before Magistrate Subi Swain in Court 11, Nassau Street, was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000.

The case has been adjourned to May 7, 2010.

Long Island man stabbed during row

A 29-YEAR-OLD Long Island man was stabbed in the chest and wrist during an argument with a woman in Buckley's, Long Island, police say.

The man told police he and the woman had an argument just before 7pm on Thursday.

He was taken to the local health clinic for treatment before he was airlifted to hospital in Nassau.

Police are investigating the incident and ask that anyone with relevant information call 911 or Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).

Police draw blank on fire probe

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the morning on October 24 and 25, leading to some speculation as to whether an arsonist with an anti-foreign vendetta was on the loose on the tiny island.

However, that suggestion was dismissed as small town "paranoia" by some residents.

Owner of the second house to be devastated by fire, American film director William Corcoran, told *The Tribune* that his experience in Briland gave him no reason to suspect that such sentiments exist there, but he certainly believes now that "something is very wrong".

Mr Corcoran's relatives have been coming to Harbour Island for 50 years and his "Seadream" home had been a cherished place for his wife and three children for 10 years.

However, the fire that consumed his home and other

"crimes in Paradise" which he claimed have received little attention have left him fearful of staying in Briland until those who perpetrate them are brought to justice. The 58-year-old had once imagined himself retiring to the quaint Eleutherian island but has now been forced to reassess.

"I now fear going to sleep each night in Briland, I have nightmares and when I leave I worry that this arsonist, this hate crime will happen again and people may be asleep in their homes and burn to death," said the film director, who is calling for more security on the island. Mr Corcoran discovered in the wake of the fire that his home was under-insured by \$1 million. He understands, based on conversations he had with the Californians who owned the

other ill-fated house, The Bougainvillea House, which a local realtor valued at between \$5 and \$6 million, that it was not insured at all.

Corcoran said he has no idea why someone would have wanted to set alight to his sea-front property, saying that as far as he was aware, there was no animosity between he and anyone on the island. A police report revealed that witnesses reported seeing two people running from the direction of the house at around the time that the fire started. Yesterday Supt Deleveaux, who is heading up the investigation into the blazes, said that although investigations

are ongoing into both fires, his officers "haven't made any progress" and no one has been taken into custody in connection with either.

He said police have received no information that could assist them in finding out who started the fire which destroyed Seadream. Forensic evidence from the fires which could shed further light on what transpired has yet to be returned from the laboratory. Admitting his disappointment in the lack of developments, Deleveaux appealed for anyone with information to contact the Fire Control Room at 1 (242) 302 8039.

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GET A TASTE OF THIS: High Rock is said to deliver a crisp and refreshing taste.

THE Bahamian Brewery and Beverage Company has launched its fourth beer – High Rock – a premium lager beer.

The newest addition to the brewery's line of successful beers is a higher end lager, delivering a crisp and refreshing taste with a bolder constitution. "Lager beer is one of the most popular beers made in the world," said Lynden Johnson, Bahamian Brewery and Beverage sales and marketing manager. "High Rock will be our higher end lager using the method of longer maturation which gives it a wholesome quality. Allowing the slow acting yeast to ferment during storage gives it more body – much like a European beer."

The name "High Rock" first arose during the 2006 beer naming competition launched by brewery owner James "Jimmy" Sands, which allowed all Grand Bahama residents to submit their ideas for "truly Bahamian" beer names – even before

the brewery opened. "Sands" was the first name chosen and "High Rock" the second.

The new lager is named after the High Rock Township, a small and hospitable community in the eastern end of Grand Bahama. "High Rock is a place where you can relax on a Sunday afternoon, while sipping on your favourite cocktail and enjoying the ocean breeze," noted Jimmy Sands. "As you drive through the area, you are greeted by many locals and feel a sense of community, much like what we are trying to create at our brewery facilities and with our business practices."

BREEZY: PET OF THE WEEK



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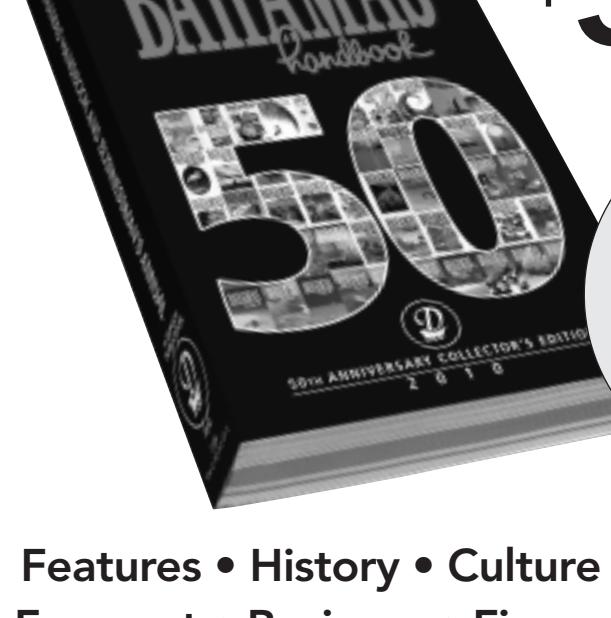
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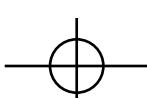
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Taxing the speculators

IT'S time to put some sand in finance's wheels.

Should we use taxes to deter financial speculation? Yes, say top British officials, who oversee the City of London, one of the world's two great banking centres. Other European governments agree — and they're right.

Unfortunately, U.S. officials — especially Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner — are dead set against the proposal. Let's hope they reconsider: a financial transactions tax is an idea whose time has come.

The dispute began back in August, when Adair Turner, Britain's top financial regulator, called for a tax on financial transactions as a way to discourage "socially useless" activities. Gordon Brown, the British prime minister, picked up on his proposal, which he presented at the Group of 20 meeting of leading economies this month.

Why is this a good idea? The Turner-Brown proposal is a modern version of an idea originally floated in 1972 by the late James Tobin, the Nobel-winning Yale economist. Tobin argued that currency speculation — money moving internationally to bet on fluctuations in exchange rates — was having a disruptive effect on the world economy. To reduce these disruptions, he called for a small tax on every exchange of currencies.

Such a tax would be a trivial expense for people engaged in foreign trade or long-term investment; but it would be a major disincentive for people trying to make a fast buck (or euro, or yen) by out-guessing the markets over the course of a few days or weeks. It would, as Tobin said, "throw some sand in the well-greased wheels" of speculation.

Tobin's idea went nowhere at the time. Later, much to his dismay, it became a favourite hobbyhorse of the anti-globalization left. But the Turner-Brown proposal, which would apply a "Tobin tax" to all financial transactions — not just those involving foreign currency — is very much in Tobin's spirit. It would be a trivial expense for long-term investors, but it would deter much of the churning that now takes place in our hyperactive financial markets.

This would be a bad thing if financial hyperactivity were productive. But after the debacle of the past two years, there's broad agreement — I'm tempted to say, agreement on the part of almost everyone not on the financial industry's payroll — with Turner's assertion that a lot of what Wall Street and the City do is "socially useless." And a transactions tax could generate substantial

revenue, helping alleviate fears about government deficits. What's not to like?

The main argument made by opponents of a financial transactions tax is that it would be unworkable, because traders would find ways to avoid it. Some also argue that it wouldn't do anything to deter the socially damaging behaviour that caused our current crisis. But neither claim stands up to scrutiny.

On the claim that financial transactions can't be taxed: modern trading is a highly centralized affair. Take, for example, Tobin's original proposal to tax foreign exchange trades. How can you do this, when currency traders are located all over the world? The answer is, while traders are all over the place, a majority of their transactions are settled — i.e., payment is made — at a single London-based institution. This centralization keeps the cost of transactions low, which is what makes the huge volume of wheeling and dealing possible. It also, however, makes these transactions relatively easy to identify and tax.

What about the claim that a financial transactions tax doesn't address the real problem? It's true that a transactions tax wouldn't have stopped lenders from making bad loans, or gullible investors from buying toxic waste backed by those loans.

But bad investments aren't the whole story of the crisis. What turned those bad investments into catastrophe was the financial system's excessive reliance on short-term money. As Gary Gorton and Andrew Metrick of Yale have shown, by 2007 the U.S. banking system had become crucially dependent on "repo" transactions, in which financial institutions sell assets to investors while promising to buy them back after a short period — often a single day. Losses in subprime and other assets triggered a banking crisis because they undermined this system — there was a "run on repo."

And a financial transactions tax, by discouraging reliance on ultra-short-run financing, would have made such a run much less likely. So contrary to what the sceptics say, such a tax would have helped prevent the current crisis — and could help us avoid a future replay.

Would a Tobin tax solve all our problems? Of course not. But it could be part of the process of shrinking our bloated financial sector. On this, as on other issues, the Obama administration needs to free its mind from Wall Street's thrall.

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

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**Enough talk
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The Bahamian people must be sick and tired about this Urban Renewal talk, I know that I am. Mr Bradley Roberts and the PLP, in its continued attempt to convince the Bahamian people that their much touted Urban Renewal programme was and is a panacea to the Bahamas social and crime dilemma seems to be nothing more than poppycock. The more they talk about it makes them seem desperate for something to boast about. It appears that as election nears the issue will again be crime.

The politician's agenda will be to convince voters that crime is worse than it used to be or better or simply different.

While no one can dispute that things are progressively getting worse, I do not think that any political party can be rightly blamed for it.

In 2004 under the PLP government it was reported by Candia Dames of the Bahama Journal that Crime in every major category for the year is higher than last year meaning 2003.

Indeed the reporter continued that "a comprehensive analysis of crime statistics shows that despite reports from some senior police officials, to the contrary, the number of cases of crimes in every major category so far for the year is higher than last year (2003)."

According to the report, there were 13 more murders up to the 21st October 2005 compared to the same period last year (2004). Rapes, robberies and other crimes were up. However if you listen to Mr. Bradley Roberts and the PLP one would get the impression that under Urban Renewal things were better.

The fact of the matter is that crime continued to escalate. Mr Roberts admitted that in 2001 under the FNM things got better and murder declined.

This he said was attributed to the aggressive round the clock zero tolerance operations that the police launched to bring crime under some degree of control. However, he continued, the dusk to dawn operations could not be sustained as the operations took a tremendous toll on the human resources of the police force, he concluded.

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items. Vehicle glasses are heavily 'tinted' to hide criminal intent by private citizens and the police.

The country has grown into a nation of gamblers under the PLP with the mushrooming of so-called 'Web Shops' even illegal 'Strip Joints'. Liquor licenses are still being handed out like bread. We fight to keep illegal immigrants resident in the Bahamas. What do we expect? We have become a nation that does not respect law and order especially the politicians. It appears we are in love with the letter 'L' Lust, Liquor, Lying and Lottery.

According to Moss "I always knew that the figures would bear that out even though I was hoping that I was wrong, but the fact of the matter is crime has been escalating over a period of years."

The fact of the matter is that as long as prosperity increases across all classes, property crimes will increase and the number will grow. One time ago the police were not interested in domestic violence, now the police are more interested in this type of criminal activity so more crime is recorded.

One time ago if two men got into an argument they settled it differently either over a drink or a fist fight, nowadays it is settled with a gun or knife.

Today an alcohol drink is sold on every corner and cheap, making it available to all children and adults. Motorists drive around proudly displaying an artificial Marijuana plant in their car. The 'Weed' is displayed proudly on clothing and other

ANTHONY BRICE
Nassau,
November 23, 2009**The Bahamas is a country in crisis****EDITOR, The Tribune.**

My heart goes out to the Bahamian people and the Bahamas with high unemployment, high crime now affecting tourism with 17 tourist being rob. My prediction is that America will soon have the State Department declare the Bahamas unsafe for American visitors, then United Kingdom and other countries will also do the same.

The Bahamas also will soon have Bahamians willing to leave by all means possible to escape as was the same with Haiti. Which is a sign that people are suffering under a Government with no vision, ideas, solutions and leadership abilities to solve the problems facing the Bahamas and the Bahamian people.

The dollar will most likely soon devalue against the American dollar, with the bad economy and borrowing without the means to pay off the debts that is being added to the Bahamas economy. Where Tourism is declining, cost of living and food is rising high. All of these events spell trouble and will create a real problem that both the FNM government and former PLP government have failed the Bahamian people and the Bahamas for 40 years.

With policies have benefited foreign workers and foreign investors only, making Bahamians second class citizens in their own country. May God bless the Bahamas and the Bahamian people in these tough times.

Pedro Smith wants to be the change in the mind, heart and on the lips that the Bahamian people are hungry for and ready for in the Bahamas 2012.

PEDRO SMITH

November, 2009.

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LOCAL NEWS

WHY YOU VEX?



"I am vex that motorists are unhappy that Shirley Street is dug up, because for me and others we is happy an' we can finally see them crazy motorists driving at the 25 mph speed limit – especially at night."

— Take Dat, Nassau

"I am vex cause at least for the third time our Immigration Department has raided the same apartment in my neighbourhood. After the first time they should have charged the landlord and after the second time they should have seized the building, because on the third time it appears that the crime of aiding and abetting and human smuggling of illegal migrants does indeed pay."

— Stiffer penalty, Nassau

"I am very vex and upset that someone or persons have taken the old Marshall View Cemetery on Infant View Road and turn it into their own trash or used metal lot. I hope someone will please have this area cleared up to bring back the remembrance of the many souls. This must stop forthwith."

— Disgusted, Nassau

"I vex because this country has no laws about large trucks using roads that are too tiny for them to get through. I am tired of tractor trailer heads constantly plowing through these two-way streets that are already the size of a one-way with no regard

for oncoming traffic. These roads should be made off limits with no through truck signs plastered at their entrances. Do something government."

— Reversing down the wrong way, Nassau.

"I am happy that *The Tribune's* investigative journalist Paul Turnquest investigated the Crown Lands agency to reveal the scandalous practices, and *The Tribune* for publishing the increasing ways we the Bahamian people, future generations and country have been swung by some workers at the Crown Lands Department. Mr Paul Turnquest and *The Tribune* should be given

the Bahamas' top award for journalistic excellence and a Bahamas National Heroic Award for investigative journalism for publicly testifying before the Commission and Bahamas and hopefully putting an end to this unethical practice which have hurt law abiding applicants, citizens and our nation, and the Crown. Also Madam Editor, please reprint the Tuesday November 24 story 'Tribune reporter testifies' for all to see again."

— Honour the true Heroes, Nassau

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'Important step forward' in fight for kinder treatment of animals

By ALISON LOWE
Tribune Staff Reporter
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A local animal rights organisation formed after a student's letter to the press highlighted horrible conditions at the government pound has revealed its first progress report.

Bahamas Alliance for Animal Rights and Kindness (BAARK) is heralding an "important step forward" in the fight to ensure kinder treatment for animals at the Canine Control Centre, which animal-loving visitors denounced in October as unsanitary and inhumane. Around 50 animals a week are killed at the pound after being picked up off the island's streets by the government run unit.

Laura Kimble, BAARK chairman, said the alliance has now stepped in to ensure that the euthanasia experience is not as traumatic as it has been in the past. "Last week Friday November 20, BAARK was allowed to donate tranquilisers which were administered prior to the weekly euthanasia.

"For the first time, the dogs were euthanised as they slept peacefully, instead of fighting for their lives and petrified as the lethal injection comes towards them. This is a huge improvement for both the animals and the pound staff."

Meanwhile, another leap forward has seen staff from the Bahamas Humane Society



DEVELYN STUBBS, of Stubbsdale Dog Training Centre with Farrah, a dog rescued from the dog pound.

(BHS) given access to the pound on a daily basis to check for potentially adaptable pooches. Because more space will be required at the BHS to house the dogs that are transferred, the BAARK Kennel Team in conjunction with the animal charity are "moving quickly" to build a new block of kennels at the BHS.

But BAARK realises that just trying to improve conditions at the pound and rescuing dogs who would have otherwise met their death there is just treating the symptoms of a bigger problem – the out of control stray dog population in the Bahamas.

Quoting Indian humanitarian and philosopher, Mahatma Gandhi, who said the "greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it treats its animals", Ms Kimble said BAARK looks forward to a day when "Bahamians and our visitors will no longer have to see dogs

sick, injured, starving or dead along road sides, or hear of the abuse and atrocities that these poor animals suffer throughout the islands."

According to BAARK, it is likely that a two year sustained programme of "trap, neuter and release" would make a huge difference in the stray animal population.

However, funding for the neutering itself and plans to dramatically increase public awareness of the need for such a programme is a major challenge and so the association is looking for public and corporate donations.

"Let's make it better in the Bahamas for everyone including our animals," said Ms Kimble. Anyone wishing to contact BAARK can do so at: baark-bahamas@gmail.com. Donations can be made to the alliance's account at Scotia Bank (East Bay Street), account number 50385 - 320 2371

How you can help

- Join BAARK and get involved – write letters to the papers, help with fundraising, building of kennels at Bahamas Humane Society, talk to friends and neighbors about what the alliance is all about.
- Don't buy or breed dogs until the problem is under control – adopt an animal from the Bahamas Humane Society. Many pure breeds end up in shelters too.
- Spay or neuter your dog or cat
- Understand the responsibilities and expenses of pet ownership before getting a dog or cat; they are a member of the family
- Corporate or individual sponsorships. For example: monthly pledges of \$50 would spay or neuter one dog or cat a month

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LOCAL NEWS

DENNIS DEVEAUX FINDS A COUNTRY WITH A STRONG SENSE OF HISTORY AND NATIONHOOD

BY DENNIS DEVEAUX

DE SPITE being well travelled and open to other cultures, I found that the Japanese overwhelmingly retain their own identity with a sense of dignity and pride. There is definitely a strong sense of history and nationhood in Japan. In this regard, Japan and the Bahamas perhaps share a similar idea about their inherent cultural uniqueness as people.

One of the small differences in culture that stands out is the degree of structure that exists in Japanese society – in business and even in daily life.

For example, culturally, it is very taboo to ever arrive late in Japan.

So, unexpectedly, trains and subways are almost always perfectly on-time.

Once, due to a passenger related health emergency, trains were delayed – causing me (and others) to be only a few minutes late to work.

Without request, train officials handed out little excuse notes by the hundreds, explaining the delay.

The note served as a formal notification to my boss that my tardiness was to be justifiably excused – for that day!

It was at that moment that I remembered with nostalgia taking the number 3B jitney from downtown to St Anne's School in Fox Hill. I arrived to school on time most days; but even if I arrived "just after the bell" despite the bus driver's haste, I never got a note or reprieve of any kind.

Bicycles

Because of population density, the use of bicycles are very popular in Japan beyond recreational interests – even in the humid summer of cold winter months.

It is not uncommon to see the very young or the very young at heart riding bicycles – adeptly navigating the busiest intersections and travelling with a healthy rate

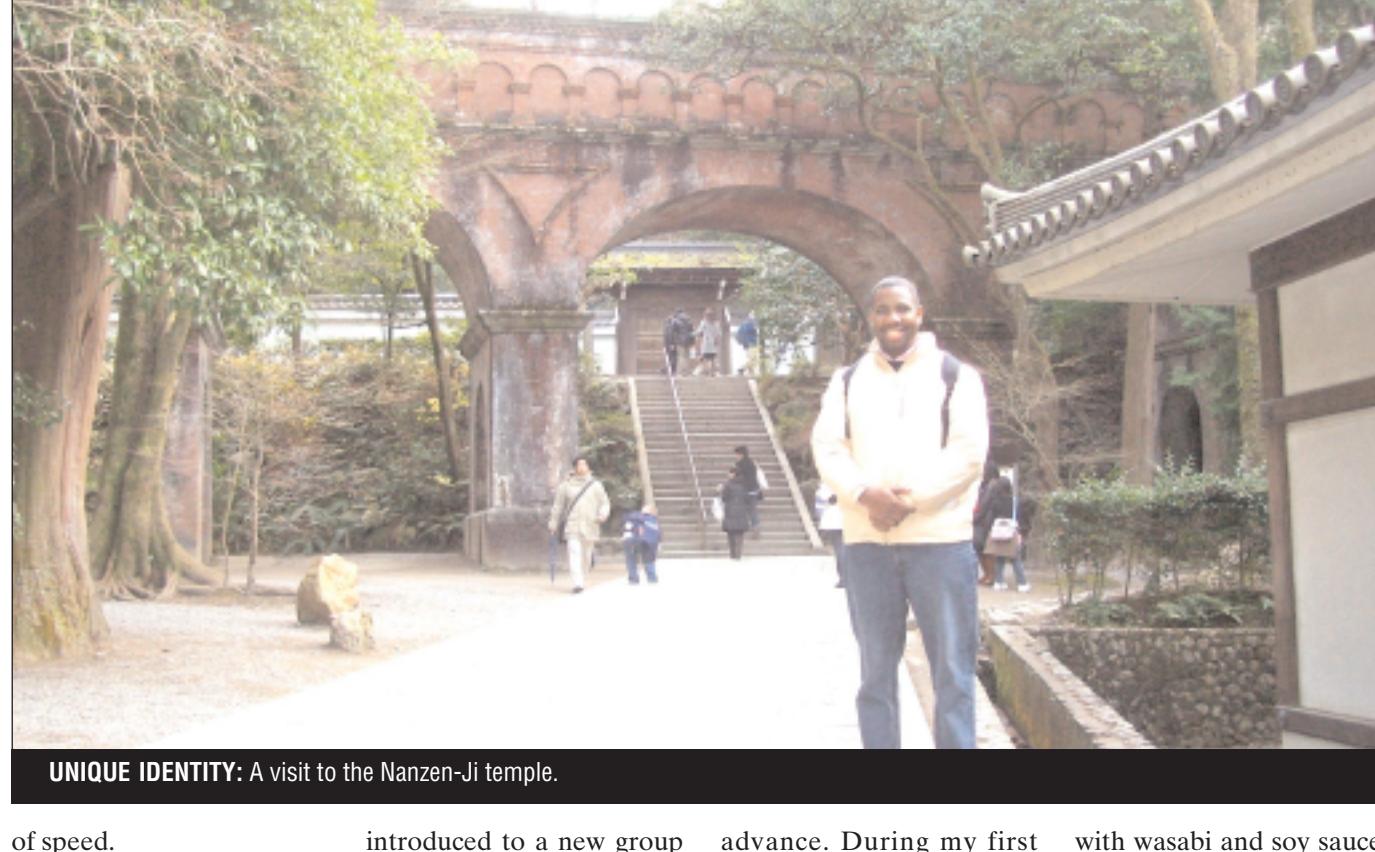
A window into Japan's unique cultural identity



BAHAMIAN EXPAT

DENNIS DEVEAUX

Each week our featured Bahamian Expat will give, in their own words, a taste of the experiences of Bahamians working abroad. The first in our series is Bahamian Dennis Deveaux who works in Japan as a financial analyst for Toyota Industries' material handling division – the Toyota Material Handling Group or TMHG; the largest material handling company in the world. Among other things he co-ordinates financial planning for the company's North American business operations.



UNIQUE IDENTITY: A visit to the Nanzen-Ji temple.

of speed.

When I return to the Bahamas, I plan on riding a bicycle everywhere.

Almost all outsiders are

introduced to a new group with a very formal "kangeikai" or "welcome party." Welcome parties are a big deal in Japan. Everything from the location to the specific seating arrangements of guests is all thoroughly planned – well in

advance. During my first week in Japan, I attended about three kangeikai events (all on week nights) and tried many varieties of Japanese sushi (raw fish typically flavoured with vinegar and served with rice), sashimi (raw seafood, served with wasabi and soy sauce) and even gyusashi (raw beef) and basashi (raw horse).

As I learned how to use chopsticks, it became increasingly helpful to eat the customary side of white rice because it was not so loosely prepared (we would say it was very 'friendly').

In short, I have tried just about everything on a typical Japanese menu – at least once: raw octopus, soba and udon noodles, nabe (a favourite among sumo wrestlers), unagi (grilled or fried eel), yakiniku (grilled meat with vegetables). Japanese style curry or kare is also popular in my diet. My favourite however, is perhaps the deceptively

tasteless Japanese sake, which is a really smooth whisky fermented from rice. It complements many meals in Japanese society.

Japanese dining etiquette is also quite interesting.

It is not customary to pour one's own drink for example.

Towels

Hot towels to clean the hands are always provided (even at small traditional places), and many Japanese become uncomfortable if chop sticks are stuck vertically into a bowl of rice; because of the cultural symbolism related to death.

It may also be seen as rude to make special menu requests; especially for Western food – requiring the novice traveller to have a very strong pallet.

Despite my travels and extended absence, I remain inextricably and organically linked to the Bahamas; and will return home soon.

I am forever grateful to my siblings Aisha, Patrick and Ricardo, step-father Francois, extended family, and teachers at St Anne's,

for the many investments they made in me during my formative years.

Chief among them however, is my mother – Jacqueline Bourque, who by virtue of her sacrifice and resolve,

made a way for me to enjoy with profound humility, the many opportunities that she toiled to create.

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LOCAL NEWS

Bahamas Against Crime calls for anti-crime task force

THE pressure group Bahamas Against Crime is calling for government to lose no time in appointing an anti-crime task force in the face of the growing crime scourge.

The call comes in the wake of the high profile robbery of 18 tourists last week and concerns about the effects this will have on the country's most important industry.

Rev CB Moss, executive director of Bahamas Against Crime (BAC), said: "The rising tide of crime and violence in the Bahamas is ripping apart the fabric of society and seriously threatening the peaceful way of life once enjoyed. It is almost a certainty that 2009 will be a record breaking year in all of the major crime categories, especially homicides which now stand at 77, two less than the

record of 79 which occurred in 2007.

"In the face of this national security crisis, drastic and immediate action must be taken by all sectors of the society to beat back this monster which is threatening to devour our nation. However, the lead must be taken by the government, and Bahamas Against Crime therefore calls upon the government to immediately appoint a crime task force drawn from the various law enforcement agencies, other government agencies, and selected private sector entities.

Rev Moss said the task force should be empowered to direct the national fight against crime through strategic planning and "innovative and forceful action."

"The crisis is now too great to be successfully tackled by

the Royal Bahamas Police Force alone," said Rev Moss. "A task force will give the Bahamas a real chance of avoiding catastrophe, and prevent us from going down the road currently being travelled by some of the neighbouring countries. To wait any longer is to invite disaster."

BAC is also calling upon other social stakeholders, including the Church, corporate and civic groups and the media to "shed their apathy" which has been "nothing short of disgraceful" and take a stand for the good of the public now and in the years to come.

"The greatest tragedy of all is the lack of outrage from the people as their loved ones are slaughtered, raped, robbed, and assaulted," Rev Moss said.

ANTI-CRIME RALLY

Bahamas Against Crime has announced that on Sunday, November 29, it will hold an anti-crime rally in Rawson Square.

The rally, which begins at 3.30pm, is an opportunity for every group and individual in the country "to take a stand against the scourge of crime and violence," BAC said.

Under the theme "Enough is Enough", the

rally is intended to show that Bahamians are unified and resolute in their determination to take their country back from criminals.

"The message to the criminal element is 'We will not allow you to destroy our society'. The rally is also designed to send a strong message to the government that drastic action must be taken now," BAC said.

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11.80	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	FBB18	10.75	10.75	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%		
9.30	5.90	Bank of Bahamas	FBB19	5.90	5.90	0.00	0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%		
0.89	0.63	Benchmark	FBB20	0.63	0.63	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	FBB21	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.125	0.050	25.2	2.86%		
2.37	2.14	Barbados Inc.	FBB22	2.37	2.37	0.00	0.150	0.050	43.1	2.50%		
14.20	9.92	Cable Bahamas	FBB23	10.00	10.00	0.00	1.406	0.250	7.1	2.50%		
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3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	FBB26	2.63	2.63	0.00	0.111	0.052	23.7	1.98%		
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8.20	6.28	Fairguard	FBB28	6.50	6.50	0.00	0.200	0.050	15.5	3.60%		
12.50	8.80	Fimco	FBB29	9.29	9.29	0.00	0.322	0.520	20.9	5.60%		
11.71	9.87	FirstCaribbean Bank	FBB30	9.87	9.87	0.00	0.631	0.350	15.6	3.55%		
5.53	4.11	Foco (S)	FBB31	4.75	4.75	0.00	0.326	0.150	14.6	3.16%		
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41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00	4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%			
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1.5916	1.5916	CFAL Bond Market Fund	1.5916	4.74	5.24	31-Oct-09						
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Stabbing death brings murder count to national record



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"While the men were fighting she asked them to move and behave themselves. A short time after they moved out of the area she asked the deceased to go to the shop and he got less than 100 yards

from his residence when he was attacked by the same group of young men — he was stabbed in the neck.

"He was able to return home where he collapsed. He was taken to hospital by EMS where he succumbed to his injuries."

The victim died in hospital around 6.30 pm yesterday.

Sgt Skippings said police did not have a motive for the "senseless" murder. She could not say if anything was stolen from the victim.

Police investigations continue.

Two airport checkpoints to be removed

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lounge's upper levels, freeing up more than 7,000 square feet for extra seating and retail options.

NAD said in a statement that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), a division of the US Department of Homeland Security, had approved the checkpoints' removal.

NAD and the Airport Authority's security

team, headed by MJ Hutchinson, acting general manager, Osbourne Ferguson, director of security, and Andrew Bonaby, deputy director of security, worked with Steve Perris, a Vancouver Airport Services security consultant, in final preparation for a TSA evaluation that took place in the autumn.

As a result of LPIA being in compliance with all regulations for passenger screening, the TSA recommended that a secondary security screening checkpoint was no longer necessary at the facilities.

Minister hoping to avert COB strike

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strike and 19 opposing industrial action.

UTEB president Jennifer Isaacs-Dotson informed the Department of Labour, and the college, of the union's intention to hold a strike vote last month. The union claims the college has failed to meet faculty demands in contract negotiations going on since February and in a number of trade disputes.

Labour Minister Dion Foulkes said he hopes an agreement can be reached before a strike is taken and he will allow a cooling off period after Wednesday's strike vote to facilitate discussions overseen by director of Labour Harcourt Brown.

Mr Foulkes said: "The strike vote will not be certified by myself until a reasonable cooling off period has transpired, and if they're not able to reach an agreement then I will certify the vote which will allow the union to go on strike.

"But we are hoping they can reach some agreement."

The union's previous industrial agreement expired in June

last year and crucial concerns for the union in negotiations for a new contract include the college's attempt to change the status of librarians, counsellors and researchers from faculty to administrative staff.

Angered

Members are also angered by the "flawed" promotions process that has held staff back while they wait for the system to be improved.

A trade dispute was filed over the promotion process, and relative pay increments, as the college was not willing to negotiate the terms before including it in the industrial agreement, Ms Isaacs-Dotson said.

Union members also want a pension plan and to keep their existing healthcare plan.

And with negotiations continuing for nearly a year, union members are keen to get an agreement signed before they are forced to sit through another cooling off period.

Union spokesman Mark Humes said: "Nobody is ever keen on striking, and the only thing we want to do is get an

industrial agreement signed.

"It shouldn't even get to this point, it should never have got to this point."

"The union is willing to work with the college and we are hoping the college will provide us with a space where we can come together."

"The only thing we want is a signed industrial agreement, and we want what's in the best interest of the faculty, the college and the students."

COB maintains it is awaiting the official results of the strike vote and is willing to negotiate with union members.

A statement issued by COB yesterday read: "UTEB members participated in a strike vote, exercising a legal option that is available to them."

"Their doing so was not unexpected as UTEB had expressed their intent on conducting the poll."

"The college is awaiting the official results of the voting from the Department of Labour."

"We are committed to the negotiating process and remain confident that a new industrial agreement will be achieved at the negotiating table."

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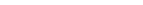
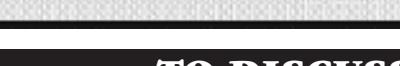
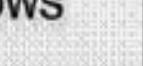
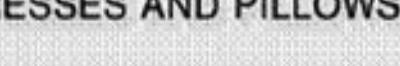
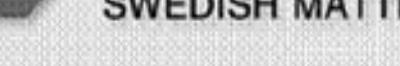
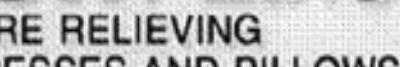
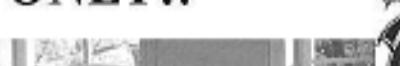
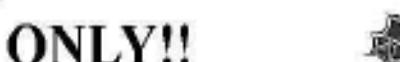
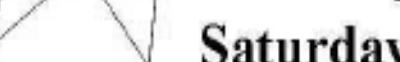
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LOCAL NEWS

Online poll: Tribune readers blame judicial system for crime

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ting the crimes.

Of the 204 readers who voted in the poll up to press time, 106 of them placed the blame for the country's crime dilemma squarely at the feet of the court system. Criminals came in a close second with 79 votes, while the RBPF and the media received 17 and two votes, respectively.

Some who voted left comments as well.

Justin Roberts wrote: "We really need to look at revising the Bail Act so that these thugs are not back out on the streets doing exactly what they got arrested for in the first place again. If it is said that goes against our constitution, well then, it is time to revise and maybe even rewrite and update our constitution so that we can prevent armed robbers, murderers, rapists and child molesters from walking the streets after posting bail."

Another voter, A Davis, agreed: "A person's actions lie under (nobody's) control but their own, however, if convicted criminals are returned to the street without a lasting penalty then of course they will continue doing what they did before. The point of laws and the legal system is to reduce crime, prevent crime and remove the criminal element from the general populace."

At a press conference at police headquarters recently, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest said efforts are being made to fix the country's ailing legal system which allows for hardened repeat offenders to be freed on bail.

As violent crime and murders continue to escalate, the media has, in some quarters, been criticised for providing front-page coverage of these incidents. Some critics suggest claim the coverage is "sensational" and does more harm to the country's fragile tourism industry.

Commentator 'Smokey Johnson' said: "The way the media sensationalises the crime and the criminals, focuses on them, gives long interviews with the victims, is almost unbelievable. For every Bahamian who is a criminal, there are 5,000 who are not. For every crime committed in the Bahamas about 5,000 good deeds are done."

"Why should the crime get large print half a page photo and the day to day heroes (are not) mentioned? I am sick of it. We are not a nation of criminals."

At last report, the country's murder count stood at 78.

Last Thursday, Fitzroy McDonald, was killed during what police believe was an altercation between the victim and another man in Gregory Town, Eleuthera.

Earlier this month a construction worker was stabbed to death at a church building site following an argument with another contractor. Days earlier, on Saturday, a young Grand Bahama man was shot and killed by a gunman during a home invasion.

Prison officer Clifford Godet Jr died after he was shot in the head during an argument at a gated apartment complex.

The daring daylight robbery of 18 cruise passengers on an onshore tour of BASH's Earth Village last Friday has dominated the headlines and prompted concern over the anticipated tourism fallout from the incident.

NIB scheme to run out of cash

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programme. "We expect that the Office of the Prime Minister will advise when the second phase will start. The National Insurance Board does not know," Mr Cargill said.

He noted that although the initial \$20 million earmarked for the unemployment benefit programme will be completed by the end of the year, persons newly unemployed and eligible for the benefit would still receive payments.

The plan provides a maximum of \$200 a week for up to 13 weeks at a time. Benefits through the first phase of the plan are financed from the \$20 million transferred out of the Medical Benefits Fund.

According to Mr Cargill, thus far, 13,620 persons have benefited from the unemployment programme. So far, NIB has paid out \$19.8 million under the programme.

Training

Government has also initiated a national training and retraining programme for recently laid off workers who have already registered for the National Insurance Unemployment Benefit.

Progressive Liberal Party Chairman Bradley Roberts said yesterday that the unemployment situation in the country is a direct result of the government's decision to stop, review and cancel several major projects, leaving no cushion for the economic downturn in the current recession.

"When the programme was implemented the prime minister said that he was going to extend it for an additional 13 weeks, then he backed off and said that the money wasn't there," Mr Roberts noted.

"If we follow what is going on with the economic situation, the government is going to be borrowing left right and centre," he said. Mr Roberts said that instead of focusing on promoting the Bahamas on the tourism market, the government seems to be waiting for the US economy to turn around.

Waiter robbed at gunpoint

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Avenue.

A masked man armed with a handgun burst into the Chinese restaurant on Carmichael Road just after 5.30pm and robbed a man working at the restaurant of an undetermined amount of cash and his cellular phone. The 5ft 6ins gunman fled the area on foot, wearing a mask, blue hooded top and blue trousers.

Hours later a gunman wearing a red mask and blue jeans stormed Kyes Food Store and held up a man working at the shop. The man was robbed of an undetermined amount of cash. After threatening and stealing from the man at around 9pm, the armed robber got away in a silver Honda Accord with registration plates beginning with the numbers 220 and headed south along Market Street.

Police were then called to investigate a third armed robbery on Arawak Cay.

Staff at Candies Enterprise told police how three men ordered conch salad in the restaurant, ate it and left without paying.

When a man working at the restaurant followed them to ask them to pay, they produced a handgun and robbed him of an undetermined amount of cash just after 11pm.

Police are investigating all armed robberies and ask for public assistance in solving these cases.

Anyone with any information that may aid investigations should call police as a matter of urgency on 919 or call Crime Stoppers on 328-TIPS (8477).

In other crime news, Drug Enforcement Unit officers arrested a 33-year-old man of Palm Tree Avenue at 3.30pm on Thursday. He was suspected of being in possession of 26 grams of marijuana.



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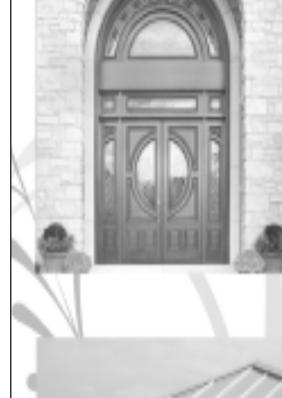
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Two new champions crowned

By BRENT STUBBS
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TWO new champions were crowned yesterday as the New Providence Primary Schools Sports Association completed its basketball tournament.

After five days of intense competition, featuring the future stars at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium, Yellow Elder and Centreville Primary emerged as the girls and boys respective champions.

Yellow Elder, coached by Cardinal Moncur, pulled off a 9-6 decision as Renique Brown hit three clutch free throws down the stretch in the second half as they dethroned Columbus Primary.

"I feel I played good. I was just glad that I was able to help our team to win," said Brown, a 10-year-old sixth grader. "I knew I had to hit those shots."

Coach Moncur said he couldn't ask for a better leadership role from his captain.

"She took the team on her shoulders and made the free throws to give us the victory," Moncur said. "For a small person, she played big for us today."

Moncur said his Yellow Elder team had taken an early lead, but after Columbus came back to pull even at 6-6 in the second half, Brown was relentless in her attack at the basket to help secure the win.

"I don't know what will happen next year, but I just thank God that we got the victory," Moncur stated.

After the loss, Columbus' long-time coach Larry Sweeting said they were just too lackadaisical.

"We were sluggish on defence," Sweeting said. "I'm a bit disappointed that we didn't play better. We just got beat by a better team today."

Despite the loss, Sweeting said he was pleased with the performances he got from Jamall Deveaux and Desiree Lockhart. But as he looks ahead, Sweeting said he's not sure about trying to regain the title next year because he's looking at retiring after spending 41 years as a physical education teacher.

However, before the year is over, Sweeting said they hope to continue their dynasty as the perennial volleyball champions.

The boys' game also came down to the wire with Centreville nipping Stephen Dillet 12-11 to win their title.

Trailing 11-9 late in the second half, Peter Morris canned a three-

pointer as Centreville went on to celebrate their championship feat.

"I'm very happy that I made that shot," said Morris, who pulled up from the baseline to hit the jumper over two defenders. "It was a big win for us because we have tried so hard for so long."

Centreville had taken an 8-6 lead just before the buzzer sounded to end the first half on a three-point play from Keanu Rolle.

But Yellow Elder continued to battle back behind Michael Bethel's leadership as they managed to take an 11-9 lead, only to watch as Minnis came through with the clincher.

Pedro Pierre, coach of Centreville, said he was thrilled that they finally did it.

"We came close a couple of years," he said. "This year, everybody played team ball. The last couple of years, we were more a one-man show. But they understood that one man can't win a game. Everybody pulled through."

Stephen Dillet's coach Frank Johnson said it was a difficult pill for his team to swallow.

"The second half of the game we missed too many shots and their big men played very well," Johnson said. "We tried to catch up, but time just ran out on us. But to lose a championship by one game, we can't complain."

"We just didn't win. I give them credit for sticking through it. We just missed too many shots. But I also credit my boys for the way they played."

Last year's champions were Oakes Field, who had to settle for third place this year.

Association president Lisa Mortimer said if the competition was any indication, the rest of the teams in the 25th Father Marcellin Peters Invitational Basketball Tournament should be concerned for their teams.

"Our schools have decided that we are going to take the championship trophy at one of our schools," she said. "We have about ten schools registered, so we just want the Catholic, Baptist and all the other schools that the New Providence public primary schools is coming to take over the tournament."



COACH Pedro Pierre (standing in the back row) celebrates with his team from Centreville as they won the New Providence Primary Schools Association's boys basketball title.



COACH Cardinal Moncur (right) and his players from Yellow Elder celebrate as the girls champions of the New Providence Primary Schools Sports Association's basketball tournament.

Darling reflects on championships

By BRENT STUBBS
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ALTHOUGH he's been back home for at least two weeks, James 'Jay' Darling is still trying to figure out why he didn't make it to the final of the 63rd World Men's Bodybuilding Championships.

The lone Bahamian to compete in the championships in Doha, Qatar from November 3-4, Darling said the competition was extremely tough, but he felt he should have been one of the six competitors in the final of the 80 kilogram class or middleweight.

"There were about 167 male competitors from 54 countries that competed," said Darling, who is still recuperating from a 13-hour flight from Washington to Qatar and a half hour ride through the terminal before he was picked up by the organising committee.

"I went in at a lower weight of 167 pounds. I usually compete at 176 pounds. I was about 10 pounds under weight. I felt pretty good going into the semifinals because I really thought I would have made

the final based on how I looked."

Having met two judges from Trinidad & Tobago, Darling said he also got some assurance from both of them that he stood a good chance of making the final, so he was really surprised when he didn't make it.

Without anybody from the Bahamas to assist him, Darling said the two Trinidadians assisted and they made sure that he was properly oiled down and ready to go out on stage.

None of them, however, judged the 80 kg that Darling competed in.

Out of a field of 16 competitors, Darling said one didn't make it out for the semifinal and after getting called out twice, he felt he looked good in the comparison with his rivals.

But after the comparison, his name appeared in the eighth spot, two shy of getting into the final.

"That was extremely disappointing," said Darling, the Bahamian national champion who went on to win his division at the Central American

and Caribbean Championships.

"A couple of the judges talked to me and gave me some positive feed back. But I was very disappointed, not in how I looked and how I performed, but where I was placed. A good competitor will always be disappointed until they win the competition."

Winning the divisional title was Dohee Lee from Korea. He was followed by Conrad Nagel from South Africa, Mauricio Garza from Mexico, Yusuf Arafat from Bahrain, Mahmoud Neamatalla from Egypt and Hristomir Hristov from Bulgaria.

"I really don't know why they didn't select me," Darling said. "I was inquiring about it because I thought I should have placed higher. I wasn't trying to be biased. But after looking at the pictures, I really thought I should have placed higher."

"But I guess I should have known. Things like that happen. Sometimes it's who you know because with events like this there's a lot of politicking going on and you don't



JAY Darling (far left) showing abs.

have anybody in your corner, they don't give you that second look."

Despite not getting an opportunity to strut his stuff in the final, Darling, a member of the Royal Bahamas Defense Force where he serves as a training officer, said having had the experience of travelling and competing in the event for the first time, he will definitely be better prepared when he competes again next year.

"I got some help from a good friend of mine, Deide Bastian, who was very instrumental in me getting to Qatar and liaising with the officials," said Darling, who also noted that the trip could not have been possible without the financial support he got from so many people.

Among them were Prolab

and Natrol, his official sponsors from Bahamas Supply Agencies Limited; Steve Haughey and The Tribune and 100 Jamz; Sandy Schaefer and Robin Hood; Mr Thomas from Commonwealth Bank; the Royal Bahamas Defense Force; Bally's Fitness Center and Archie Nairn, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

SPORTS

Father Marcian Peters celebrates silver anniversary

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BASED on the preliminary entries, director of Sports Martin Lundy said the 25th Silver Anniversary of the annual Father Marcian Peters Invitational Basketball Tournament should surpass the all-time record of 91 teams registered 2008.

"The majority of the teams again are coming from New Providence," Lundy said yesterday. "But we have some coming from the Family Islands - Grand Bahama, Eleuthera, San Salvador, Cat Island and Eleuthera and for the first time Long Island."

"So generally speaking, we're gearing up for what promises to be a very exciting tournament. The challenge that we will face is that the examination for the public schools is right around that same time. But we have the technology to construct the

Annual tourney seeks to break its own record

schedule in such a way that when the examinations occur, we can schedule the games around it."

The tournament is scheduled for December 3-12 and for the first time, the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture will play games inside the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium and at the same time, they will christen the three new courts outside of the gymnasium.

"That's going to allow us to play more games at one time," Lundy said. "For instance last year, we played 128 games and we required ten days to do that."

"With the addition of the three outdoor courts, we are looking at running the tournament in a more

compacted time frame."

As usual, the tournament will only cater to the primary boys and girls, junior girls and boys, intermediate boys and senior girls divisions.

Last year, Teleos Christian Academy dethroned two-time champions Temple Christian Suns to cart off the primary girls title, while the St. Bede's Crushers claimed the primary boys title for the second consecutive year.

The HO Nash Lions continued their dominance as they three-peated as the junior girls champions and the CV Bethel Stingrays became the new junior boys champions and the DW Davis Pitbulls emerged as back-to-back junior boys champions.

After relinquishing the senior girls title to the CI Gibson Rattlers, who three-peated from 2005-2007, the CR Walker Knights came back last year and regained the title.

And in the intermediate boys division, which was initiated in 2007, the Dame Doris Johnson Mystic Marlins captured the title that was previously held by CI Gibson.

Meanwhile, Teleos Christian Academy captured the Fr. Marcian Peters Award, which is presented to the most outstanding school. Harbour Island won the title back in 2007.

Lundy said traditionally the government schools have performed exceptionally well in the tournament, along with some of the Family Islands and they anticipate that trend to continue this year.

"We haven't seeded the teams as yet, but we will do that as soon as all of the teams have registered," Lundy said.

Cross Country Championships set for this weekend

BUILDING on the momentum already created, the T-Bird Flyers Track and Field Club will host their first Cross Country Championships on Saturday at Fort Charlotte.

But club president and head coach Foster Dorsett said the championships will be different from the others in that "we will have four different obstacle courses for the athletes to compete in at the beginning and at the end."

"They will probably go over a hurdle, go through some tyres and go through some zig zag cones," said Dorsett, who also serves as a Special Projects officer for the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations.

The championships will be opened to competitors of all ages from primary to high schools, under-7, under-11, under-13, under-17 and open divisions for both boys and girls who will compete in distances ranging from 1-2 kilometres.

Dorsett said as mandated by the IAAF, the BAAA must provide opportunities such as this to enable the youngsters to compete in cross country.

The meet will start at 1 p.m.

Marathon Bahamas meets with Minister of Tourism

By BETTY VEDRINE
Bahamas Information Services

ORGANIZERS of Marathon Bahamas paid a courtesy call on Minister of Tourism, the Hon Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, November 25.

The team, led by Chairman of Marathon Bahamas, Franklyn R Wilson, came to officially present the idea to the Minister with a view to acquiring a partnership with the Ministry.

Marathon Bahamas is scheduled for Sunday February 14th, 2010. It is the first marathon of its kind in The Bahamas and will cover 26.2 miles.

Calling ventures like this the type that the government encourages, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said that this is a step in the positive direction.

He added that it was an opportunity that the Ministry of Tourism had also considered but decided to abandon the idea to support Marathon Bahamas.

"It's a great opportunity for us," said Mr Vanderpool-Wallace. "Sports tourism is not about standing around and being photographed with athletics but it is engaging in the kinds of activities that eventually lead to foreign exchange, visitor arrivals and more employment."

Referring to the success of the 'Blue Water Run' that was held in The Bahamas, the Minister said these types of events could greatly benefit the country.

"We believe that the area of sports tourism, we are enormously underserved so the opportunity to begin to do this and for you to become the exemplar of something that we think that the process under which these things are developed and operated, we'd like to thank you for it."

Mr Wilson said that if marketed properly, Marathon Bahamas could prove to have a positive impact on the Bahamian economy as research has shown that marathons tend to attract high-income individuals.

Confirmation has already been received from participants from the US, Canada and Copenhagen. Also, the countries' leading hoteliers "have bought into the idea by action and by words," said Mr Wilson.

"Because of the huge potential, we thought it important to engage the Ministry of Tourism," he added.

Marathon Bahamas is expected to receive formal certification by the International Association of Athletics Federations and the Association of Marathons.



ORGANIZERS of Marathon Bahamas paid a courtesy call on Minister of Tourism & Aviation, the Hon Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, November 25. Pictured from left are Shelly Wilson, Deputy Operation Manager, Sunshine Insurance; Janet Johnson, Director of Communications, Ministry of Tourism (MOT); Tyrone Sawyer, Director, Sports Tourism MOT; Minister Vanderpool-Wallace; Franklyn R Wilson, Chairman, Marathon Bahamas; and Veronica Duncanson, Public Relations Consultant, Sunshine Holdings.

Hayward scores 22, Marquette beats No. 15 Michigan

BASKETBALL
ORLANDO, Fla.
Associated Press

MARQUETTE turned team speed into an early-season upset.

Lazar Hayward scored 22 points and Jimmy Butler had 17 to lead Marquette past No. 15 Michigan 79-65 at the Old Spice Classic on Friday.

"That was as quick a team that I can recall," Michigan coach John Beilein said. "That's incredible quickness at all five positions."

Darius Johnson-Odom added 14 points for Marquette (6-0), which will play in the tournament championship game Sunday.

"I thought we did a really good job of handling their changing defenses," Marquette coach Buzz Williams said. "We had our hands full from the beginning."

Marquette was 17 for 21 from the free throw line, while Michigan was 12 for 18.

Michigan (3-1) got 22 points and nine rebounds from Manny Harris.

Harris had seven points as Michigan opened the second

half with a 12-4 spurt to cut its deficit to 48-47. But Hayward scored six points and Butler added four in a 10-0 run by Marquette that made it 58-47 with 12 minutes to play.

"They're an excellent passing team, and low turnover numbers," Beilein said.

Hayward, who celebrated his 23rd birthday Thursday by scoring 27 points in Marquette's 71-61 victory against Xavier, gave the Golden Eagles a 70-57 lead on a put-back with four minutes remaining.

"Hayward, obviously, is a great player," Beilein said.

Johnson-Odom had 12 of his points in the first half as Marquette took a 44-35 lead.

Michigan was just 3 for 20 from 3-point range.

"They did a great job of contesting shots," Wolverines forward DeShawn Sims said. "We just wasn't able to knock down any shots today. A credit to their defense; they did a great job defending us."

Hayward has 1,361 points, which moves him into 18th place on the Marquette career list.



MICHIGAN guard Manny Harris, left, dunks over Marquette's Darius Johnson-Odom and Jimmy Butler, right, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Old Spice Classic tournament in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Friday, Nov. 27, 2009.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tiger Woods hurt in car crash at home

GOLF
ORLANDO, Florida
Associated Press

TIGER WOODS was seriously injured in a car accident when his car struck a tree near his mansion in a gated waterfront community early Friday, authorities said.

The Florida Highway Patrol said Woods, 33, hit the hydrant and a tree after pulling out of his driveway in his 2009 Cadillac sports utility vehicle.

The patrol reported his injuries as serious, and that he was taken to Health Central Hospital. His condition was not immediately known. A supervisor in the emergency room said on Friday that Woods was not a patient there. The report said alcohol was not involved, though the accident remains under investigation. No one else was in the car, patrol spokesman Kim Montes said.

Woods, who has won 82 times around the world and 14 majors, returned to his \$2.4 million home in the exclusive Isleworth subdivision near Orlando this week after attending a college football game at Stanford University, where he was inducted into its sports hall of fame.

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LOCAL NEWS

Supermodel of the Bahamas holding open call in Grand Bahama

A TOP model search organisation is calling on all Grand Bahama residents who think they have the looks, style and grace to become a winner.

Supermodel of the Bahamas will be in Freeport this weekend and to hold an open call round of auditions. The company is searching for young men, women and children (ages three – 21) for its 2010 competition and has invited hopefuls to turn up to the main arcade of the International Bazaar between noon and 4pm today and tomorrow.

The company said: "All individuals will be given the training and the tools to compete in front of seasoned professional judges from New York, Los Angeles, Florida and Jamaica; from agencies like Elite Model Management, and Pulse Models."

Now in its third year, Supermodel of the Bahamas has already grown to become one of the top model searches in the country after branching out in 2008 to create a reality TV show for JCN channel 14.

This year, the organisation has again expanded, adding a category for children between the ages of three and 13.

The categories for which awards will be presented include:

- Little Supermodel Bahamas – awarded to one boy or girl in the children's category
- Commercial Model winner – awarded to one male or female model with the best voice, looks and personality
- Supermodel of the Bahamas – awarded to one male model and one female model

Supermodel of the Bahamas is the overall title and the winners will be awarded cash and prizes worth \$3000, a complete portfolio, representation by OlinSha's Models and Talent Agency and the opportunity to compete in the Top Model of the Universe competition in Europe.

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	VERY HIGH	EXTREME								

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TIDES FOR NASSAU

	High	Hi (ft.)	Low	Hi (ft.)
Today	4:05 a.m.	2.7	10:28 a.m.	0.6
	4:15 p.m.	2.4	10:26 p.m.	0.1
Sunday	4:52 a.m.	2.9	11:19 a.m.	0.3
	5:04 a.m.	2.4	11:12 p.m.	-0.1
Monday	5:39 a.m.	3.1	12:08 p.m.	0.1
	5:53 p.m.	2.5	11:58 p.m.	-0.3
Tuesday	6:26 a.m.	3.3	12:56 p.m.	-0.1
	6:41 p.m.	2.5	1:45 p.m.	-0.3
Wednesday	7:14 a.m.	3.4	12:46 a.m.	-0.4
	7:30 p.m.	2.5	1:45 p.m.	-0.3
Thursday	8:03 a.m.	3.5	1:35 a.m.	-0.6
	8:21 p.m.	2.5	2:34 p.m.	-0.3
Friday	8:53 a.m.	3.5	2:26 a.m.	-0.6
	9:14 p.m.	2.6	3:25 p.m.	-0.3

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:36 a.m.	Sunset	5:20 p.m.	Moonrise	2:25 p.m.	Moonset	2:48 p.m.
Fall	Dec. 2	Last	Dec. 8	New	Dec. 16	First	Dec. 24

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Statistics are for Nassau through 1 p.m., yesterday

Temperature

High: 81° F/27° C

Low: 68° F/20° C

Normal high: 73° F/22° C

Normal low: 66° F/18° C

Last year's high: 77° F/25° C

Last year's low: 58° F/15° C

Precipitation

As of 1 p.m., yesterday: 0.00 in

Year to date: 93.32 in

Normal year to date: 49.15 in

Wind

6-12 knots

LOCAL NEWS

OUT & ABOUT

IN THE 242

ABOVE THE RIM PRODUCTIONS CELEBRATED 25 YEARS IN THE BIZ WITH A TWO NIGHT SPECIAL VERSION OF THE ANNUAL "A NIGHT OF LOVE".

Lover's rock crooner Beres Hammond is of course the ultimate headliner and his music is just perfect for a night of love. He was joined by fellow Jamaican reggae artists Tarrus Riley and Buju Banton, and three of the most outstanding live performers were ready to take the stage . . . but first was yet another treat.

On Friday Above the Rim set up stage at Arawak Cay in Nassau to give the audience the best of Bahamian artists. On the line up were Rake and Scrape artists such as Ancient man, Geno D, KB, Ronnie Butler, Stileeto, Elon Moxey, Veronica Bishop and Nida, who all gave their fans what they came for. Patrons were dancing and singing along enjoying Bahamian music to the fullest throughout the night.

The big "Night of Love" of course was all set for Saturday and the long line of cars and people outside the Wyndham Crystal Palace indicated that the concert was going to be big. The first to take the stage in the ballroom were young Bahamian artists Naji Dunn, Ricardo Clarke and Sammi Starr who all did a great job singing their popular songs.

As the ballroom started to fill to capacity, Tarrus Riley took the stage. He delivered an outstanding performance singing his hit songs "Love's Contagious", "Good Girl Gone Bad", "Gett Getti" and

"Lion Paw" and introduced his new single "Superman".

Together with legendary reggae saxophonist Dean Fraser, Tarrus put on quite a show and got the audience involved inviting his fans to sing along.

Tarrus Riley has risen to become one of reggae's top artists and his love of music and performing can be felt by everyone in the audience when he is on stage.

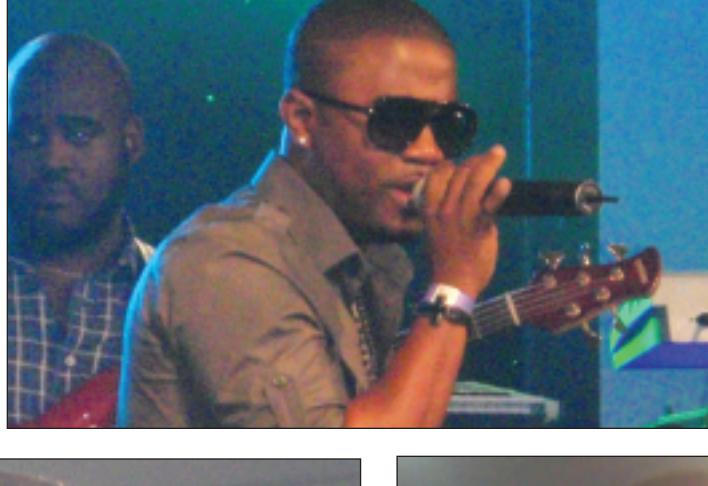
Next up was the artist who embodies lover's rock – the great Beres Hammond. He is probably the most loved Jamaican artist in the Bahamas and every song he sings is a hit. The Beres lovers and fans were by now squeezed into the sold out venue but enjoying every note coming from Beres. Couples were slow dancing and "rocking the night away" as Beres delivered one big song after the next from "Feel Good", "Movie Star" and "What One Dance Can Do", to "Tempted To Touch" and "She Loves Me Now", just to name a few.

The final performance of the night was by Mr Mention himself, Buju Banton. One of the most successful Jamaican artists in history, Buju kept the crowd going until 4am. Still touring for his latest album "Rasta Got Soul", Buju performed hits from a catalogue of music spanning 20 years, from "Destiny", "Wanna Be Loved" and "Not An Easy Road" to "Driver".

Buju's energetic show sealed off a night of excellent performances and he was joined by Beres Hammond for a grand finale to "A Night of Love".

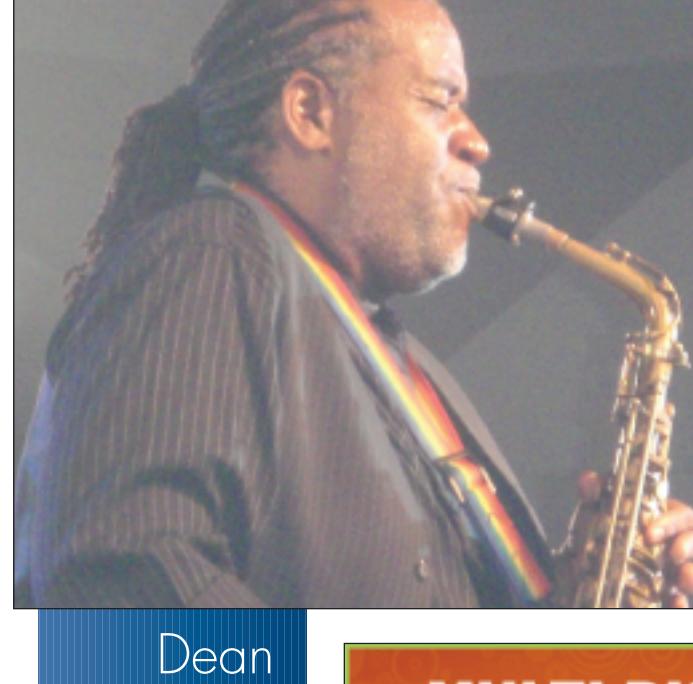


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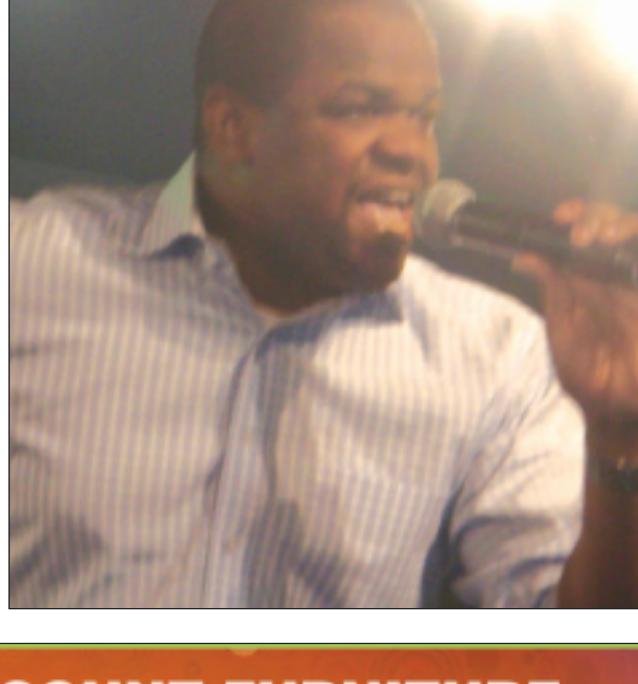


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