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FAMILY'S GRIEF AFTER SHOOTING DEATH OF PREGNANT MOTHER

Another merciless killing

Anguish as police probe latest murder

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THE merciless killing of a pregnant mother-of-three in front of her ten-year-old son and nephew dumbfounded loved ones and police yesterday.

Last night, police were still searching for two men and their motive for gunning down 30-year-old Bareshallee Lewis, of Flamingo Gardens, on Wednesday evening.

Family members claim Mrs Lewis pleaded for her life, and the lives of the boys in her car, before she was shot.

She died in her son's arms. Mrs Lewis, who celebrated her birthday last month, is the second pregnant woman to be shot dead this year, and the third woman to be killed within a seven-day period.

Anthonia Armily, Mrs Lewis' sister, said: "Right now, I still can't really believe it because she meant so much to me. I don't know how I will live without her. She pleaded for her life and they still took her life away."

Ms Armily added: "For a young boy only ten to experience that, she died in his

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PREGNANT WOMAN'S MURDER SPARKS CALL FOR LAW CHANGE

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THE country's crime laws need to be updated to allow separate murder charges to be brought against persons who kill a pregnant woman and her unborn baby, community activists urged yesterday.

Their calls follow the killing of 30-year-old Bareshallee Lewis, a pregnant mother of three, who was shot in front of her young son while visiting her security guard husband at a construction

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ABOVE: Murder victim Bareshallee Lewis.

TOP LEFT: Anthonia Armily, sister of murder victim Bareshallee Lewis, outside of PMH morgue yesterday.

TOP RIGHT: Family of Bareshallee Lewis comfort each other.

LEFT: Emotions run high outside of PMH morgue yesterday.

Felipé Major/
Tribune staff

DOUBTS THAT ALL ROADS NEAR SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

By SANCHESKA BROWN

MINISTRY of Works officials are doubtful all the roads and corridors near schools will be open in time for the start of the fall semester.

Shenique Albury, environmental specialist with the New Providence Road Improvement Project, said bad weather and heavy rain have caused a delay in some

of the road work.

"We have delays in paving and some overall road works because of the bad weather. In order for us to pave, the ground has to have a certain level of moisture and water content. Obviously if it is raining hard work can't be done. If it is light rain, some digging can be done. But we do not

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CRIME NEWS

POLICE SEEK MEN AFTER SHOOTING

POLICE are seeking the public's help in locating four men responsible for shooting a 27-year-old man on Peter Street west yesterday.

Police reported that shortly after 5pm yesterday a man was shot in his left leg. The victim was taken to the Princess Margaret Hospital by EMS personnel, where he

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DRAMA ON AIRPORT ROAD MEN WITH SUSPECTED DRUG HAUL CRASH AFTER POLICE CHASE

By SANCHESKA BROWN

FOUR men, with more than half a million dollars worth of suspected drugs, led police on a high-speed chase on the airport road before crashing into a wall early yesterday morning.

The drama began when Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) officers on a routine search in the Albany area spotted the suspects.

Superintendent Robert Sherman Young, the DEU

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WEATHER NEWS

SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS ARE EXPECTED TO PERSIST

THE weather system bringing showers and thunderstorms to New Providence is expected to persist over the weekend, according to meteorologists.

"There is a breakdown in an upper level ridge that was in place for a while. The breakdown is causing a lot of warm moist air to blow in," said Steve Travis, AccuWeather meteorolo-

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HEALTH EXPERTS AWAIT RESULTS OF CHILD'S SUSPECTED DEATH FROM DENGUE FEVER

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HEALTH experts suspect seven-year-old Ashley Thompson might have died from dengue fever.

Dr Delon Brennen, deputy chief medical offi-

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POLICE SEEK BARBER IN CONNECTION WITH WOMAN'S DEATH

POLICE believe they have made headway in the investigation into the death of Oneika Johnson, the 21-year-old woman who was murdered in San Salvador on Sunday.

They are seeking a 27-year-old barber, who police say was involved in a relationship with Ms Johnson.

The murder sent shock waves across San Salvador on the weekend. Ms Johnson is a native of Nicholls Town, Andros, but was living and working in San Salvador with her three sisters and soon-to-be two-year-old daughter.

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TAKING THE OATH: Senior Airman Magdala Destima (far left) of the Bahamas, Keith Bacchus of Guyana (centre), Emanuel Cira of the Dominican Republic and other members of the military can be seen aboard the US Coast Guard Barque EAGLE on August 5, 2011, in New York after they took the oath of citizenship during a naturalization ceremony. (AP)



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STATEMENT SAYS PROGRAMME FLOURISHING UNDER PRESENT GOVERNMENT

MINISTRY HITS BACK AT 'UNDER FUNDED' URBAN RENEWAL CLAIM

THE Ministry of Labour and Social Development hit out at the opposition's claim that the Urban Renewal Programme is being under-funded by the FNM.

The ministry, which has responsibility for the programme, issued a statement yesterday declaring that far from suffering under the present government, Urban Renewal is actually flourishing.

In New Providence, eight Urban Renewal centres were operating under the former PLP government: Fox Hill, Kemp Road, Nassau Village, Englerston, St Cecilia, Farm Road, Bain and Grants Town and Fort Charlotte.

Centres

"None of these centres was closed by the government and six, including the Nassau Village Centre, continue to operate from the same location as they did under the former government," the statement said.

It added that a ninth centre was opened in Pinewood Gardens in 2008.

In Grand Bahama, six centres were operational under the PLP. All are still open and four continue to operate from the same location as they did under the former government, the ministry said.

A seventh was opened in Seahorse Village in 2008.

According to the ministry, Urban Renewal has never been under-funded by the FNM.

It said funds for the pro-

gramme have been allocated on an annual basis since 2007 as follows:

- 2006/2007 – \$2,450,000 (under the PLP)
- 2007/2008 – \$2,500,000
- 2008/2009 – \$3,000,000
- 2009/2010 – \$2,800,000
- 2010/2011 – \$2,301,822
- 2011/2012 – \$2,301,822

The ministry also noted that Urban Renewal continues to operate a number of community based programmes.

As has been the case for the past three years, all the centres in New Providence held a summer programme for children at a local public school in July.

"Almost two full pages of photographs of some of the activities of the camps were recently featured in the print media," the statement noted.

In Grand Bahama, the camps were held for two weeks, also in July.

"All centres in New Providence and Grand Bahama continue to operate after-school programmes during the school year and since May, 2011, a number of teachers have been engaged as tutors in an effort to enhance the quality of instruction.

"Similarly, a number of qualified musicians have been engaged as band instructors for New Providence and Grand Bahama to enhance the competence of band members.

"In Grand Bahama, the Royal Bahamas Police Force still provides assistance with the bands," the statement added.

In Grand Bahama, as an extension of the Urban Renewal sewing programme, a school uniform sewing workshop was introduced in August, 2010 under the direction of a trained seamstress, it said.

"The workshop was a tremendous success and the 2011 workshop is cur-

rently in progress.

"In Grand Bahama, an employability skills programme is also offered which provides instruction for unemployed persons in a number of areas, including office procedures and computer applications."

In addition, the Urban Renewal Programme continues to partner with other government agencies, including the Department of Social Services, the

Department of Environmental Health Services and the Royal Bahamas Police Force for the delivery of services and the operation of programmes.

Activities

"Joint activities include community walkabouts to identify problems and the means by which they can be addressed," the statement said.

The programme also continues to partner with community based organisations.

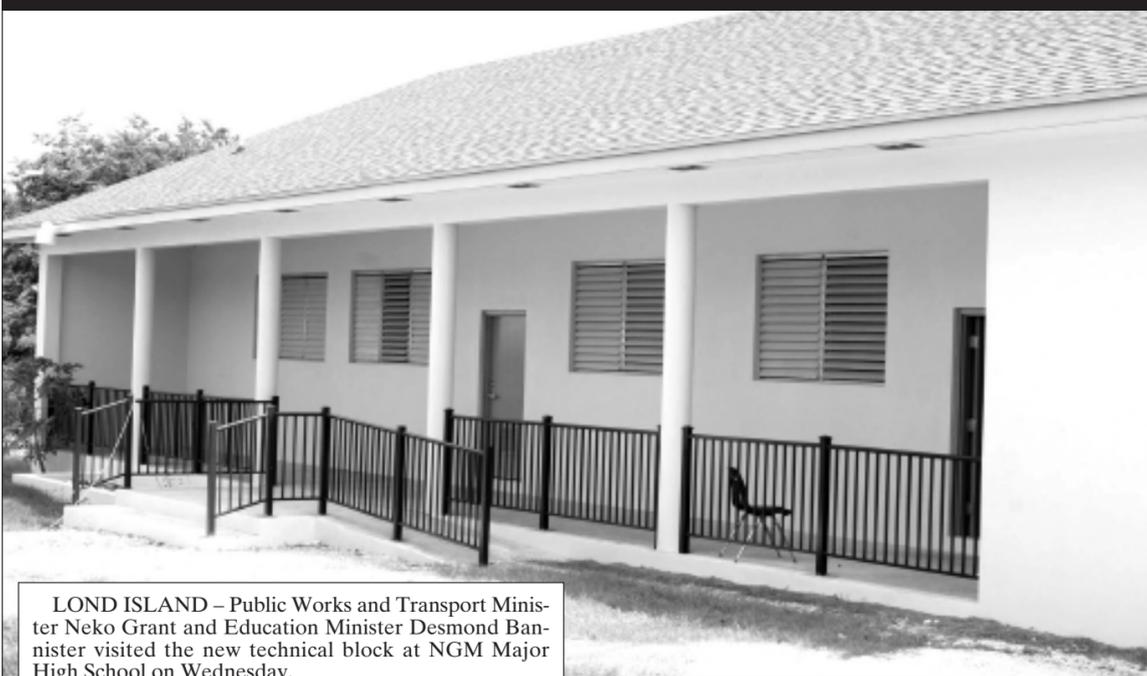
"For the past several years, a church in Nassau Village has served as a home base for the band as is the case with Ft Charlotte. A number of churches also serve as the meeting place for the senior citizen's associations," the ministry said.

It also reminded the pub-

lic that a comprehensive report on the Urban Renewal Programme was tabled in parliament in October 2009.

"The ministry acknowledges with appreciation the continued support of communities where Urban Renewal Centres are located, and the public and private sector partners who assist with the implementation of programmes," the statement said.

MINISTERS VISIT NEW TECHNICAL BLOCK AT NGM MAJOR HIGH SCHOOL



LOND ISLAND – Public Works and Transport Minister Neko Grant and Education Minister Desmond Bannister visited the new technical block at NGM Major High School on Wednesday.

The government signed a contract worth \$292,940 with Lauren Knowles Construction Company for restrooms and two technical blocks at the institution, located in the settlement of Buckley's.

During the signing ceremony in 2010, Mr Grant said the additions would contribute to the learning process for students.

"This building will serve as a much-needed addition to the existing school facilities in Long Island. It will undoubtedly enhance the school environment for both teachers and students," he said.

MP for Long Island Larry Cartwright; Agriculture permanent secretary Colin Higgs and officials from the Ministries of Public Works and Education also visited the school.

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ZNS WORKERS UNION SIGNS INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT

UNION representatives for ZNS workers signed a new industrial agreement with the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas yesterday.

After years of waiting, workers finally have an up-to-date agreement in place.

Not all the workers are happy about the new contract, but union leaders are confident they negotiated a good deal.

The most significant disappointment was said to be the failure to secure Christmas bonuses for workers.

"Since 2009 we have been trying to put in place a new industrial agreement. The BCB had a downsizing exercise which caused us to have to put the contract on hold until such time as we were finished with the downsizing. Since that time, we have been negotiating on and off to bring closure to a new industrial agreement," said Denise Wilson, secretary general of the Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union (BCPOU).

"The company was adamant that Christmas bonuses should be paid by a company that is profitable for a particular period. The government was adamant that they were not prepared to pay any longer. We agreed to trade off the Christmas bonus for something else," said Ms Wilson.

The start of the new agreement will be applied retroactively to 2009. It will run until 2013.

There are 154 workers at the BCB. During the restructuring exercise, the number was brought down from 253 employees.

In signing the agreement, the BCPOU was following in the footsteps of the managers union, which signed a new agreement in February, covering the period 2008-2013.

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GPBA to order independent audit of Grand Bahama Power Company's billing system

Attorney prepared to take legal action against the GB Power Company

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FREEPORT – Attorney Osman Johnson said he is prepared to take legal action on behalf of the public to challenge the Grand Bahama Power Company over its electricity rates.

“They are charging us these exorbitant rates; it is criminal,” Mr Johnson told residents at a town hall meeting on Monday.

“We will no longer accept to pay \$410 for a bill which should only be \$160,” he said.

Mr Johnson said he is not only willing to challenge the issue in the highest court in the Bahamas, but also in the international courts.

“I will do all the research necessary to put together a case on behalf of the people of this island to challenge this in the court. And if we have to, I will go to the UN over this,” he said.

“As Bahamians, we have a right to a peaceful existence, not having to worry about the power being switched off at a moment’s notice.”

On Tuesday, concerned residents demonstrated in front of the Power Company to protest the high cost of electricity and the fuel surcharge added by the company.

Vital Service

Mr Johnson stressed that the power company is providing a vital public service and said it should not be run as a for-profit business.

“The power company that is charging these unsustainable rates is a multi-billion dollar corporation that makes enough money that they could easily, if they wanted to, provide real incentives and benefits to their customers,” he said.

“Whatever I can give in a legal sense, I will be there; I say again, this issue will not be put down; we will take it to the highest court and the international court if we have to, and challenge this multi-billion dollar corporation.

“The people of Grand Bahama will not be pushed down into economic subjugation any longer,” he said.

Mr Johnson added that the government has a responsibility to protect its citizens.

“The government, when they allowed this company to come in, should have properly regulated what they knew would be a monopoly over the people’s most vital industry, as is done in any other country that calls itself democratic,” he said.

Human rights activist Joseph Darville was very disappointed that a government official, after visiting with the power company, declined to press the issue and got no resolution for customers.

“The fact is, we can no longer sit back and leave these things in the hands of people who have no concern for us,” he said.

Mr Darville noted that his son lives in a four bedroom house with a pool and central air-conditioning in Florida and has a monthly power bill of \$220, while his monthly bill is \$600.

Committee

He has suggested that a citizens’ committee be appointed to look into the calculation of the company’s surcharge.

“I don’t think they are going to remove the surcharge for fuel, but if they are going to continue with the surcharge let there be a committee to overlook whatever surcharge they institute, because we have to know.

“The power company has to understand that without an official regulator the citizens who pay the bills have to be there too, to regulate the fuel surcharge,” Mr Darville said.



EXTERNAL AUDIT: Angry customers protest outside Grand Bahama Power Company on Tuesday. The Grand Bahama Port Authority has announced that it will order an independent audit of the Grand Bahama Power Company’s billing system.

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT – Following a protest by angry customers, the Grand Bahama Port Authority has announced that it will order an independent audit of the Grand Bahama Power Company’s billing system.

The Port Authority, which acts as the municipal authority for Freeport, stated that an investigation will be conducted into the company’s meter reading, billing procedures and fuel costs – and that the findings will be made available to the public.

“The Grand Bahama Port Authority (GPBA) is aware of the public’s concern regarding the spike that consumers have been experiencing in power bills in recent months,” said a statement issued yesterday.

“GPBA has sought and received explanations from the Grand Bahama Power Company as to the seemingly unprecedented increase in electricity billing.

“However, we have decided to launch an independent audit and verification of the meter reading and billing procedures, including fuel cost derivation currently utilised by the Grand Bahama Power Company.”

On Monday, residents held a town meeting about the high cost of electricity.

A protest was held outside the power company on Tuesday.

Many residents are opposed to the level of fuel surcharge imposed by the company.

Concerns were also expressed over the accuracy of meter readings, the frequency of disconnections, and the conditions attached to payment plans for accounts in arrears.

The Grand Bahama Power Company said it understands the decision of its regulator, the GPBA, to conduct an audit of its billing procedures.

“We recognise that recent fuel costs have been higher than usual. This is attributed to the increased cost in world market oil prices and our

increased fuel usage due to our higher than normal use of the rental units.

“However, if we did not have the rental generation in place we would have been experiencing island-wide blackouts during these high demand months,” said the company in a statement.

It explained that in the long-term, the company plans to construct an \$80 million diesel power plant at no base rate increase to customers, which will improve efficiency, stabilise costs and significantly increase reliability.

“We are sympathetic to the economic conditions that our customers face and we ask those who are facing difficulty paying bills to visit our headquarters located on Pioneers Way and the Mall Drive and speak to one of the customer service representatives to discuss payment plan options,” the company said.

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Mr. Curtis A. Pinder



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Mr. Pinder is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Pinder; his daughter, Mrs. Tanya Lowe, his son, Mr. Timothy Pinder and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

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Elder Lucille Pennerman is survived by four sons:

Vincent Pennerman, Walter Pennerman, Gregory Sweeting and Arthur Richardson Higgs; five daughters: Rosalie Whyms, Lucinda Pennerman, Mrs. Bettymae Miller, Rowetia Taylor, Rev. Nurse Shirleymae Smith; three brothers: Apostle Wilfred N. Adderley, Bishop Henry Adderley, Bishop Lorenzo Adderley; several grandchildren including: Carlton Pennerman, Derek Pennerman, Christopher Pennerman, Franco Bethel, Jermaine Bethel, James Herrington, Walter and Chandra Smith, Jenile and Laranja Brown, Alaxco, Kelly Smith, Wendy Armbrister, Jenaire Ferguson, Nurse Judymae Butler, Jodine, Sherlyn, Jacklyn, Angela, Michael Morris Mackey, Judeen Pennerman, Gray, Suzette, Janet Pennerman; great grandchildren: Takisha McPhee, Jayla Brown, Chandra Smith, Christian Smith Franco Bethel Jr., Jermaine, Shequile Bethel, Stephen Strachan, Mymona Pennerman, Jasmine Ferguson, Degrial Pennerman, Derkique Pennerman, Alvin Armbrister Jr.; twenty nieces and nephews: Laura, Esther, Melonie, Roslyn, Melecia, Juha, Dora, Pauline, Melvise, Dorothy, Laurie, Muriel, Rosie, Clifford, Wendel, Allan, Jason, Ryan, Paul and Bishop James Pinder; sons-in-law: Charles Whyms, Alvin Armbrister Sr., Horace Bethel, Ricardo Miller, Dudley Smith; daughters-in-law: Hermela Pennerman, Delissa Pennerman, Arlene Bethel, Joy Pennerman; other relatives and friends including: Carol, Madlyn, Lakeisha Rolle, Elder Wright, Reckley and Rolle Families, Nurse Coralee Wright, Bishop Carlton J. Stuart and Minister Genesta Stuart and the Lighthouse Church Family.

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LOCAL NEWS

HEALTH EXPERTS AWAIT RESULTS OF CHILD'S SUSPECTED DEATH FROM DENGUE FEVER

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cer at the Ministry of Health, yesterday said while they are awaiting laboratory confirmation, pathologists suspect that dengue fever complications was the cause of Ashley's death.

"The findings of a post mortem examination of the body appear to be consistent with the illness," said Dr Brennen.

Dr Brennen said samples have been sent for laboratory testing, and the ministry is awaiting the results, which usually have a quick turnaround time.

Speaking with *The Tribune* on Wednesday, Ashley's father said she first showed signs of dengue-like symptoms on August 4 and died at hospital five days later. According to Mr Thompson, he was told by doctors the infection had attacked his daughter's liver and kidneys, and had severely lowered her blood pressure.

In an earlier interview, Dr Collin Bullard, chief of service for Accident and Emergency at Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH), indicated that health authorities are most concerned about young children and infants (less than a year old), patients with heart disease and the elderly.

Dr Brennen, reiterating this and the importance of taking preventative measures, said along with the government's fogging exercises, individuals must take responsibility by taking steps to eliminate the mosquitos

and their breeding grounds.

Dr Brennen also confirmed reports that dengue fever may have spread to the Family Islands.

"There are people on Grand Bahama presenting with clinical symptoms of dengue fever," said Dr Brennen. "While we are still waiting on laboratory results to confirm if they have the infection, those showing symptoms are being treated as if they have the disease."

Dr Brennen said because of the large number of inter-Island travel and the recent weather which has produced favourable breeding conditions for mosquitos, it is not unexpected the disease would spread.

"Unfortunately because of the amount of domestic travel to and from New Providence there has been cases reported in the Family Islands. However, so far all of these persons have all had a travel history - we are currently trying to determine whether the origin of the disease is native to Grand Bahama," said Dr Brennen.

He added that is not unusual for dengue fever to spread, especially given the conducive weather conditions and the fact that mosquitos are present on all the Islands.

If dengue fever is found to be native to Grand Bahama, Dr Brennen said efforts would have to be "continued and revamped."



THE SUSPECTED DRUG HAIL in the back of a police truck after the chase.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

MEN WITH SUSPECTED DRUG HAUL CRASH AFTER POLICE CHASE

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officer in charge, said: "The officers saw a red Dodge Ram in the area earlier in the morning. They spotted the truck a second time when it passed, and then a third time. But the last time it appeared as though there was a large quantity of suspected drugs in the back of the vehicle. Officers attempted to stop the truck, but the driver took off at high rate.

"The occupants of the truck then fired shots at the officers who fired back.

"The chase moved off of the airport road into Gambier Village where three suspects fled through the bush. The driver continued until he hit a wall on Prospect Ridge around 7.15am."

Officers conducted a search and found 500lbs of what they suspect to be marijuana on the back of the truck.

As a result, two New Providence men aged 29 and 42 were arrested on charges of possession of dangerous drugs and possession of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply.

The drugs have an estimated street value of \$588,000.

Police are still actively seeking the other two men who managed to escape.



THE RED DODGE RAM after the crash.

An eyewitness at the scene told *The Tribune*: "I was on the way to work when I saw two cars in front of me. They were honking their horns and I thought they were honking at me. A second later, a red truck sped past me and almost hit me. It was literally one foot away from running me over.

"Then another white truck sped past me and ran the two cars off of the road. One of the cars hit a fence trying to get out of the

way. Those trucks had to be doing at least 95mph on the road. The construction workers fixing the road all had to run out of the way to avoid being hit. Someone could have been killed.

"A couple minutes later some police cars speed past me trying to keep up with the men. I didn't know people could drive that fast in the Bahamas."

Police investigations continue.

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gist. The weather system is not an organised tropical storm, and there is no threat of heavy winds, said Mr Travis. However, with the "strong easterly flow of air coming from the waters," there will be a lot of moisture in place for a few days, he said.

A period of dry air should follow the stormy weather system, creating dry weather for the start of next week, said Mr Travis.

Weather experts have their eye on a tropical system that is "pushing its way through";

however, the system is too far out for any reliable predictions about its movement.

"There is a slight possibility that as we get to the end of next week there could be a tropical system pushing its way through.

"However, it is still way too far out to say anything concrete. With the conditions in place, there are too many variables to be able to say with a degree of certainty that something is going to happen. It is something we are keeping our eye on," said Mr Travis.

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LOCAL NEWS

STATISTICS 'RAISE QUESTIONS' ABOUT POPULATION GROWTH

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RECENTLY released vital statistics raised a number of questions about the rate of growth in the population, according to statistical experts.

The Department of Statistics released its Vital Statistics Provisional Report for The Bahamas, revealing the country has experienced a "noticeable

decline in live births," while at the same time seeing an incremental increase in the death rate.

Births

The "crude" live birth rate measures the number of live births per 1000 population. From 2007 to 2010, the live birth rate fell from 17.5 to 13.5. Statistical experts say analysis is needed regarding where the majority of the births are occurring: Amongst

teenage mothers, immigrant mothers?

Deaths on the other hand increased from 5.4 to 6.0 over the same four-year-period. Experts say most countries see a decline in their death rate "because of improved medical services."

"No country wants to see their death rate increase," said the statistician. In the case of the Bahamas, external causes, such as murders, may be impacting the numbers.

Based on a preliminary analysis of the live birth and death rates, experts believe that although the Bahamas' population is increasing, it may be increasing at a lower rate.

Between 2000 and 2008 the data for marriages reflects only those of residents, whereas the 2009 and 2010 data includes marriages of both residents and non-residents or visitors.

The period 2005 to 2008 shows a gradual decline in the number

of persons being married.

The interim report is available on the department's website, statistics.bahamas.gov.bs.

It is designed to provide the Government and other statistical users with advanced information on important basic vital statistics.

It allows for the early dissemination of data which would otherwise not be available until the more detailed annual report is completed.



ADOPTION DRIVE TOMORROW

HUMANE SOCIETY TO MARK INTERNATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY

THE Bahamas Humane Society is holding an adoption drive tomorrow to coincide with the 20th anniversary of International Homeless Animals' Day.

IHAD was launched in 1992 by the International Society for Animal Rights as an innovative way to bring attention to the global pet overpopulation problem which overwhelms animal shelters each year.

The event is also designed to promote the solution to the overpopulation epidemic - spay and neuter programmes.

This will be the first time that the BHS takes part in the event.

"We realise, given the magnitude of this problem in the Bahamas, we had to ensure that our community is aware of the problem and the solutions," said the BHS in a statement.

Staff say they hope the adoption drive will help reduce the number of pets housed at the Chippingham Road facility, which is filled to capacity.

There also will be a membership drive on Saturday.

"We always need help to educate and to create an awareness of the plight of animals," said the statement.

Additionally, the BHS has petitioned the government to declare by proclamation the third Friday of September to be National Homeless Animals' Day and National T-Shirt Day.

"We are asking all businesses, organisations, schools and interested individuals to assist in enlightening others about the pet overpopulation crisis and to increase spay/neuter

awareness, by joining us in commemorating this day," the BHS said.

Among the many pets up for adoption at the BHS is PI - named after Paradise Island.

The one-and-a-half-year-old potcake is a strong leader, assertive and cautious - all important traits for a family seeking a protector, workers at the BHS said.

Despite the strong exterior, PI is quite playful once comfortable with a new person.

Two-year-old mixed breed female Marina is described by the staff as "sweet and easy."

At first Marina seems shy, but like PI, with a little effort she quickly becomes affectionate.

Marina, like the other female dogs up for adoption, has been spayed.

KEY AVIATION FIGURES ON BAHAMAS TOUR

MINISTRY TARGETS LUCRATIVE PRIVATE PLANE MARKET

THE Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation is targeting the multi-billion general aviation/private plane market.

The ministry recently hosted several key aviation executives - mostly from the Florida market - on a familiarisation tour of some of the most picturesque portions of the archipelago.

The group travelled to Grand Bahama, Long Island, Cat Island and Abaco.

On the four day, three night excursion were 32 persons, including pilots, aircraft owners and representatives from aviation clubs, associations, and schools.

With more than 640,000 private pilots in the US and 48,244 in the state of Florida alone, the government is said to be making every effort to capture its share of this lucrative market. Statistics from 2008 indicate that during that year, the visit of 82,949 private pilots accounted for 476,593 room nights for the Bahamas, with the overwhelming majority going to the Family Islands.

To encourage even greater activity in this

market, the Bahamas is emphasising the abundance of airports which encourages island hopping; radar coverage/flight following by US officials; the beauty of the islands and cays; and the simplicity of Customs and Immigration procedures.

One of the persons representing the Miami Executive Airport, Eddie Sanchez, said: "I thought it was going to be more difficult with paperwork and everything, but flying to the Bahamas was really easy from a pilot's point of view."

The trip was Mr Sanchez's first private plane flight to the Bahamas, and he said of his overall impression: "It was easy to navigate from island to island. I don't know why I haven't done it before, but I am already planning to go back."

Many attending agreed that the highlight of the trip was the round-table seminar in Freeport with Bahamian airport officials and representatives of Bahamasair, as well as Customs, Immigration and Royal Bahamas Police Force officers.

Tribune Trivia

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LOCAL NEWS

ANOTHER MERCILESS KILLING

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arms, that really was tragic. I don't think she deserved that."

Family members say that Mrs Lewis begged not only for her own life but the lives of the two young boys – her son and nephew – who were also in the car.

However, last night police denied the presence of a second child when Mrs Lewis was shot.

The incident happened at an unfinished commercial building on Prince Lane, off Prince Charles Drive.

According to police, Mrs Lewis and her son had gone there to see her husband, who was on duty as a security guard at the site.

Mrs Lewis was standing outside her car when she was shot in her upper body by two men who approached in a silver coloured car. Her son was still inside the car.

According to investigators, Mr Lewis saw the entire incident and ran off to get assistance.

Last night, he was not considered to be a suspect.

Mrs Lewis was six months pregnant, according to loved ones, who said the unborn child would have been the couple's first child together.

The ordeal has severely

traumatised the family, who described Mrs Lewis as a loving mother of two girls, aged four and 12, and one boy.

Although she kept her life very private, relatives maintained she was a kind, amicable person who gave her all to those in need.

At the morgue yesterday, Mrs Lewis' father, Herbert Glington Jr, appealed for anyone with information to come forward.

"Police just have to do their job and then the system, the courts, have to do their jobs. Too much people getting out on bail too easy because of loopholes.

"So I hope the police get enough evidence to put forward so that this don't be another loophole, that the person who did this would walk and come out on bail."

Last weekend, the stabbing deaths of two young women rocked two Family Island settlements.

A 27-year-old woman in San Salvador was murdered last Friday, and a teenage girl from Exuma was stabbed to death on Sunday.

Yesterday, relatives highlighted the limitations of the government and law enforcement in relation to crime.

Shenique Ford, a cousin, explained that although both organisations were

doing "all they could" to fight crime, it was impossible to prevent it.

Ms Ford, a police officer, said: "How can you really prevent it? When you can't go inside an individual's mind and decide what they are thinking.

"You can't go inside the mind of an angry person, a frustrated person," she said.

Ms Ford encouraged the public to realise the value of human life.

She added: "She left behind three lovely kids and a family that really cared for her, it's really a tragic loss.

"I just want everyone out there to look within themselves to see what they can change to really eradicate this problem. Society, the church, police, the government – a holistic approach."

During the body identification at PMH yesterday, the anguished cries of loved ones stopped passersby in their tracks.

One bystander said: "That's another hurting family, I don't know about this place. That's another loss."

Mrs Lewis' death is the country's 91st murder for the year.

GRIEF: Aunts of murder victim Bareshalee Lewis hold her sister Anthonia Armary outside of PMH mortuary.



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site Wednesday night.

The victim's family told *The Tribune* that she was six months pregnant.

She is the second pregnant woman to be murdered this year.

A source in the Attorney General's Office yesterday explained that under current law, a person cannot be charged with the murder of a foetus, because the unborn child is not yet considered a life. Despite this, abortions are illegal in the Bahamas.

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PREGNANT WOMAN'S MURDER SPARKS CALL FOR LAW CHANGE

the Bahamas, 2002, Section 295, states that "whoever intentionally and unlawfully causes abortion or miscarriage shall be liable to imprisonment for 10 years."

"There is not anything in the law which allows it. Unlike America, we do not have a definition of when life begins. In the absence of having a definition as to when life begins in the laws of the Bahamas and also in the absence of a physician saying: 'This foetus was alive and this foetus was a person,' then the offence of murder would not be (brought

in those circumstances," said the source.

Mrs Lewis' murder angered several community activists yesterday. They appealed to lawmakers to implement legislation to "protect all unborn children."

"I call upon all lawmakers in the name of Christ to find creative ways to protect all unborn children," said Bishop Simeon Hall of New Covenant Baptist Church.

"Persons convicted of killing a pregnant woman are guilty of double murder, and the law should be

made current to reflect the same," he said.

Activist Cleaver Duncombe criticised successive governments for quickly passing animal protection laws while leaving loopholes in legislation for children's rights.

"The PLP could pass laws to protect conch, the FNM passed laws to protect sharks, and not one politician is running to Parliament to pass laws to protect children. Something is fundamentally wrong with that," he said.

"You trying to tell me now Par-

liament isn't convening today to pass laws to protect unborn (foetuses)? We need a quick amendment. That shouldn't be happening in this society, in civil societies fathers are passing laws to protect foetuses while we are still advocating to pass laws to protect those that are born," said Mr Duncombe.

Attorney General John Delaney has said his office is in the process of drafting amendments to the country's penal code. Attempts to reach him for comment yesterday were unsuccessful. It is not known if the amendments will include new laws recognising the life of a foetus.

POLICE SEEK MEN AFTER SHOOTING

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remains in stable condition.

Police are following significant leads in the shooting as their investigations continue.

Shot during arrest

A 35-year-old Ferguson Street man was taken into police custody accused of possession of an unlicensed firearm. When he tried to pull a weapon from his waist while being arrested, he was shot in his right arm.

According to reports, shortly after 7pm yesterday officers of Operation Rapid Strike were on patrol on Taylor Street when they saw a man

driving a white coloured Honda Accord without a licence plate.

The officers tried to stop the vehicle. However, the driver sped off. A short pursuit by police ended in the area of Taylor and Honeycombe Street.

The driver got out of the car. When he tried to pull a weapon from his waist, the officers fearful for their own lives, took out their service weapon and shot him in his right arm. Officers searched the suspect and found a handgun. He was arrested and taken to hospital by EMS where he is detained in stable condition under heavy police guard.

Investigations continue.

DOUBTS THAT ALL ROADS NEAR SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

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send workers out when there is a lighting storm, rain or no rain, especially in areas with electricity for obvious reason. The rain has pushed some dates back," said Ms Albury.

"We were preparing to pave from Wulff Road to Samana Drive, but the bad weather is causing delays. But we are working out a plan at the Ministry to assist the public for back to school. We are focusing our efforts on areas with schools and are trying to get done whatever we can in the next few

weeks. But we can't rush the work just because school is opening. We still have to take our time and do the job properly. We understand it'll be a hassle for back to school but we have provisions in place to make the commute as hassle free as possible."

Mrs Albury says the ministry will update the media and the public of their progress and alternative routes for back to school next week.

Roads that are still closed include: Blue Hill Road between Chapel and Cockburn Streets, Market Street

between Wulff Road and Robinson Road, Robinson Road between Seventh Street and Second Street, Prince Charles Drive between Pine Barren Road and Fox Hill Road, the junction of East Street and Soldier Road and Marathon Road between Wulff Road and Samana Drive.

Despite road closures, Ms Albury pointed out that local access is granted to residents and patrons of businesses. The public is encouraged to support businesses although they may fall within an area of "active" road works, she said.

The ministry thanked the public for its cooperation and continued patience during road construction and apologized for any inconvenience caused as it seeks to "build" and "improve" the infrastructure and transportation network on New Providence.

"We encourage all road users to exercise caution and to follow the diversion signs in place, especially while driving in areas of active construction," said Ms Albury. "We would also like the public to be reminded that this is the rainy season and there may be open trenches containing water."

The ministry urged the public to contact its hotline at 302-9700 or e-mail them at publicworks@bahamas.gov.bs to obtain more information.

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THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN NOW HAS 16,000 BENEFICIARIES

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NIB director Algernon Cargill told *Tribune Business* yesterday there are around 16,000 beneficiaries under the National Prescription Drug Plan (NPDP) – and the board has the capacity to move into the programme's third phase.

"We have about 16,000 beneficiaries under the plan and the plan now covers all civil servants," said Mr Cargill.

"When we started in September of last year we were probably paying out \$6,000 weekly into private pharmacies, and now we are up to \$60,000 to private pharmacies who fill prescriptions on our behalf. The programme is indeed a success and we are very happy now to provide medication to Bahamians to manage their own chronic ailments."

The plan commenced in September of last year and provides prescriptions free of charge to affected persons in the first and second phases and at minimal costs in later phases.

The list of diseases covered includes arthritis, asthma, breast cancer, diabetes, glaucoma, high cholesterol, hypertension, heart disease, major depression, prostate cancer and psychosis.

The first phase of the NPDP covered NIB pensioners, NIB Invalids and children under the age of 18 and young adults under the age of 25 who are full-time students. The second phase, which began in June, covers indigent persons, civil servants, persons receiving ante-natal care, care connected with child birth, post natal care or any other medical care associated with pregnancy, persons in receipt of disablement benefit, persons receiving NIB retirement grant and persons age 60

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GETTING PAYMENTS ON TIME IS A CHALLENGE

NIB CONCERNS OVER SELF EMPLOYED CONTRIBUTIONS

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NIB director Algernon Cargill told *Tribune Business* yesterday that while the board has seen a significant increase in contributions revenue over the past several years the self employed sector continues to be a challenge in terms of paying contributions on time.

"We have had significant success in terms of business paying contributions however our primary concern is the self employed sector. We find that this sector

which

includes the informal sector for example straw vendors and taxi driver is where we have the greatest challenge and we appeal to that sector to pay their contribution because their contributions are not up to date and they are injured while performing their job they will not be eligible for industrial benefit."

Self-employed persons fall under two classes, 'A' and 'B.' Persons in class 'A' pay contributions at a rate of 6.8 per cent, while persons in Class 'B' pays 8.8 per cent of their average insured income, up to the ceiling of \$400.

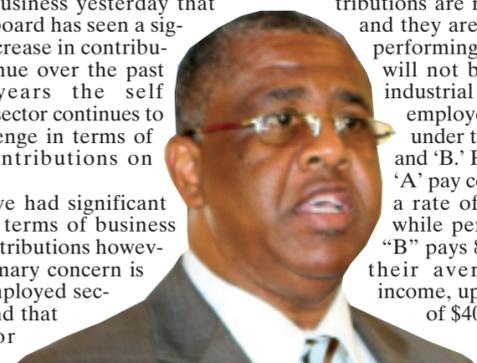
Mr Cargill further stated: "In January of this year the government changed the NIB regulations where all self employed persons if their contributions are current at the time of the accident will be covered for industrial accident.

"We feel that is great and we hope that they will see that as an incentive to keep their contributions current. In terms of overall contributions we have had several years of significant growth in contribution revenue. Last year we collected over \$167 million in contributions, in 2008 it was \$150 million so we have seen a significant growth in contributions over the past several years."

Mr Cargill said that NIB however was still having challenges with some

employers who don't make contributions.

"We are having challenges with some employers who still don't pay contributions. Our first action is always to try and negotiate an agreement because prosecution is really, apart from being costly, a last resort for NIB. We encourage them to come in see the inspectors and to make an arrangement and when this fails we take legal action. We have seen a steady increase in cases that are being prosecuted by NIB. Last year for example we were up to 1,400 prosecutions, this year is on the same trend for prosecutions so we have had a steady increase in contributions and prosecution because some employers do not see the wisdom in coming into NIB to make arrangements to pay their arrears," Mr Cargill said.



NATIONAL INSURANCE BOARD director Algernon Cargill

ANOTHER BIG DOWN DAY FOR DOW JONES



SPECIALIST PHILIP FINALE, left, directs trades at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. Just when Wall Street seemed to have settled down, a barrage of bad economic reports collided with fresh worries about European banks Thursday and triggered a global sell-off in stocks. (AP) • SEE PAGE THREE

BAHA MAR VICE-PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

IMPACT OF US DEBT CRISIS ON BAHAMAS 'STILL TO BE SEEN'

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WHAT impact the fallout from the US debt crisis will have on hotel bookings is still to be seen, according to Robert Sands, Baha Mar's vice-president of external and government affairs.

Mr Sands told *Tribune Business* yesterday: "I think the issue is since we are coming up to the traditionally slow period which is September and October and the booking window is very short,

it will be very difficult to say that it has had and impact on business in the short term.

"The implication tends to lag. Whatever happens in the United States does not necessarily impact us immediately because the booking window for leisure travel in particular tends to be a very short window. We have not seen any negative impact to our business at this point in time."

Mr Sands added: "I think it would be wrong to characterise it as a concern, I think we have to monitor the environment in which we get our business from all the time to see how it impacts our business going forward and how we must then strategise to adjust to those conditions that exist in our major producing market.

"There has been some good as there have been some markets that have been showing some positive signs; the Canadian market and certainly the South American market. We have been fortunate from that perspective. We must always be focused on the conditions that prevail in North America. I think it would be wrong to characterise it as a concern. "I think we always have to be vigilant about what happens in that market place."

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BUSINESS

GOLD HITS LATEST RECORD HIGH, NEAR \$1,830

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Associated Press

THE PRICE OF GOLD hit its latest record high, near \$1,830 an ounce, as investors spooked by the prospect of a return to recession sought out safety Thursday in the precious metal.

Gold prices have more than doubled since the recession began in late 2007. They've risen about 19 percent since the beginning of June, as European leaders struggled to keep the debt crisis from infecting the region's major economies and U.S. politicians nearly drove the country to the brink of default, prompting Standard & Poor's to cut the country's AAA credit rating.

Morgan Stanley on Thursday cut its forecast for global economic growth for this year and 2012, saying the U.S. and the 17 countries that use the euro were "hovering dangerously close to a recession."

While gold has hit a series of record highs over the past 2 1/2 months, the Standard & Poor's 500 has dropped about 15 percent, while the dollar, a traditional safe haven during periods of market turbulence and fear, is flat against a group of six major currencies.

The metal's value, unlike that of a currency, doesn't depend on the health of a single country's economy. Its swift rise has made it popular with investors seeking big returns, as well as presumed safety from turbulent financial markets.

On Thursday, for example, the S&P 500 fell 4.5 percent, following a selloff in European and Asian markets. A new slate of reports that pointed to a sharp slowdown in the economy spooked investors.

There was a steep drop in U.S. home sales last month, more people filed jobless claims last week and an August regional manufacturing report was weak. There was downbeat data from overseas.

Gold for December delivery, the most-traded futures contract, settled at \$1,822 an ounce, up \$28.20, or 1.6 percent. Earlier Thursday it hit \$1,829.70 per ounce, a record high.

The metal's price could go higher. BofA Merrill Lynch commodities analyst Francisco Blanch on Thursday raised his price target for gold to \$2,000 an ounce. Just a week ago, he'd set a \$1,700 target. He cited the trend of central banks in emerging countries switching more of their currency reserves into gold.

"Physical gold is the ulti-

mate collateral because it has no credit risk," Blanch wrote in a note to clients.

Purchases of gold by the world's central bankers more than quadrupled this April through June, compared with a year ago, said the World Gold Council.

President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela said Wednesday that he planned to nationalize the country's gold industry and convert to international reserves. Venezuela will also bring home its \$11 billion in gold reserves currently stored in U.S. and European banks.

Chavez's plan alone shouldn't have much effect on gold's price, said George Gero, vice president at RBC Global Futures in New York.

"Venezuela's not a major gold producer. This gold has already been mined, stored and allocated wherever they're holding it. It's not changing the markets."

But Venezuela's move to nationalize its gold industry could have a "psychological impact" on gold prices, Gero said. If investors fear that other big commodity exporters in South America will follow in Venezuela's footsteps, possibly limiting exports and constricting the supply of the metal in world markets, that could boost the price.

And that's going to affect



A JEWELLERY STORE in the diamond district advertise to buy gold on Thursday in New York. Fears from weak global economic reports sent gold up to its latest record high, near US\$1,830 an ounce, as traders sought to store their money in the perceived safe haven. (AP)

consumers. The metal is more than just a currency substitute or an investment opportunity. It's also a material used in industrial products and by consumers. With every fresh high the metal notches, the more consumers will have to pay for engagement rings and gold crowns for their teeth.

Big U.S. jewelry chains already raised prices this summer, citing the rising costs of gold and diamonds.

Despite gold's big run-up, it remains below its 1980 peak when adjusted for inflation. Then it was worth \$850 an ounce, or about \$2,400 in 2011 dollars.

IMPACT OF US DEBT CRISIS ON BAHAMAS

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credit rating agency Standard and Poor's (S&P) carries with it fears of a higher cost of borrowing for the US with broad, negative global implications, which for the Bahamas could mean a negative impact on the tourism sector, in particular, with North Americans feeling less inclined to travel abroad.

THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

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and over in receipt of NIB survivors benefit. Mr Cargill said: "We keep expanding the group of beneficiaries and the third phase will include the working population." When asked when the third phase of the plan would be introduced, Mr Cargill said: "That's a political decision, its not up to NIB but we are certainly ready to do it now, we have the capacity to do it now. The programme is working well, the team is functioning at a high efficiency rate. I think it's a matter of timing."



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TRADER EDWARD BAUMANN works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. (AP)

NEW YORK Associated Press

JUST WHEN Wall Street seemed to have settled down, a barrage of bad economic reports collided with fresh worries about European banks Thursday and triggered a global sell-off in stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 419 points — a return to the wild swings that gripped the stock market last week.

Stocks were only part of a dramatic day across the financial markets. The price of oil fell more than \$5, gold set another record, the government's 10-year Treasury note hit its lowest yield, and the average mortgage rate fell to its lowest in at least 40 years.

The selling began in Asia, where Japanese exports fell for a fifth straight month, and continued in Europe, where bank stocks were hammered because of worries about debt problems there, which have proved hard to contain.

On Wall Street, the losses wiped out much of the roughly 700 points that the Dow had gained over five days. Some investors who bought in the middle of last week decided to sell after they were confronted with a raft of bad news about the economy:

— More people joined the unemployment line last week than at any time in the past month. The number of people

filing claims for unemployment benefits rose to 408,000, or 9,000 more than the week before.

— Inflation at the consumer level in July was the highest since March. More expensive gas, food, clothes and other necessities are squeezing household budgets at a time when most people aren't getting raises.

— Sales of previously occupied homes fell in July for the third time in four months — more trouble for a housing market that can't seem to turn itself around. This year is on pace to be the worst since 1997 for home sales.

— Manufacturing has sharply weakened in the mid-Atlantic states, according to a report from the Federal Reserve. Manufacturing has been one of the strongest parts of the economy since the recession ended in 2009, but its growth has slowed this year.

The manufacturing news was especially bleak on an already bad day, said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at brokerage BTIG. He called the Fed report "an atrocious set of numbers."

"That really set the market on its head," he said.

Wall Street and other financial markets have wrestled for several weeks with fears that a new recession might be in the offing. Morgan Stanley economists said in a report Thursday that the U.S. and Europe are "dangerously close to recession."

"It won't take much in the form of additional shocks to tip the balance," they wrote.

Worries about European debt also hang over the market. A default by any country would hurt the European banks that hold its bonds, plus American banks that have lent to their European counterparts.

Renewing the fears, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that U.S. regulators are looking at the U.S. arms of big European banks to make sure they have enough money for day-to-day operations.

"I don't want to pretend that the market knows what it's thinking about too much," said David Kelly, chief market strategist at JPMorgan Funds. "We live in an environment of sell now and ask questions later."

Asian markets started Thursday's drop. Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 1.3 percent. The main stock indexes in South Korea and India each dropped a little more, then Europe more than that — 4.5 percent in Britain and 5.8 percent in Germany.

In the United States, the Dow fell 419.63 points, or 3.7 percent, to 10,990.58. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 53.24, or 4.5 percent, to 1,140.65. The Nasdaq composite fell 131.05, or 5.2 percent, to 2,380.43.

The Dow is down 13.6 percent since stocks began falling July 21 — four weeks that have rattled Americans watching their retirement savings and other investment accounts shrivel.

Lee Applegate, a retired sales executive from Cincinnati, watched the latest market plunge uneasily but said he was planning to stay the course with his investments. He and his wife have several retirement accounts.

He remembers the mistake he made in pulling his money out of stocks in early 2009, just before the market started its two-year surge. Since March 9 of that year, the S&P 500 is up 68.6 percent.

"I think things are going to get worse before they get better," Applegate said. "But I'm still going to ride it out."

The selling Thursday was immediate. The Dow plunged from the opening bell and was down 528 points about a half-hour into trading. It essentially moved sideways for the next six hours.

New York Stock Exchange volume was 6.2 billion shares — busy for a summer day, but not as busy as during the worst of the selling earlier this month, when volume sometimes hit 9 billion.

Last week was one of the wildest in Wall Street history. The Dow moved more than 400 points on four straight days for the first time. But stocks had been relatively stable this week because investors were calmed by strong earnings reports.

The Dow fell 76 points Tuesday and rose four points Wednesday — the first time in

nearly three weeks that the average rose or fell by less than 100 points on two straight days.

That ended Thursday. And with stocks down big, money flooded into U.S. Treasuries and gold, both considered safer investments.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note briefly fell below 2 percent for the first time. It hit 1.98 percent before rising to 2.07 percent. Investors are willing to accept a lower return on their money in exchange for safety.

The price of gold reached yet another high — \$1,829.70 per ounce. Gold keeps setting records because some investors are looking for stability and others

are simply looking to cash in.

The price of oil fell \$5.20 to \$82.38 per barrel after the economic reports raised concern among traders that demand for gasoline would fall. One survey this week found Americans have already cut back on gas 21 weeks in a row.

And the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage fell to its lowest on record. The rate on the most popular mortgage hit 4.15 percent — just below the 4.17 percent reached last November.

The last time long-term rates were lower was in the 1950s, when 30-year loans weren't widely available.

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BUSINESS

CONCERN OVER UPCOMING FALL AND HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASONS

GAP'S 2Q PROFITS DOWN 19 PERCENT

NEW YORK Associated Press

DEEP DISCOUNTING and escalating production costs pushed Gap Inc.'s second-quarter profit down 19 percent, raising concern about how it will fare for the critical fall and holiday shopping seasons.

Gap, which operates stores under its namesake, Old Navy and Banana Republic, also reiterated its full-year profit forecast that was slashed in May as the nation's largest clothing chain was struck with faster-than-expected increases in the costs to make its clothing.

The company's weak results were an outlier among string of recent earnings reports by other retailers, from mall-based Abercrombie & Fitch Co to discounter Target Corp. Several major merchants reported profit increases and said they've been able to push through price increases to shoppers as they offset higher costs in labor and raw materials.

The cost pressures are only compounding challenges at the San Francisco-based retailer, which has been working to revive sales across all of its brands. Its Gap chain, in particular, has posted six consecutive years of drops in sales

at U.S. stores open at least a year, a key measure of a retailer's health. The mounting problems could get worse as increasing economic uncertainty and stock market turmoil in the past few weeks could make shoppers more reluctant to spend in the final months of the year.

Gap said Thursday it earned \$189 million, or 35 cents per share, in the three months ended July 30.

That compares with \$234 million, or 36 cents per share, a year ago. Revenue rose 2 percent to \$3.38 billion. Analysts had expected 33 cents per share on revenue of \$3.39 billion in the quarter.

The chain's revenue at stores opened at least a year fell 2 percent during the quarter. By division, Gap's domestic business was down 3 percent, while Banana Republic posted a 2 percent decline. Old Navy's domestic business was flat. The company's international division posted a 4 percent drop from a year ago.

"Despite a difficult quarter, we still delivered a net sales improvement, and I continue to believe we have far greater opportunities than challenges ahead of us," said Glenn Murphy, chairman and chief executive in a statement. "Every

A SHOPPER leaves the Gap store in Freeport, Maine, on Wednesday. (AP)

brand, division, and geography is focused on what matters most — delivering consistent, great product and more effective marketing in order to drive higher levels of performance."

Gap has made a number of changes recently. The company had a management shake-up in February that ended with a new brand president, chief marketing offer and ad agency. The company also established a Global Creative Center and consolidated its marketing in New York. And in early May, the company ousted Patrick Robinson, design director for the Gap chain.

The company, once known for turning basics like T shirts and khakis into must-have fashions, has closed or shrunk stores and cut inventory to boost profits. But it still hasn't been able to solve the biggest issue the chain faces: shoppers aren't buying its clothes.

Robinson had success with the overhaul of Gap's jeans launched for the fall of 2009 and marketed under the 1969 brand. That was followed by a focus on black pants last fall. But he



didn't seem to extend that magic through the rest of the store.

The company reiterated on Thursday that it expects to earn \$1.40 per share to

\$1.50 for the full year. Analysts had expected \$1.46 per share.

CONCERNS RIPPLE THROUGH ENERGY MARKETS

OIL DROPS ON ECONOMIC NEWS, DEMAND WORRIES

NEW YORK Associated Press

OIL FELL sharply Thursday along with a broad sell-off in stocks triggered by worries about the global economy.

High unemployment, a weak housing market and concerns about European bank debt suggested the economy will continue to stall in coming months, hurting demand for energy. Those concerns rippled through energy markets, lowering prices for oil.

In the U.S. two reports raised concerns about demand for gasoline, which is made from oil. First, more people than expected applied for unemployment benefits last week. And prices for gas, food and clothing rose last month.

Higher prices at a time when more people are out of work means Americans could drive even less than they do now.

Gasoline, on average,

"People are getting spooked."

Oil trader Stephen Schork

cost \$3.59 a gallon Thursday. That's down 10 percent from a 2011 high of \$3.98 on May 5.

Gasoline could slip to \$3.25 between mid-September and mid-October if oil stays at current levels, says Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service.

Pump prices should fall for other reasons as well. Motorists tend to drive less in the fall once vacation season ends.

Refineries also begin making winter versions of gasoline, which are less expensive because they contain less expensive additives than summer blends.

"All of that adds up to weaker prices in September," Kloza says.

wonder if it will happen.

"People are getting spooked," oil trader Stephen Schork says.

Meanwhile Libyan rebels claimed control over the country's last functioning oil refinery.

Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research, says it's reasonable to expect Moammar Gadhafi's departure and a resumption of at least some Libyan exports by the end of the year. Libya's daily exports of almost 2 million barrels of crude have been shut down since unrest began in that country six months ago.

"Oil won't be coming out of there immediately, but it'll be sooner than a lot of people think," Lynch says.

The dollar rose Thursday as the euro and other currencies fell on worries about the health of European banks and the broader regional economy.

Varieties

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for September delivery fell \$5.20, or 5.9 percent, to finish at \$82.38 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price many international oil varieties, dropped \$3.61 to end at \$106.99 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Prices have swung wildly with every report about the U.S. economy. Besides data about unemployment and prices, a private research group forecast sluggish growth for the rest of the year. Oil demand was supposed to pick up in the second half of 2011, but traders now

Investors

A stronger dollar pushes down oil prices because oil is priced in dollars and becomes less attractive to investors with foreign currency as the dollar rises.

In other Nymex trading for September contracts, heating oil lost 8.68 cents, or 2.9 percent, to finish at \$2.8748 per gallon and gasoline futures dropped 8.71 cents, or 3 percent, to \$2.7832 per gallon.

Natural gas lost 4.1 cents to end the day at \$3.892 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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1.79	0.95	AML Foods Limited	1.17	1.17	0.00	1,665	0.155	0.080	7.5	6.84%
10.83	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.83	10.83	0.00		-0.640	0.080	-16.8	0.75%
0.53	0.40	Bank of Bahamas	0.93	0.93	0.00		0.230	0.100	30.1	1.44%
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.048	0.000	N/M	0.00%
2.84	2.70	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00		0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank	1.77	1.77	0.00		0.097	0.040	18.2	2.26%
11.10	8.29	Cable Bahamas	8.29	8.29	0.00	270	0.245	0.310	33.8	3.74%
2.80	2.35	Colina Holdings	2.55	2.55	0.00		0.438	0.040	5.8	1.57%
8.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery	8.50	8.50	0.00	4,767	0.740	0.000	11.5	0.00%
7.00	6.21	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.88	6.88	0.00		0.496	0.260	13.9	3.78%
2.00	1.73	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.70	1.62	-0.08		0.111	0.045	14.6	2.78%
1.00	1.31	Doctor's Hospital	1.37	1.37	0.00	900	0.074	0.110	16.5	8.03%
5.50	4.75	Fairguard	5.43	5.43	0.00	500	0.498	0.240	10.9	4.42%
8.80	5.35	Finco	5.39	5.39	0.00		0.757	0.000	7.1	0.00%
9.74	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.29	8.29	0.00		0.494	0.350	16.8	4.22%
6.00	5.00	Foocal (S)	5.75	5.75	0.00		0.435	0.220	13.2	3.83%
1.00	1.00	Foocal Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%
7.30	5.50	ICD Utilities	7.30	7.30	0.00		-0.122	0.240	-59.8	3.29%
10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00		0.880	0.640	11.2	6.52%
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date
1.5779	1.4674	CFAL Bond Fund	1.577926	3.39%	5.87%	1.548717	1.535365	31-Jul-11
3.0160	2.9020	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0248	2.63%	3.94%	2.981382	2.952663	31-Jul-11
1.6128	1.5289	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.6151	2.61%	4.53%	1.591803	1.580804	5-Aug-11
2.6686	2.5730	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			30-Jun-11
13.7347	13.2291	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.7347	2.82%	1.94%			31-Jul-11
114.1289	99.4177	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.0922	2.35%	13.88%	114.128861	111.469744	30-Jun-11
118.4255	101.6693	CFAL Global Equity Fund	118.4255	2.30%	8.26%	116.580785	115.762221	30-Jun-11
1.1749	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1749	2.48%	5.16%			30-Jun-11
1.1343	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1343	1.41%	5.17%			30-Jun-11
1.1764	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1764	2.38%	4.59%			30-Jun-11
9.9952	9.5078	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.9433	0.98%	4.38%			31-May-11
11.4985	10.0324	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.9652	0.78%	5.70%			31-Jul-11
10.6813	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.6013	5.75%	13.20%			31-Jul-11
8.8564	7.5827	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.6507	3.01%	18.38%			31-Jul-11

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JAY MAJOR JR CRASHES, SETTLES FOR 13TH OVERALL



TURN TO 3E...

36-member Team Bahamas off to IAAF Worlds

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A team of 36 members, inclusive of athletes and officials, are en route to the 13th IAAF World Championships in Daegu, South Korea, set for August 27 to September 4.

But Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations (BAAA) executives said they are still seeking the financial assistance to cover the estimated cost of \$91,000 for their travel.

Yesterday, the first part of the team – led by team manager Ralf McKinney and including athletes Trevor Barry, Adrian Griffith,

Ramon Miller and Anthonique Strachan – left town for Atlanta, Georgia and then Seoul.

Michael Mathieu, Demetrius Pinder and Latoy Williams all left from Texas and will meet up with the team in Seoul. The other members of the team are scheduled to leave today from Atlanta and fly directly into Seoul.

From Seoul, the contingent is scheduled to catch a train into Daegu where they will participate in a mini-training camp after they settled down on their arrival on August 20.

“Everybody is ready. They have

been doing their fine-tuning, so we’re just going to go there, get acclimatized and go from there,” McKinney said.

BAAA president Mike Sands, who along with treasurer Laura Charlton will be the last to leave on Saturday, said they are remaining behind to ensure that they secure the necessary funding to cover the team’s trip.

“We still have not received the total amount, but we are talking with our bankers to see if we can make provisions to assist us to get there,” Sands said.

“But I find it most interesting that

But BAAA executives still seeking financial help for travel costs

when a team, any team, not just track and field, is representing the Bahamas at the World Championships, that at the end of the day, they are short on funds and you have to go into the bank and try to make

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‘Biggie’ 21st overall



Photos by Jeff Major

ON RACE DAY: Anthony “Biggie” Colebrooke finished 21st overall in the Caribbean Junior Cycling Championships in Puerto Rico.

SEE MORE PHOTOS AND FULL STORY ON PAGES 2 & 3E

‘The regatta of the century’

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THE Grand Bahama Regatta will benefit from two more major sponsorships as Sky Bahamas and BORCO have joined forces to make sure that the return of next weekend’s event will be a successful one.

Yesterday, the Rev Dr Philip McPhee and legendary sailor King Eric Gibson once again met with the press at Club Luna where they outlined the good news.

According to Rev McPhee, Sky Bahamas is now offering discounted round-trip tickets to Grand Bahama at a cost of \$129.99 per person and BORCO is making a \$5,000 cash donation.

“Today, once again we are excited and delighted to have two other major sponsors come on board for the Grand Bahama Regatta,” Rev McPhee stated.

“Sky has given us a tremendous package for all Bahamians to come and to fly Sky at a very good discount rate. Sky will also be sponsoring a C Class series race and will be giving trophies in A, B and C Classes, as a token of their support to the Grand Bahama Regatta.”

Rev McPhee thanked the owners and operators of Sky Bahamas for their commitment to the regatta committee.

As for BORCO, Rev McPhee said they have to also salute them for their generosity.

“We just heard what BORCO is doing in Grand Bahama and they are showing their generosity by investing their finances and ensuring that whatever Grand Bahama is doing is a success by their investments and commitment to that event.”

The regatta, scheduled for the weekend of August 24-27 in Taino Beach, is scheduled to showcase not just some of the top boats in the country, but the “best of the best”

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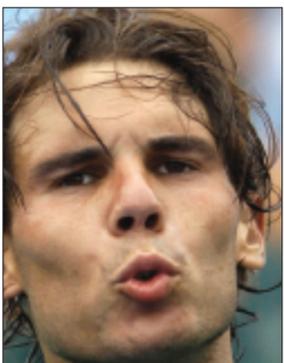
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Caribbean Junior Cycling Championships



Photos by Jeff Major



TEAM BAHAMAS: A four-member team - Peter Graham, Jay Major Jr, Roy Colebrooke Jr and Anthony Colebrooke - represented the Bahamas at the Caribbean Junior Cycling Championships, held August 13-14 in Puerto Rico. The team (*in action here*) was selected by the Bahamas Amateur Cycling Federation.



SPORTS

Defending champion Jay Major Jr crashes, settles for 13th overall

By BRENT STUBBS
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Last year he made history as the first Bahamian to win a medal at the Caribbean Junior Cycling Championships. This year, Jay Major Jr had a difficult time defending his title.

As a part of a four-member team selected by the Bahamas Amateur Cycling Federation to compete in the championships held August 13-14 in Puerto Rico, Major Jr had to settle for 13th overall in the men's junior 15-16 age group division.

The 16-year-old national champion clocked one hour, 44.47 seconds, while his team-mates, Roy Colebrooke Jr was 18th in 1:47:53 and Anthony 'Biggie' Colebrooke was 21st in 1:47:54.

Ricardo Romney of Anguilla won the gold in 1:36:20, followed by Elvis Reyes Acevedo of the Dominican Republic with the silver in 1:36:10 and Justin Roberts from Trinidad & Tobago clinched the bronze in 1:39:08.

Major Jr also led the way in the time trials, finishing fifth in 22:02.93. Colebrooke was 10th in 23:30.22.

The gold went to Dominique Mayho of Bermuda in 2:21:05. Elroy Laud of Anguilla was the silver medallist in 2:21:10 and Jamaican Shacquille Sinclair got the bronze in 2:21:10.

Peter Graham, the other member of the team, was 17th in 36:12.85 in the men's junior 17-18 time trial.

Winning the gold was Joel Dirks of Aruba in 29:00.85. The silver went to Bryan Van Rutter of Curacao in 29:31.42 and Moises Selman Ramia from the Dominican Republic got the bronze in 29:56.28.

Major Jr said despite not winning a medal this time around, he was still pleased with his performance.

"I felt I could have been more focused in the race," he said. "I did pretty well, but I still felt that I could be a little more focused on what I went there to do."

However, he admitted that the competition was extremely tight, but the

course itself also provided a challenge for him in his bid to retain his championship title. "There was pressure on me, but I guess I sort of crumbled under the pressure," he said.

During the second to the last lap of the race, Major Jr noted that a guy from Suriname went on a break and he fell. Major Jr said he didn't see him in time and he also tumbled.

"I tripped over and crashed, but I was still able to get back up and finish the race," Major Jr stated. "I was stunned because I fell on my shoulder and could have broken my collar bone very easily."

"My knees were scratched up very badly, but I was still able to ride. So I wasn't really concerned, not until after the race. The other guy didn't have as many cuts and bruises as I did, but he was able to finish the race."

Barron 'Turbo' Musgrove, president of the New Providence Cycling Association, who traveled as the manager/coach in Puerto Rico along with Jeff Major Sr, said he was pleased with the team's effort.

"The team continued to improve. We met with some difficulties. Roy Colebrooke had an early fall and Jay Major suffered one that caused him not to medal," Musgrove said.

"Peter Graham, competing for the first time, showed a lot of potential. Despite the fact that we didn't medal, the team performed very well. The Bahamas is still considered a powerhouse in the Caribbean."

In two weeks, Major Jr is expected to lead a two-man contingent that includes Colebrooke Jr to the Commonwealth Youth Games September 7-11 on the Isle of Man.

"For me to be at my best, I have to focus more," he said. "I just have to stay focused on my training and do what I have to do before the race comes."

As for the team, Major Jr said they didn't do as well as expected, but going into the Commonwealth Games, if they can just sit in the pack, they should be in a better position to go for the sprint.



Photos by Jeff Major

CRASH VICTIM: Jay Major Jr (also bottom) can be seen after he crashed during the Caribbean Junior Cycling Championships in Puerto Rico. He settled for 13th place overall in the junior 15-16 age group.

Musgrove said since they re-established their national youth programme, they have been grooming the competitors to compete in events like this one.

"We expect them to utilise their skills they have been taught. We are going to try to achieve a medal and in the process, this will add to the experience and the skill level of the cyclists," he said.

"These cyclists have trav-

eled throughout the United States and the Caribbean and so we are looking for them to display their skills in the Commonwealth."

Musgrove said they are excited about the opportunity to compete in the meet and it will only add to the overall development of the programme to prepare them for the senior level where they can start preparing to represent the country at the 2016 Olympic Games.

Next year, the federation intends to send a team off to compete at the Junior Caribbean Championships and the Junior Worlds.

And this weekend, the federation is scheduled to hold its National Individual Time Trials at the Clifton Heritage parking lot 8am Saturday. It's a 40-kilometre or 24 miles, called the "Race of Truth." The juniors and the women will compete in a 20-kilometre or 12-mile race.

SCHEDULE: 'Bridging the Gap' community basketball league

THE second annual Street Legends and Guinness "Bridging the Gap" Community Basketball League is now into its postseason play. All rounds of the playoffs and championships will be a best-of-three series.

Here's a look at the schedule of games on tap:

Friday (August 19) best-of-three, DW Davis Gym

7pm - Western District playoffs finals: No.2 Arnold Forbes Mt Moriah East vs No.2 Tommy Turnquest's Mt Moriah West

8pm - Northern District playoffs finals - No.2 Bernard Nottage's Bain Town Destroyers vs No.3 Paul Moss' St Cecilia Twin Towers

9pm - Southern District finals No.2 Shane Gibson's Golden Gates Trailblazers vs No.3 Pinewood Gardens

Saturday (August 20), DW Davis Gym

7pm - Eastern District playoff - No.1 Ryan Pinder's Lizzy's Lions vs No.4 Carmichael

8pm - Western District playoffs - No.1 Charles Maynard's Golden Isles West vs No.4 Street Legends' Golden Isles East

9pm - Northern District playoffs - No.1 Debbie Bartlette Gems 105.9 FM vs Glenys Hanna Martin's Englerston Ballers

10pm - Southern District playoffs - No.1 Dr Kendall Major's Garden Hillside vs Street Legends defending champions Kennedy Constituency

Monday (August 22), Christie Park

7pm - Western District No.2 Arnold Forbes' Mt Moriah East vs No.3 Tommy Turnquest's Mt Moriah West

8pm - Northern District No.2 Bernard Nottage's Bain Town Destroyers vs Paul Moss' St Cecilia Twin Towers

9pm - Southern District No.2 Shane Gibson Golden Gates Trailblazers vs No.3 Pinewood Gardens

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL SUMMER OF THUNDER

THE Bahamas Basketball Federation is all set to continue its "Summer of Thunder" College Scrimmages at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium tonight.

The remaining schedule of games are as follows:

Friday, August 19 - University North Carolina Wilmington vs. Bahamas All Stars at 7pm

Friday, August 19 - Mickey's USA All Stars vs. Cybots at 9pm

Saturday, August 20 - Mickey's USA All Stars vs. Real Deal Shockers at 6pm

Sunday, August 21 - Mickey's USA All Stars vs. Bahamas All Stars Game at 6pm

Monday, August 22 - Mickey's USA All Stars vs. Commonwealth Giants at 7:30pm

Monday, September 12 - Seattle Pacific University vs. Bahamas All Stars at 7pm

Tuesday, September 13 - Seattle Pacific University vs. Real Deal Shockers at 7pm

Wednesday, September 14 - Seattle Pacific University vs. Cybots Game at 7pm



JAY MAJOR JR was injured in a crash during the Caribbean Junior Cycling Championships.

If deal reached, NBA preseason to start Oct. 9

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA says its exhibition schedule will start October 9, provided a new collective bargaining agreement with the players can be reached in time.

A preseason that starts on time — or perhaps even happens at all — seems unlikely given the gap between the sides more than a month and a half into the lockout.

They have had one full negotiating session since and would probably need a deal by the end of September to avoid having to cancel exhibition games.

Already scrapped were the usual exhibitions played overseas, which the league decided not to schedule this year given the possibility of a work stoppage.

The preseason would start with five games October 9 and run through October 28. The regular season opener is scheduled for November 1.

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U-17 girls advance to 2nd round of CFU Championships

After blowing a number of close opportunities in the first half, Clayre Saunders' pair of goals in the second half booked the Bahamas' ticket to the second round of the Caribbean Football Union Under-17 Women's Championships.

Hosting the three-team first round this week at the Roscow Davies Football Field at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex, the Bahamas finished with a 2-0 white-washing of Bermuda to end up with the top spot with a total of six points and a goal difference of plus 12.

Bermuda, coming off their 5-0 decision over Antigua & Barbuda on Tuesday, was second with three points and a goal difference of plus three.

Antigua & Barbuda, blanked 10-0 by the Bahamas in the opening match of the qualifying round on Sunday, didn't earn a point as they trailed in third with a goal difference of minus 15.

In a showdown for the top spot last night, despite the inclement weather, the Bahamas got started slowly, but Saunders booted a pair of goals in the 51st and 75th minute to seal the deal.

"It was a team effort. I scored because the ball went through the whole team," said Saunders, who unselfishly shared the game honours with her team-mates.

"I enjoyed the second one. The first one hit the goalie,



Photos by Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

TEAM BAHAMAS (celebrating below) finished with a 2-0 white-washing of Bermuda last night.

then it went into the net. The second one, it was a break away, so I really enjoyed that one."

Saunders, however, said the team didn't play up to par, but they are just as thrilled to have secured the victory.

"I think we took the team lightly after our 10-0 win over Antigua and Barbuda," she noted. "But in the second half, we just knew that we had to do better."

After watching her team-mates go to work on the offensive end for most of the game, goalie Cori Strachan didn't get that much work on

the defensive end.

But late in the second half she came up with a brilliant stop in front of the goal post when she was attacked by a pair of players from Bermuda that had her rattled a bit.

"I had a pretty easy job, but I had some shots that I had to stop," Strachan said. "I had a previous injury on my leg, but I got hit. I took one for the team."

Head coach Daria Addeley said although they blew a number of opportunities to score in the first half, they came through when they needed to in the second half.

"I think finally when we got the one in, we knew that we could score again," she stated. "The pitch was a little wet, but they wanted it bad and they came out and got it."

Bermuda's assistant coach Kentoine Jennings admitted that if they had played like they did against Antigua and Barbuda, the outcome would have been a little different.

"I don't think we performed the way we are capable. We under performed," he said. "I think we were a little nervous. It wasn't our best performance."

Their lacklustre performance enabled the Bahamas to capitalise on their home turf to secure a berth into the CFU's second round and a chance to advance to the CONCACAF Under-17 Women's Championships.



TEAM BAHAMAS' goalkeeper Cori Strachan (ABOVE) and Clayre Saunders (TOP and in action at right) speak with the media.

IAAF Worlds

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arrangements so that a Bahamas National world team is able to travel."

Sands said that while there are only 18 athletes traveling on the team, the others, who are delegates, all have important roles to play and that is why they have to travel with the team.

Three members of the BAAA are traveling to attend the IAAF Congress where Pauline Davis-Thompson is vying for another spot in the elections as an IAAF council member.

Keith Parker, who is paying his own way to Daegu, is being awarded the Veterans' Pin by the IAAF. Doyle Burrows was nominated for the pin and in the event that he is also selected, he needs to be present.

Former IAAF council member Alpheus 'Hawk' Finlayson is traveling as the press liaison officer for the team, which is a vital position that had to be filled at the world level.

Dianne Woodside, the first female selected to travel as a coach at either the Worlds or Olympic Games, is also serving as a chaperone for Strachan, the junior female athlete on the team.

"So when you break down the assignment of the officials, you have to understand why we are carrying some many officials on the team," Sands said.

"We also have the medical personnel, which is a must. We have to make sure that we have all of these personnel in place because it's the World Championships."

The average ticket price is \$2,600 per person.

Charlton said they have received a guarantee letter from the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, which is allowing them to seek an overdraft facility from their bank to get the necessary funding for the team.

"The letter is not the grant that was promised to us for the World Championships," Charlton said. "It's just the first installment for our annual grant for next year. We usually get two installments."

Charlton said they had requested the same grant of \$50,000 that was allocated by the ministry in the past two championships, but they have not received any confirmation as yet.

Minister of Sports Charles Maynard, along with director of sports, Timothy Munnings, are both scheduled to travel. But neither was available for comments on the issuing of the grant to the BAAA.

Sky Bahamas, BORCO join forces in support of Grand Bahama Regatta

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sailors. He mentioned names such as Lundy Robinson, Clyde Rolle, Buzzy Rolle, Mark Knowles, Emmit Munroe, Lee Armbrister, Sheldon Gibson, Jacob Higgins, Joshua Green and Marty Bullard, who have all made a commitment to compete in the regatta.

While they encourage Bahamians

to patronise Sky Bahamas in getting to Grand Bahama, Gibson said they can also be assured that once they get there, they will be afforded the opportunity to stay at any of the hotels at a reduced price.

"Nobody wants to miss this regatta because all of the top boats and all of the top skippers are fighting to win, including me," Gibson said. "This regatta promises to be the regatta of the century."

"I'm very happy and pleased with the support that we have drummed up for this regatta and we hope that all of the regattas will receive this kind of support when their time comes. That is what I'm praying for. That is what I'm living for."

Gibson went as far as to predict that everything is pointing towards the success of the regatta.

"The competition is going to be very good. All of the sailors, the cap-

tains and the boat owners are all seeking their revenge," Gibson said.

"In Grand Bahama, the water is very deep and nobody has to worry about shallow water. You will see a whole difference in the regatta. Some boats have an advantage on others because of the shallow water. But in Grand Bahama, there is no advantage. You have to go out there and earn your way. That's going to be tough. We are going to see who is

who. The best of the best."

Gibson publicly thanked Al Collier for allowing them to use Club Luna to host their press conferences free of charge to assist the Grand Bahama Regatta committee.

The regatta is slated to open next Friday with the Skipper's party. The closing ceremony is set for Saturday night. Ronnie Butler has already agreed to provide some of the entertainment.