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Mom and daughter deaths: letter found

Mother may have been depressed, sources suggest

POLICE now think the deaths of a mother and child found floating in the harbour may be a tragic case of murder-suicide.

According to sources close to the investigation, new evidence suggests Amanda Seymour Burrows, 32, was depressed at the time of her death. Based on this, officers think it is possible she murdered her daughter and killed herself.

Among this evidence is said to be a letter Ms Burrows wrote to herself detailing her troubles.

Meanwhile, the official line is that police are still awaiting autopsy results to determine exactly what caused the deaths.

The bodies of Ms Burrows and her five-year-old daughter Kaysha were pulled from waters behind Elizabeth and Bay Plaza by defence force officers on Tuesday.

Police say there were no visible injuries on the bodies.

Superintendent Stephen Dean said he hopes the autopsy results will be released soon.

"We have been interviewing people but we cannot arrest anyone or have any suspects because the deaths have not yet been classified.

"At this point it can be anything. We cannot speculate what caused their deaths, however we are covering all angles."

There are also unanswered questions about the discovery of Ms Burrows' Nissan Sentra, which was spotted on Wednesday by a passing jogger who read about the search for this "missing piece" of this investigation in the news.

According to Superintendent Paul Rolle, officer in charge of the Central Detective Unites, suggestions that the car was driven by someone after the mother and

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GOVERNOR GENERAL TOURS NEW STRAW MARKET



GOVERNOR GENERAL Sir Arthur Foulkes outside of the new Straw Market on Bay Street. The Governor General toured the new facility which is expected to open some time this month. SEE PAGE TWO

Felipé Major/Tribune staff

INTERNATIONAL GROUP GIVES GOVT ADVICE ON DENGUE CONTROL

By SANCHESKA BROWN

THE Pan-American Health Organisation has made recommendations to the government on how to best control and eliminate the dengue outbreak in the Bahamas.

PAHO representatives have been in New Providence for about two weeks working with officials from the ministries of the environment and health to map out the way forward.

Dr Gerry Eykemans, PAHO representative for the Bahamas, said we are not alone in the fight against dengue fever - there are currently ten other Caribbean countries with dengue fever outbreaks.

Dr Eykemans said there needs to be some environmental and health interven-

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CLAIMS THAT JUDGE 'FAVoured' ONE BROTHER OVER ANOTHER

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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THE complicated legal battle between two millionaire Israeli brothers resurfaced yesterday with fresh claims the presiding judge had favoured one brother over the other.

Rami Weisfisch, 64, called on Justice Stephen Isaacs to recuse himself from the bitter legal dispute, as he had shown bias towards his younger brother Amir Weissfisch in his ruling, argued Nicholas Lavender, QC.

Mr Lavender suggested the Supreme Court judge had shown animosity towards Mr Weisfisch, by describing his recusal application as corrupt and sinister.

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KERZNER GRANTED EXTENSION TO REPAY \$2.78BN LOAN

KERZNER International confirmed yesterday that it has been granted an extension to repay its \$2.78 billion loan that is due next month.

This comes after Kerzner managing director George Markantonis said the company was in active and "constructive discussions" with their lenders.

Last month, Bloomberg News reported that Kerzner International Holdings, which is part-owned by Dubai World's Isthmar, might default on the mortgages if a deal cannot be reached.

On Wednesday, a former Chamber of Commerce President said a default would send "enormous shockwaves" through the Bahamian economy.

Yesterday, a spokesperson for the company said: "We can confirm that Kerzner has received an extension from our lenders and we continue to be in active and constructive discussions with them.

"It remains business as usual at all of our properties and resorts."

COURT NEWS

FOURTH MAN CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH ARMED ROBBERY OF WEB CAFE

By TANEKA THOMPSON
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A FOURTH suspect was charged in connection with the armed robbery of the Island Luck Web Cafe yesterday.

Kermit Evans, also known as Amos Evans, limped into Court 8 at Bank Lane with his right arm in a cast and sling.

He was charged with eight counts of armed robbery and three counts of intent to endanger the lives of three policemen.

Before the defendant was brought into court, police prosecutor Sergeant Bernard Smith told Magistrate Jeanine Weech Gomez that Evans was not able to climb the staircase.

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KERMIT EVANS outside of court

LOCAL NEWS

GOVERNOR GENERAL TOURS NEW STRAW MARKET



GOVERNOR GENERAL Sir Arthur Foulkes and his wife Lady Joan Foulkes tour the new Straw Market on Bay Street yesterday. The facility is expected to open this month.

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From the 3 Amigos

HACKER GROUP 'ANONYMOUS' OVERWHELMS PERU WEBSITES

LIMA, Peru Associated Press

MEMBERS of the hacker group Anonymous are claiming responsibility for cyber-attacks that overwhelmed the websites of Peru's presidency and judiciary.

The activists say on Facebook that they launched Friday's denial-of-service attacks to protest the "ineptitude and corruption" of Peruvian authorities.

Such attacks flood websites with data, typically using Internet-connected "zombie" computers hijacked with Trojan Horse programs.

The chief of Peru's police cybercrime unit confirms the attacks, which knocked the sites offline for at least six hours.

Oscar Gonzales says the sites' owners did not report the outages to police.

Spokesmen for the presidency and judiciary have declined to confirm their sites were under attack.

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MAN ACCUSED OF RAPING NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL

RAPE TRIAL VERDICT COULD COME NEXT WEEK

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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Prosecution and defence set to present final address to jury on Monday

FREEPORT - The rape trial of Albert Whylly Sr is winding down and a verdict could come early next week as the prosecution and defence are both set to present their final address to the jury on Monday.

Senior Justice Hartman Longley will deliver his summation of the case on the same day.

Whylly, a 59-year-old clergyman and fruit vendor, is accused of having sex with a nine-year-old girl.

The matter was fast-tracked to the Supreme Court by Voluntary Bill of Indictment.

The incident is alleged to have occurred on February 6, 2011, at a

home on Jobson Avenue, where the alleged victim had been dropped off by her mother.

Carlson Shurland represents Whylly, who is out on bail.

According to evidence, the alleged victim, testified that she was lying on her stomach on the

floor watching television when she felt a tap on her leg.

She said she was instructed to turn over.

She testified that Whylly then had sex with her.

The alleged victim wrote her mother a note the following day telling of what had happened.

Whylly was arrested on February 7, 2011, and charged with having unlawful sex with a minor.

On Friday, the accused took the stand and denied the charge.



ACCUSED: ALBERT WHYLLY SR

GB PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY AWARDS FIRST COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TO CALVIN PARKER JR

THE Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society announced that its first college scholarship recipient is Calvin Parker Jr.

Mr Parker was presented with a \$5000 cheque by two members of the GBPAS committee, treasurer Ivy Elden and secretary Colleen Lewis.

He is a native of Grand Bahama and the son of Calvin and Colene Parker.

In June, he successfully completed a two year course at the College of the Bahamas, New Providence, and received an associates degree in music.

This dedicated young man will continue his education at Full Sail University in Orlando, Florida this month, and will pursue a bachelor of science degree in recording arts.

Dr Christy Lee, assistant professor of music at COB, said: "Calvin Parker is a very worthy and deserving student. He has excelled in all of his work at the College of the Bahamas and is ready for the opportunities that Full Sail University will afford.

"I know the scholarship from the GBPAS will go a long way in helping him realise his dreams and I am grateful to this organisation for helping young Bahamian musicians."

Mr Parker thanked the GBPAS for the scholarship.

"It is very helpful and I will surely use it as a stepping stone to launch myself into great things at Full Sail. I am ready for the challenge," he said.

President and founder of the GBPAS Dalia Feldman said: "We are so thrilled that our hopes and goals have come to fruition in such a short time. It is our



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Calvin Parker Sr, GBPAS treasurer Ivy Elden, Calvin Parker Jr, Colene Parker and GBPAS secretary Colleen Lewis.

privilege to be able to help deserving students of the arts through scholarship and educational programmes. This year we have awarded more than \$18,000 in scholarships and funding.

"We certainly could not do this without the support of our members and sponsors, and we would like to give a special thank you to our major sponsors: Thayer's Natural Remedies, Pelican Bay Hotel, American Airlines/American Eagle, the Bahamas Weekly, Keen Media and Mackey Media."

The GBPAS is a charitable organisation that was launched in January of 2009 by volunteers who are passionate about

the performing arts.

The objective is to provide members of the community of Grand Bahama with a variety of international musical, theatrical and dance performances throughout the year.

They also seek to inform the youth of Grand Bahama about the endless possibilities of a career in the performing arts field through the provision of scholarships to local music and dance schools, as well as summer camps and colleges abroad.

The GBPAS can be contacted on gbperform@gmail.com; or www.facebook.com/gbperform.

PARTY SAYS CHARLES MAYNARD'S COMPLAINTS ARE 'TRIVIAL AND SILLY'

DNA HITS BACK OVER MINISTER'S DAUGHTER IN WEBSITE PHOTO

THE Democratic National Alliance has slammed the complaints of a Cabinet minister whose daughter was pictured on the new party's website, calling them "trivial and silly".

The DNA issued a statement yesterday saying they were unaware the person in question was the daughter of the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard when the image was uploaded to www.mynaparty.org.

The party said it was disappointed the minister chose to complain about the image in a public broadcast.

"First, we would like to thank Minister Maynard for the large volume of hits we got on our website last night, because of his story," the party said.

"With crime rising at unprecedented levels, government spending out of control, record unemployment, a failing educational system and numerous other social and

economic issues for which this minister's government seems to have no answers, it is unfortunate that he would seek to use the public airwaves to address a matter that is so seemingly unimportant to the average Bahamian struggling in and under oppressed and suppressed conditions."

The DNA called Mr Maynard's response unfortunate "and somewhat shameful", and accused him of playing politics and attempting to score "brownie points" by bringing the matter to the media before contacting DNA leader Branville McCartney.

This is particularly so, the DNA said, as he and Mr McCartney are friends and parliamentary colleagues.

The party said: "We find this matter to be very trivial and silly. However, the DNA understands that this is now silly season.

"We would like the public

to know that the photograph was used with the permission of the photographer and in no way did we breach any laws, particularly as the photo was previously published for public consumption in a local daily and already in the public domain.

"In using the photo, the party intended no harm and as a courtesy to the minister and his family, the photograph has been removed from our website.

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DNA hopes that the minister and other public figures looked upon for practical solutions to simple matters, would be more practical in their approach and not seek to make everything about politics."

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IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of
GENOVIA FLORVIL.

NOTICE

GENOVIA FLORVIL, the Petitioner claims to be the owner in fee simple possession of the piece parcel or lot of land hereinbefore described and has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act to have the title to the said piece parcel or lot of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Copies of a diagram or plan showing the position boundaries and shape marks and dimensions of the said pieces parcels and lots of land may be inspected during normal working hours at the following places:

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- The Chambers of Kingdom Law Advocates, 16 West Avenue, Centreville, Nassau, The Bahamas, Attorneys for the Petitioner.

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FDA says judge shouldn't stop cigarette warnings

RICHMOND, Va. — New cigarette warning labels that show the sewn-up corpse of a smoker or a picture of diseased lungs shouldn't be prevented from appearing on packs next year while a federal judge determines whether they violate tobacco companies' free speech rights, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday.

Some of the nation's largest tobacco companies, led by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Lorillard Tobacco Co., sued last month to block the labels, questioning their constitutionality and saying that changing cigarette packaging will cost millions of dollars.

The companies said the warnings don't simply convey facts to inform people's decision whether to smoke but instead force the companies to display government anti-smoking advocacy more prominently than their own branding.

The companies have asked the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., for a preliminary injunction to stop the labels, which the FDA has mandated as part of its new authority to regulate tobacco.

In response, the FDA said Friday that the public interest in conveying the dangers of smoking outweighs the companies' free speech rights. And it said the financial costs to the companies of switching to incorporate the new graphics equals about one-tenth of their annual net sales, which the FDA said is not sufficient to justify the injunction.

"The public interest strongly militates against delaying health warnings that more effectively convey the extraordinary, undisputed health risks created by the use of plaintiffs' products," the FDA said in its filing. "(W)hen used as intended by the manufacturers, tobacco products are deadly."

The agency says it drew on the advice of various experts in health, marketing, graphic design and advertising to create the labels, which the FDA said are similar to those used in other countries, including Canada.

The FDA said Congress gave it the authority to require the new labels because existing warnings dating to 1984 were going unnoticed and health warn-

ings weren't being conveyed effectively.

The companies have until next Friday to respond. A hearing on the injunction is set for September 21, with a decision to come as early as October.

In June, the FDA approved nine new warning labels that companies are to print on the entire top half of cigarette packs, front and back. The new warnings, each of which includes a number for a stop-smoking hotline, must constitute 20 per cent of cigarette advertising, and marketers are to rotate use of the images.

One label depicts a corpse with its chest sewn up and the words "Smoking can kill you." Another shows a healthy pair of lungs beside a yellow and black pair with a warning that smoking causes fatal lung disease.

Joining R.J. Reynolds and Lorillard in the suit are Commonwealth Brands Inc., Liggett Group LLC and Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Inc.

Altria Group Inc., parent company of the nation's largest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, which makes top-selling Marlboros, is not a part of the lawsuit.

The free speech lawsuit is separate from a lawsuit by several of the same companies over the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. That law, which took effect two years ago, cleared the way for the more graphic warning labels, but also allowed the FDA to limit nicotine and banned tobacco companies from sponsoring athletic or social events or giving away free samples or branded merchandise.

A federal judge upheld many parts of the law, but the companies are appealing.

While the tobacco industry's latest legal challenge may not hold up either, it could delay the new warning labels for years. And that is likely to save cigarette makers millions of dollars in lost sales and increased packaging costs.

Analysts say tobacco companies are increasingly relying on their packaging to build brand loyalty and grab consumers. It's one of few advertising levers left to pull since the government has curbed their presence in magazines, billboards and TV.

(By Michael Felberbaum,
AP Tobacco Writer).

You are a servant, so serve!

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THIS letter is in response to a contribution published in your paper on Friday, September 9, 2011, written by Mr Arnold F Bain Jr. His resounding message throughout the letter seemed to revolve around the fact that we should thank the FNM government for opening up the airwaves of the Bahamas.

It struck a chord with me, only because I was actually involved in a discussion a few weeks ago and the exact same phrase was uttered. I am definitely not politically biased, aligned, nor inclined so my comments should be recognized to apply to all of our past governments and all colours slated to appear on the upcoming ballot.

I may be naïve, too young, or too ungrateful but I am generally not inclined to "Thank" my government for doing those things that are a matter of course in society. Am I honestly, in the 21st century, living in a "democratic" society like ours supposed to thank a government for deregulating the airwaves and in effect dissolving a government communication monopoly? My friend, this is not Cuba. This is not North Korea. This is not the old Soviet Union. And if it were, and it was my only choice to live, I may have chosen to die rather than to have what I believe are certain inalienable rights to freedom stripped away without my consent. As it stands, living in a free and democratic sovereign nation, where the association of Government has a mandate to protect the freedom of indi-

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viduals and to govern towards the advancement of the society, you do not get credit for not imposing a dictatorship on the people.

The gentleman lists some other "achievements" like Atlantis? And I've heard others say similar things about Baha Mar. These are not national accomplishments; these things are international business ventures where the shareholders would never come to the Bahamas if the overall benefit did not outweigh the costs. The government doesn't get credit for someone else's vision. As a government, you don't get "thanks" for signing a piece of paper. What a government should get thanks for is fostering an environment where the people of the Bahamas can reach their full potential and create opportunities for an even more successful future. The fact of the matter remains that successive governments have got a pass, because for some reason Bahamians are a thankful set of people. Somehow we do not realize that we pay for Government to exist. Would you operate a business and have your workers coming in and telling you everyday what they are going to do or not do.

This disconnect between the people and this land, the people and the governing of this land is a majority contributor to the downward spiral we are experiencing in our

country. In our home, we throw trash in the trash, when we go out, the same people throw trash on the street. The reason is simply that we don't feel like we own the street so that can stay dirty, but we feel like we own the house, we must keep that looking clean. Ownership, is the single underlying factor; Ownership brings responsibility and ownership brings accountability. So as an owner of this country, I won't say thank you to the government for opening the airwaves, but I will tell them to stop talking and work harder! In fact, I might be less polite and tell the government to shut up and work harder! And while you're at it, can you please take out this trash that I pay you to collect. If not, I'm definitely thinking about cutting your pay! In this regard, I might actually be late to the party. You want to know why you can't collect proper customs duties? The citizens are cutting your pay! You want to know why you can't collect real property taxes? The citizens are cutting your pay! You want to know why you can't collect proper business license fees? The citizens are cutting your pay! So I would say to the government (and all aspiring), it is simple. Work and you will get paid.

The rules don't change for you just because you got elected. You are not a king or prince, you are a servant. So serve!

There is honour in service, haven't you heard?

WAYNE WILSON
Nassau,
September 9, 2011.

BTC/CWC should revisit their priorities

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THE passing of Irene should cause BTC/CWC to revisit their priorities as a national entity, I hope the admission by the marketing manager that they did not have any satellite telephones or were not in the satellite telephone business is not a reflection of those priorities.

A company that is in business in an island state, has to know "where" they are doing business and it seems that the reality of hurricanes were left out of the privatisation equation.

I know that we see a lot of full page ads as to the level of contribution BTC/CWC is making to the relief effort and this is a good

thing; but the nation had a front row seat to the Irene updating and it seems like NEMA was out of the loop for quite a while, but fortunately the private radio stations kept the nation informed. Was NEMA's bad showing, because of a lack of communication or the lack of the ability to communicate? In the past, the satellite phones were a staple for NEMA, the questions are: Were they in use? Were they absent? Will the public ever know? I want to ask if BTC/CWC is really in the communications business on a national level, as they say they are.

EDWARD HUTCHESON
Nassau,
September 2, 2011

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Deadline for applications is September 15th, 2011

LOCAL NEWS

ACT OF GENEROSITY FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

THE US EMBASSY 'INVESTS IN THE FUTURE' WITH LIBRARY DONATION

By CELESTE NIXON
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THE US Embassy in Nassau is marking the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with an act of generosity.

US President Barack Obama, in remembrance of the 2001 terrorist attacks and the nearly 3,000 people who were killed, has established September 11 as a National Day of Service.

Taking up his call, the embassy in Nassau donated more than 400 children's books as well as bookshelves, a rug, brightly coloured pillows and a large nursery rhyme mural to the GK Symonette Public Library in Yellow Elder Gardens.

"The donation and rehabilitation of the library's children's corner will honour President Obama's call to service in remembrance of the 10th anniversary of September 11," said the embassy in a statement.

Visiting the library, embassy Chargé d'affaires John Dinkelman sat down with second grade students from CW Sawyer Primary School and explained to them that they are the future.

He told them that rather than looking back at the events of September 11 and being angry, people should look forward to the good, and never give up.

Speaking to the press, Mr Dinkelman said: "We have a responsibility ethically and



CW SAWYER Primary School students at the library.

morally to look forward and do what we can, as President Obama requested, to use this time not to mourn and think of the misery and horror – but rather to look to the future and invest in the future."

"Yes we are a product of our history, we will learn from it so we will not repeat it but we will also learn how to overcome it."

Acknowledging that the library is an important part of the community, embassy spokesperson Lisa Thibault said it was a perfect opportunity to give back and provide a "safe, inviting and fun environment for the children."

Later yesterday afternoon, embassy volunteers were involved in a second community service project when they gathered on Jaws Beach to join in a US Coast Guard led beach clean-up, to "help ensure that the popular beach for local families remains clean, green and pristine."

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of an ongoing beach clean-up initiative that started at the beginning of this year with the aim of "solidifying the Coast Guard's overarching philosophy of environmental protection and service to local communities."

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– Maggie

"I was darn vex when my children (were) doing dey homework around 8pm and BEC cuts off the power for about two hours."

– Parents

"I am vex to see that the police are at the schools to guide the students. Especially since we are a nation guided by Christian principles one would expect hundreds of the Christian pastors, reverends, doctors, elders and other Christian volunteers to adopt a school and be doing that job instead – or are they only available to do the Christian things on Sunday only?"

– Observer

"I am a little vex that people can be talking on how lucky we were with Hurricane Irene without giving thanks to all the trees which lessened the impact of the strong breezes on our homes. The trees were blasted and we could have even done better had we not cut down the fruit trees because of the 'tiefs' who used to 'tief' the fruits."

– Tree lover

"I vex when I see a bunch of senior, khaki starched, sharply dressed with shiny buttons, police officers swinging their little black sticks coming through in my neighbourhood as though they on the Napoleonic battle.

"What's needed instead to assure the people in my 'ghetto' that is for the police to come on walkabouts dressed in battle SWAT team gear with bigger machine guns and bullets, Rambo style, so that the punks hiding behind their ma skirt and their ma and sis, too, can see who has the bigger, badder guns and is the law.

"Swinging a little black stick does not show who is boss."

– Times change

"Talk about vex, more like wanting to lower my standards by shouting back at those clowns gathered at the foot of the bridge coming back from Paradise island shouting the 'national word' every two words and everybody passing, tourists, children and normal people have to hear the limited vocabulary as the clowns display their lack of broughtupsy while we waiting on the East Bay traffic lights and not a police in sight!"

– Native

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FARMER'S MARKET AT BNT CANCELLED IN SEPTEMBER

DUE to Hurricane Irene, the September farmer's market at the Bahamas National Trust has been cancelled.

The market will reopen October 8, which coincides with International Migratory Bird Day.

Tribune Trivia

Yesterday's Question

What constituency does former Worker's Party leader Rodney Moncur hope to run in as a DNA candidate?

Yesterday's Answer

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Electronic submission of applications can be made at: NassauHR@state.gov

Deadline: September 14, 2011.

Applications will not be accepted at the Security Gate of the Embassy.

LOCAL NEWS

MOM AND DAUGHTER DEATHS: LETTER FOUND

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daughter died does not necessarily mean they were murdered. He pointed out that someone might have stolen the car from another location where the victims left it and brought it to the Cricket Club on Wednesday. The car was found intact. Police have also pointed out they have yet to discover any evidence of wrongdoing. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact CDU at 502-9991 or emergency services at 919.

ADVICE ON DENGUE CONTROL

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improve surveillance, data analysis and use of data, embark in aggressive preventative measures in the Family Islands, assess the effectiveness of the insecticides in use and strengthening the monitoring of impact of fogging activities by tracking mosquito populations. "In the long run the government needs to ensure continuous water supply to all houses to prevent people from collecting water in their backyard. Review dengue prevention and control programmes annually and involve the whole population preventing mosquito breeding." Since coming to the Bahamas, PAHO has confirmed one type of dengue which is "type one." There also has been one confirmed dengue death. The Ministry of Health is investigating two other deaths. They do not expect those results soon. PAHO representatives have also confirmed that reported dengue cases have been declining over the past few weeks and the number of dengue fever-like cases are predominately from eastern and southeastern communities. Ministry of Health officials estimate the number of cases going to health care facilities will top 4,000 by the end of this week. Last week's count stood at 3,300. Dr Minnis is asking the public to take ten minutes once a week to walk around and get rid of or seal any containers that hold water. Each resident is being asked to take responsibility to make sure there are no mosquitoes growing in their yards.

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"It appears the judge had already made up his mind in relation to the recusal application," Mr Lavender said. "And you are suggesting that it was brought in bad faith." He further stated that Justice Isaacs had heard submissions from Amir's counsel on the ruling, but not from Rami's, which he said showed agreement with the other party. And he queried the integrity of court records, as he said the transcripts did not match those of a private stenographer hired by Amir's counsel during the hearings in July and August last year. However these arguments were flatly denied by Courtney Pearce, junior counsel for Amir Weissfisch, who said Mr Lavender had taken the judge's use of the word "corrupt" out of context, and that the presence of their stenographer was accepted at the time. "This is an attempt by them to build a case where no case exists," Ms Pearce said. "They have gone back more than a year, they have raised things that the case never raised. "They were not perceived at that stage because they did

CLAIMS THAT JUDGE 'FAVoured' ONE BROTHER OVER ANOTHER

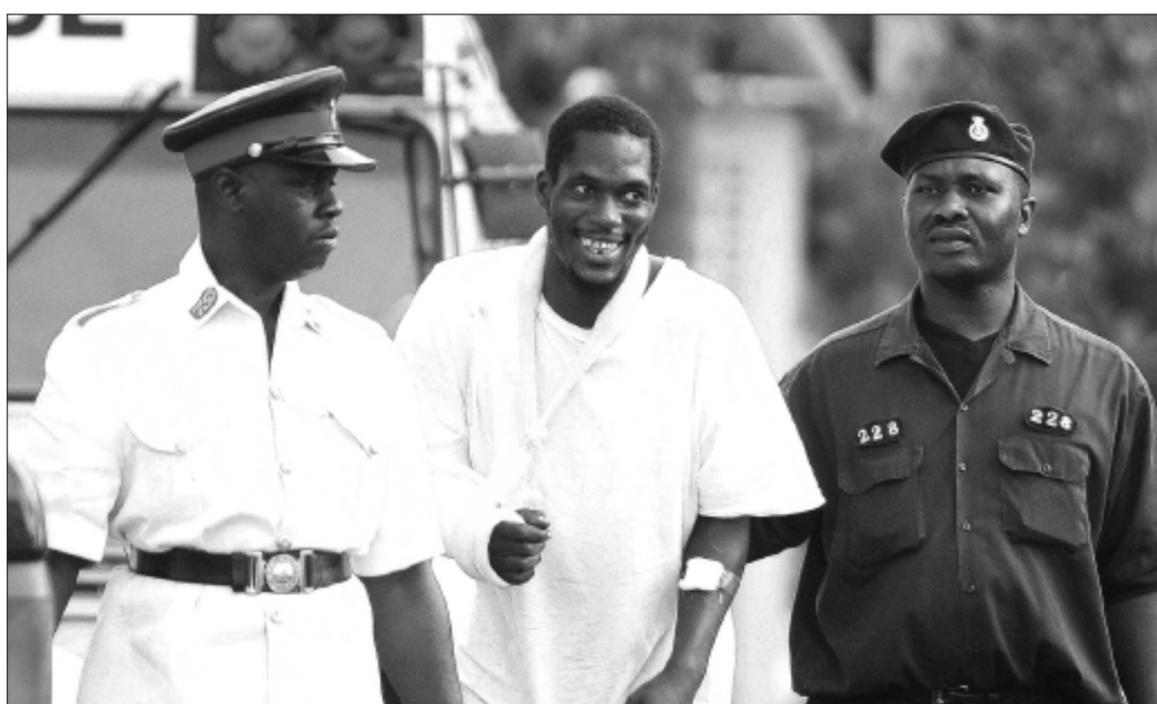
not exist, and they do not exist today; this all because of the applicant's desperation. "Desperation to avoid losing; to avoid any outcome that is unfavourable to him." Ms Pearce said this was Rami's third application for a judge to recuse himself, as an informal, and then formal application was made for Justice Jon Isaacs to drop the case. He recused himself in July 2009, as his wife worked for one of the parties. Earlier the Appeal Court upheld an application that Senior Justice Anita Allen should recuse herself from the case. However, Miss Pearce argued: "There is nothing in the entirety of these proceedings that a fair-minded and informed observer would find worth of a judge's recusal."

Brian Moree, QC, representing Amir Weissfisch's children, set out the grounds for recusal and said there was no evidence to support a case for Justice Stephen Isaacs to step down. He urged Justice Isaacs to resist any temptation he might have to drop the complicated financial dispute, and live up to his judicial responsibility by continuing with it, and not delaying proceedings further by leaving it for another judge to pick up. "The conduct of the court to date is remarkable," Mr Moree said, finding no grounds for the judge's recusal. "The real complaint is that you ruled against them."

All submissions were heard by 5pm, when Justice Stephen Isaacs adjourned, and said he would read the arguments and issue his decision on the application recusal in writing. Rami Weissfisch, an Israeli metals trader, ran Metal Resources Group Limited (MRG), an English company, which became a dominant force in the global cobalt market in 1999 and closed in 2000. His brother Amir Weissfisch was his partner. (The brother's spell their surname's differently).

Amir engaged in a court fight with his brother Rami in England in 2006, over claims that Rami refused to account to his younger brother for their partnership profits. At the time Amir claimed that he had an agreement with his elder brother, Rami, who was about to have a life-threatening heart operation. Rami wanted to make certain that his family was provided for in case of his death. As a result Amir transferred \$88 million to Rami and his daughter. However, Rami survived the surgery, but, according to Amir's claim in the High Court in London, failed to live up to the proposed agreement. A part of the agreement in November 2001 was that if Rami lived "the sum of \$37.5 million would be repaid to Amir within three months along with further sums to be identified."

The consequent litigation stemmed from the non-performance of this alleged agreement.



KERMIT EVANS outside of court

FOURTH MAN CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH ARMED ROBBERY OF WEB CAFE

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However, Evans - who wore a wrinkled white T-shirt and black basketball shorts - later shuffled into court. He complained that he was not fit to stand and was allowed to sit as his charges were read to him. The reason for his injuries were not made clear in court. The prosecution alleged that during the September 1 armed robbery, Evans robbed Shantell Dorsette of cash belonging to Island Luck; a handbag worth \$10 and \$20 cash from Delores Rolle; \$400 from Janice Ferguson; a Blackberry cell phone worth \$350 from

Lakeisha Adderley; \$800 and a Nokia cell phone worth \$300 from Wellington Ford; \$400 from Anthony Roker; a handbag worth \$50, \$200 cash and a Bahamian passport valued at \$50 and other personal effects from Sheila Douglas; and a Nokia cell phone worth \$250 and \$80 handbag from Tiffany Turnquest. He was also charged with three counts of firearm possession with intent to endanger the lives of detectives Insp S Saunders, Sgt 1218 Demeritte and Constable 971 Davis. When asked by the magistrate if he had anything to say, Evans first replied: "No ma'am." He then quickly added: "Like I say, I

can't really talk. . . I was at the basketball court when at the time when this thing happened." He had no attorney present. Sgt Smith argued that due to the nature of the charges Evans should not be granted bail. Evans was not required to enter a plea to any of the charges and his matter was adjourned to November 30. He was put on remand at Her Majesty's Prison but can petition the Supreme Court for a bail hearing. Earlier this week Shakatoure Thompson, 31, Tamico Bannister, 22, and Orlando Wimms, 27, were also charged with the Island Luck robbery.

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sports NOTES

BASEBALL EABL ACTION

• FOLLOWING a 10 o'clock scrimmage game for T-ballers today at Windsor Park, the Hawks (age 9-11 blue team) will play the Eagles (age 9-11 green team) at 11:00 a.m. in the Little League series of the Ed Armbrister Baseball League.

In the Junior League series, the Bears (age 12-14 maroon team) will take on the Tigers (age 12-14 orange) at 12 noon. The Tigers lead their series one game to none. All games are played at Windsor Park today.

The Ed Armbrister Baseball League is named after Bahamian former Major League Baseball player Ed Armbrister who played five years for the Cincinnati Reds in the mid-1970s, winning two World Series titles. Ed Armbrister is one of six Bahamians to play in the Major League Baseball.

BASEBALL TRIP TO WATCH RICHARDSON PLAY

• THE Bahamas Baseball Federation invites all who are able to attend the three game series between the Atlanta Braves and the Florida Marlins featuring Bahamian Antoan Richardson, who was recently called up to play in the Major Leagues.

The BBF and Bahamasair are providing the opportunity for Bahamians to fly to Miami, Florida from September 19-21 for a fee, which includes airfare, hotel and car.

Interested persons are urged to contact any Bahamasair office for more details.

SOFTBALL BSC MEETING

• THE Baptist Sports Council will meet a meeting today at 10 a.m. for all churches interested in participating in the 2011 Bishop Neil C. Ellis Softball Classic. The classic will feature the men, co-ed and 19-and-under divisions. There is an entry fee for every team in each division.

Also, during the meeting, plans will be revealed for the Rev. Enoch Backford Track and Field Classic, scheduled for Saturday, October 22 at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

All interested churches are urged to have two representatives present.

GFB HOSTS WEEK-LONG TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSE FOR COACHES

LOCAL gymnastics enthusiasts will receive a major opportunity to develop their craft as a master instructor will be in town to train and certify coaches in the capital.

A technical training course for current and perspective gymnastics coaches will be held September 12 - 19, 2011 at the Atlantis resort on Paradise Island, the Gymnastics Federation of the Bahamas (GFB) announced yesterday.

The week-long course is being held courtesy of grants by the Federation of International Gymnastics (FIG) and the Bahamas Olympic Committee (BOC).

Participants will earn an FIG qualifying certificate. There is a fee and no prior experience is necessary to enroll in the course.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to host this FIG training course that will

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HIGGS, MONROE FAIL TO REACH FINALS AT FOURTH COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES

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JUNIOR athletes took centre stage as the Bahamas continued a busy summer for athletics in international competition yesterday.

The eight-member team representing the country at the fourth Commonwealth Youth Games September 7-13 in Isle of Man opened with the century and quartermile sprints in action, however neither was able to reach a final.

In the women's 100m, Gregoria Higgs finished second in the opening heat in 12.59s, behind Sophie Papps of England in 12.15s.

In semifinal one, she finished fifth in an improved 12.28s but failed to advance.

Papps went on to take gold in 11.53s.

Caroline Morin-Houde of Canada was second while teammate Shaina Harrison was third, both in 11.81s.

In the men's 400m, Julian Munroe in round one finished second in heat three in 50.01s to advance.

A fifth place finish in the semifinal in 51.12s was not enough for Munroe to reach the final.

Thomas Symes of New Zealand took gold in the event.

The team will partake in two disciplines - five members for track and field and two members for cycling.

BOC president Wellington Miller said the event gives its participants early exposure to the Olympic movement and can draw inspiration from its

deputy chef de mission, Olympic gold medallist Tonique Williams-Darling.

"We believe, at this point, taking this young team away for a games of this calibre is very good for sports. These youngsters get to interact and participate with their peers from other countries. It is expected that 72 countries will be there from throughout the Commonwealth. It is a good thing to start your networking early, so as you progress in your career you gain friends for life and that is what sports is and that is a part of the Olympic model," Miller said.

"We have a distinguished lady going with us, Ms Tonique Williams-Darling, and that should be great motivation for the athletes. With an Olympic and world champion on board she can really

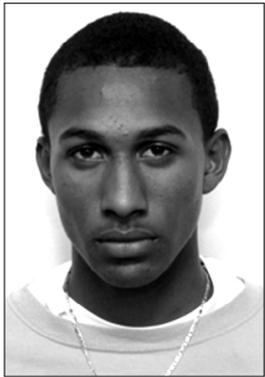
encourage them and let them know what they need to do to reach the top of their game."

Miller said other disciplines would be added for upcoming editions of the event.

The first Commonwealth Youth Games was held in August 2000 in Scotland where 733 athletes from 14 countries competed in eight sports over three days. The second edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games took place in Australia in December 2004 and saw over 1,000 athletes and officials from 22 countries in a 10-sport programme.

This year, 1,000 athletes from 64 nations and territories will compete on the Isle of Man.

Sport disciplines contested include athletics, badminton, boxing, cycling, gymnastics,



Julian Munroe

rugby 7s, and swimming. The opening ceremonies took place September 8th at the newly-revamped 3,000-seater National Sports Centre 'The Bowl'.

YELLOWBIRD FOUNDATION MAKES DONATION TO CENTRE FOR THE DEAF



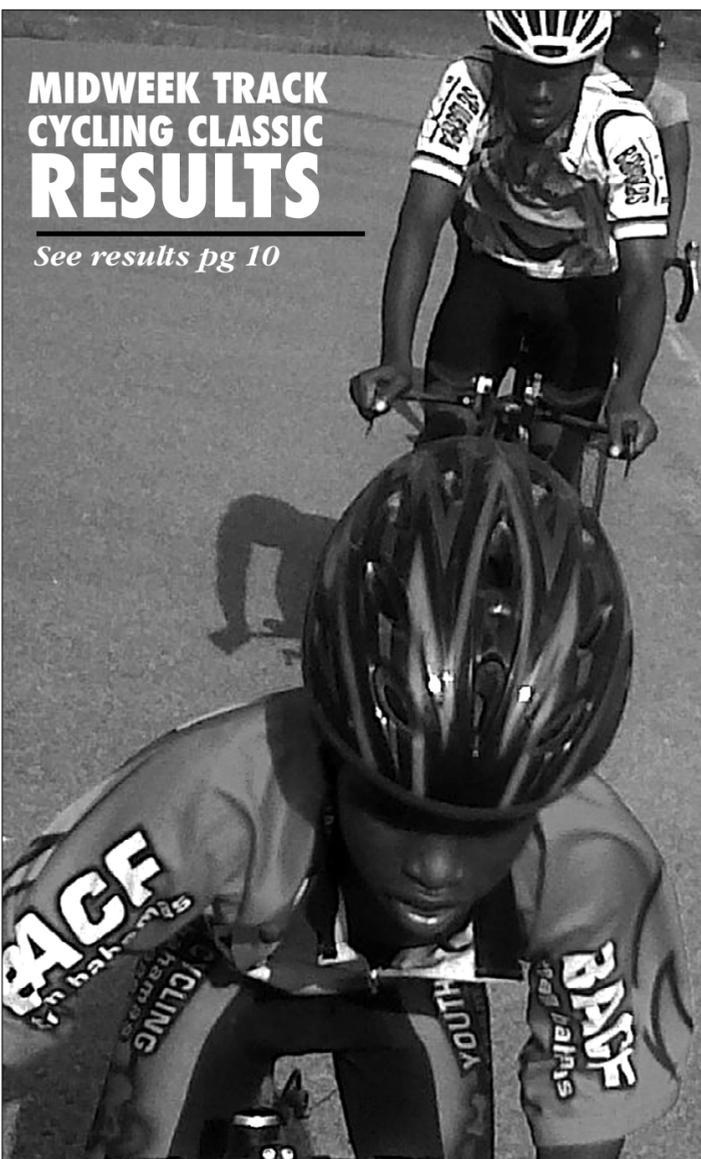
THE Center for the Deaf will receive a basketball court and new exercise equipment due to a generous donation from the YellowBird Foundation, based in Canada.

The foundation is a charitable organisation, dedicated to improving the lives of children in the Caribbean.

The Bahamas effort was coordinated between the Canadian and Bahamian tourism offices.

"This is what we are here to do, to help each other as we are our brother's keepers," said Bonnie Rolle, senior manager in the Schools Unit of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation.

Pictured (left to right) along with students are Principal for the Center for the Deaf Tessa Nottage; Senior Manager in Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, Bonnie Rolle and Senior Assistant Principal for Center for the Deaf, Sandra Sweeting.



MIDWEEK TRACK CYCLING CLASSIC RESULTS

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Hilton hits two homeruns to secure win for Hitmen

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WHEN manager Erin Adderley acquired the services of free agent Hosea Hilton during the off season, he knew that he was adding some more firepower in his Dorin United Hitmen, who relied heavily on Sherman Ferguson, in their quest for the New Providence Softball Association men's championship title.

While the regular season is quickly winding down, the Hitmen finally got the long-awaited and much anticipated rematch with the now Island Luck Truckers.

After two attempts to stage the game failed, the showdown came on Thursday night at the Banker's Field at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

Hilton provided big dividends for the Hitmen as he cracked his second home run to break up an 8-8 tie and secure a walk-of-the-field 9-8 decision in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Hilton, batting clean-up in the line-up behind Ferguson, drilled a two-run shot over the centre field fence in a four-run bottom of the first inning that gave Dorin United an early 4-0 lead.

But with the score tied at 8-8 going into the bottom of the seventh, the Eleuthera native was the first at bat. He ripped the first pitch from losing pitcher Leroy Thompson over the same area for the stunning game-ending solo blast.

"It's been a long time. It's been a long time," said Hilton, who can't remember the last time he was put in the position that he was in. "We wanted to play the Truckers for a long time. But it rained out, the lights went out, so I was ready for this one. All day at my job, I was just thinking about this

game. "In fact, I took tomorrow (Friday) off just because I was thinking about this game. I always played with a bottom team. This is one the first times that I got to play with a top team. But I like being in pressure situations. That's when I shine."

Adderley, whose Dorin United improved their fourth place position in the men's standings at 7-5, said the victory was long overdue because "they wanted to play them for a long time because they always bring the best out of us."

However, Adderley said he was delighted that Hilton was able to step up and show why he had so much confidence in adding him to their line-up.

"I've been trying to get him in my programme for the past two years, but he was a man of his word. He told me that he had made a commitment to Roscoe Thompson and the Outlaws for two years and he did that," Adderley pointed out.

"But from last year November, he was in my camp and every game he came out and doing everything that we asked of him and tonight was a prime example as he protected Sherman (Ferguson) in the line-up. We were able that he came through the way he did."

The homer was so huge that Truckers' centre fielder Ramon Storr said all he simply did was watch it leave the park.

"That was a monster shot," Storr declared.

Give Island Luck some credit though.

"When you don't practice or play ball in about five weeks, you're going to be a little bit rusty," Storr lamented.

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SPORTS

BAHAMAS BEATS MEXICO 4-2 AT JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

IT was a great day for the Bahamas Junior tennis team at The International Club North American Challenge with the Bahamas beating Mexico 4-2 in the morning session and with a stunning 4-1 lead over the USA in the afternoon session with the girls doubles still to be played.

No results of the latter was available at press time.

Against Mexico, Kevin Major defeated Diego Nunez 7-6, 7-5 and Christian Cargill defeated Patricio Faz 6-4, 6-1. Simone Pratt came through 6-2, 6-3 in the top girls singles against Miranda Rodriguez with Danielle Thompson going down 7-6, 6-0 to Camilla Balanes.

The win over Mexico was completed when the boys took their doubles 6-4, 6-4. The girls, however, lost 3-6, 1-6.

In the afternoon session the boys again got off to a good start with Kevin winning a very close match 4-6, 6-4, 10-6 over Andrew Harrington. Christian consolidated this with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Brian Tsao. Simone Pratt again came through with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Skylar Hathaway. Danielle was battling well in her singles but suffered some cramping before going down 4-6, 4-6 to Mia Gancayo.

The win over the USA was again consolidated with the boys winning their doubles 7-5, 6-4 leaving the girls final doubles having no effect on the overall result and still to be played.

IC president Kit Spencer, captaining of the team, said: "All our team are excited at the results that our players have put together today and I am very proud of the way they have performed and competed. This is the best performance we have ever achieved in this event with wins over two major countries.

"We are now looking forward to playing Canada on Saturday afternoon. Canada has a strong team and also won both their matches today. This means there is everything to play for as that match will now determine the North American winning team and who will go to Australia for the World finals in January."

GFB COACHES TRAINING COURSE

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not only expose but also tangibly advance the sport of gymnastics in The Bahamas," said GFB President Barbara Thompson.

The coaches' Olympic Solidarity Technical Course for Women's Artistic Gymnastics is a means for coaches from GFB member clubs and all those who are interested in acquiring skills to teach gymnastics. The objective is to increase the number of qualified coaches to benefit Bahamian gymnasts of all levels, and to attract more Bahamian athletes to the sport.

Master Instructor Lilia Ortiz of Mexico has been commissioned by FIG to present the course at the request of the GFB. Ortiz is an expert gymnastics trainer with impressive credentials, including a Bachelor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and the designation as Master Instructor of training and certification for the World Association of Gymnastics. Further, she is a current WAG International Judge GAF Level III. Ortiz is certified in beginner to advanced gymnastics teaching skills.

The GFB extended heartfelt thanks to the BOC for their support.

"The pool of talented Bahamian gymnasts will continue to thrive and grow thanks to the generous support of the BOC and FIG," Thompson said.

"The coaches, parents and other interested supporters will receive invaluable training that will help us all to develop the sport of gymnastics in The Bahamas," she added.

Persons interested in attending the FIG Technical Course for Coaches - Women's Artistic Gymnastics, September 12-19, 2011, can contact the GFB at gymfedbah@coralwave.com or call 395-5994.

MANY STILL DISAPPOINTED OVER COACHES DECISION AT IAAF WORLDS

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THE 13th IAAF World Championships is over, but the criticism continues. Many are still peeved over the performance of the men's 4 x 400 metre relay.

It was definitely a disappointing showing from the team of Ramon Miller, Avard Moncur, Andrea Williams and LaToy Williams.

The coaching staff, including Fritz Grant and Frank 'Pacho' Rahming, made the decision to rest both Chris 'Fireman' Brown and Demetrius Pinder with the view that the quartet would have been able to get the job done in the semifinal and qualify for the final.

For the record, the coaches made their decision, the quartet went out and they competed to the best of their ability.

But as Andrae Williams so aptly stated, the Bahamas should be grateful for the many years that the 4 x 4 team has remained a formidable force on the international scene.

It was disheartening that for the second consecutive year, the team didn't get a lane in the final. At the previous championships in Berlin, Germany in 2009, the Bahamas got disqualified for running out of the exchange zone on the first hand over between Miller and Moncur. Both competitors returned to their same spots in Daegu and ran well to put the Bahamas in contention.

But I have to admit, the final two legs run by Williams and Williams - no relation - didn't make up sufficient ground to give the Bahamas a chance to advance to the final. While the United States were vulnerable, the Bahamas had a golden opportunity to surge right in for a medal.

So I was a little off my predictions of a minimum of two and a maximum of five medals from the nine days of competition.

And while I have to admit that the relay was on one my list, I have to give credit to

Trevor Barry, who defied all of the odds and emerged as the lone medalist with his bronze in the men's high jump. I don't think anybody expected the sub-par performance from Donald Thomas, the 2007 champion from Osaka, Japan, who had Barry's number for the last few years on both the local and international scene.

This was just Barry's chance to shine and he certainly took advantage of it. It couldn't happen to a more deserving athlete who paid his dues, persevered and managed to prevail at the right time and on the right stage.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANTOAN RICHARDSON

YOU just knew that sooner or later Antoan Richardson would make his breakthrough in the Major League.

He got the call up from the minor league by the Atlanta Braves last night and already played in his first couple games in a pinch hitting role, albeit on the losing end of two exciting games.

In time, I'm sure that we will eventually see the Braves utilising the speed of Richardson by playing him full time both offensively and defensively. Richardson has certainly made us all feel proud of his achievement.

He joined the late Andre Rodgers, Wentie Ford, Wilfred Culmer and Tony Curry, as well as Ed Armbrister, the only Major Leaguer from that era still alive. Armbrister was known for his time at one of the two World Series he played in for the Cincinnati Reds.

Richardson is on the verge of making his own sunshine, having converted from running track and field where he was flourishing young sprinter. He made the transition and is now enjoying every moment of it.

IAAF WORLD JUNIOR

IT'S official. The Bahamas Government has formed a partnership with

the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations to bid to the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to host the 2013 IAAF World Junior Championships at the newly constructed Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

While it sounds like a good venture, the BAAA could have used the millions of dollars that it will take to pull off the games by applying to the IAAF for an Area Permit Meeting, which can become a year round event where the top athletes from around the world can come down and display their skills for a one-day meet.

There's one in Jamaica and Martinique. Barbados and Trinidad & Tobago have also tried, but their meet has not remained on the calendar.

I'm sure that the general public will be more delighted to see some top athletes competing right here in our backyard.

The World Junior Championships is designed for athletes 19-years and younger. But the majority of the competitors will be in their final year or still have another year to compete. The problem is, how many athletes would the Bahamas be able to field to provide some quality competition to draw the support of the crowd?

Trying to fill a 15,000 arena is no small feat. In South Korea, although they have millions of people, the local organizing committee still had to issue some special passes for school students to help fill the 50,000 colourful Daegu Stadium.

So even if we offer the same incentives, I don't know if we will generate the type of interest as we would if we brought in more household names to compete.

I'm sure Usain Bolt, Yohan Blake, Asafa Powell, Kirani James, LaShawn Merritt, Carmelita Jeter, Allyson Felix, Veronica Campbell-Brown and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, just to name a few, would trade in the cold and adverse conditions to flock to the sun, sand and sea and compete in an Invitational

Meet at the new stadium.

Many people have argued that they would see our top athletes like Chris 'Fireman' Brown, Leevan 'Superman' Sands, Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie, Trevor Barry, Donald 'Juice' Thomas and others compete against the high level of competition that they get to face on the international circuit.

Considering that Ferguson-McKenzie and Chandra Sturup are closing in on the completion of their illustrious careers, it would be a good idea for the public to see them in a high powered competition at home. The idea might even spark the veteran competitors to lift their level of competition to a higher standard.

The hosting of the IAAF World Junior Championships is not a bad idea, but I just think that the fans would appreciate seeing more of the accomplished athletes rather than the many unknown competitors who would be competing in the junior global meet.

But on the other hand, with the facility in place, there's no reason why the BAAA can't pursue the hosting of the two major meets.

STADIUM DEMOLISHED

IN 2003, the RM Bailey Secondary High School suffered a big blow to the educational system when a fire in the early morning gutted the renowned gymnasium that played host to so many exciting games. It's been so long since the fire that hardly anybody remember those good old days.

But this week, the remains of the gym, which were non-operational, was demolished. Now the question is: Just when will the new gymnasium be built?

The gymnasium played a vital role in the growth and the development of sports, not only in the high school system, but in the sport of basketball in general.

The Ministry of Education provided three outdoor courts, but they were not as utilised as the gymnasium.

STUBBS



OPINION

Let's hope that the ministry will find it necessary to replace the gymnasium.

It was a crying shame that the ancient AF Adderley Gymnasium was turned into class room facilities instead of being restored for the use of basketball and volleyball after it went into a state of decay.

The AF Adderley Gymnasium was the site for the popular Hugh Campbell Basketball Classic and the New Providence Basketball Association, both in their heydays.

There's no reason why all schools should not be equipped with their own gymnasium.

In recent times, there have been three new schools built and with the exception of the Anatol Rodgers High School, there are no gymnasiums on the huge land available at both the CV Bethel and Dame Doris Johnson Secondary High Schools. Anatol Rodgers, the newest school to be completed, has a gymnasium, but it's still not in operation.

Let's provide the environments for more of our athletes to display their skills.



THE UNDER-14 Junior Boys warm up at the starting line.

RESULTS OF NEW PROVIDENCE CYCLING ASSOCIATION MIDWEEK TRACK CYCLING CLASSIC

THE NEW Providence Cycling Association staged its Midweek Track Cycling Classic on Wednesday at the National Cycling Track at the Queen Elizabeth, Sport Centre.

Here's a look at the results posted:

OPEN MALE RACE - 4 laps - mile sprint. Times was not recorded.

1ST PLACE - Anthony Biggie Colebrook - Generali Warriors

2ND PLACE - Michael Rolle

3RD PLACE - Alvin Garlin - Brown's United

4TH PLACE - Justin Minnis - Generali Warriors

OPEN WOMEN - 4 Lap - 1 mile sprint

1ST PLACE - Abigail Minnis - Generali Warriors

2ND PLACE - Mary Green

OPEN JUNIORS 17YRS AND UNDER BOYS - 4 lap - 1 mile sprint

1ST PLACE - Peetron Lightbourne - Generali Warriors

2ND PLACE - Michael Seymore - Generali Warriors

3RD PLACE - Darren Davis - Yellow Elder Community Team

4TH PLACE - Jamson Rolle - Generali Warriors

OPEN JUNIOR 14YRS

AND UNDER BOYS - 4 lap - 1 mile sprint

1ST PLACE - Cecil William - Black Village Hawks

2ND PLACE - Felix Neely - Generali Warriors

3RD PLACE - Auderick Colebrook Jr

4TH PLACE - Sheman Canter - Generali Warriors

OPEN JUNIORS 14YRS AND UNDER GIRLS

1ST PLACE - Antinece Simmons - Generali Warriors

2ND PLACE - Dakota Minnis

MASTERS MALE - 45 YRS AND OVER - 4 laps or 1 mile sprint

1ST PLACE - Roger Davis

PEE WEE BOYS - 10YRS AND UNDER

1ST PLACE - Aston Nicolas

2ND PLACE - Barron Musgrove Jr

3RD PLACE - A J Moss Jr

HILTON HITS TWO HOMERUNS

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"I thought we did good considering we have a lot of veteran older guys and we still came out here and made it a good game.

After falling behind at the end of the first inning, the Truckers rallied to cut the deficit to 4-3 in the second, thanks to a two-out, two-run single from Orlando White.

The Truckers tied the score at 4-4 in the third on an unearned run from Storr before they took a 6-4 lead on two more unearned runs from Charles Rolle and Deigo Hutchinson in the fourth. In the fifth, Julian Taylor's RBI single drove in Marvin 'Tougie' Wood to extend their lead to 7-4.

However, the Hitmen responded after they got the bases loaded on international walks to Ferguson and Hilton. With two out, Jamiko Sands came in to pinch hit for Jeffery Woodside and he delivered a two-run double and Darren Stevens added an RBI single as they regained the lead 8-7.

That was short lived as the Truckers rebounded in the top of the sixth as Deigo Hutchinson managed to get on with an error and he eventually rode home on Storr's RBI sacrifice fly.

After Dorin United's relief pitcher Keiron Munroe retired the side in order, including striking out Winston Seymour and Jamal 'Sarge' Johnson in the top of the frame, Island Luck's pitcher Leroy Thompson took a gamble pitching to Hilton. He waited patiently for the first pitch that he banded out of the park as the Hitmen celebrated.

The Truckers dropped to third at 8-5, but manager Perry Seymour said they played as well as they could

have.

"I'm really proud of the performance of the players for how long we haven't played," Seymour reflected. "The most embarrassing thing for me is that we're a veteran team, but we didn't play with any smarts. After five weeks of not playing or working out, we scored a lot of runs. We just didn't play smart when we should have and that cost us the game. We made some dumb mistakes."

Tonight, Seymour and his Truckers will have another big game when they take on the New Breed for what could be the outcome of the pennant. New Breed, managed by Martin 'Pork' Burrows, currently hold the lead in the division at 11-1. After going undefeated at 10-0, stopping all of their opponents in five innings, New Breed's only loss came to the 11-4 second place John's Buccaneers, managed by Mike Dillet.

In Thursday's opener, the Proper Care Pool Lady Sharks extended their front running lead in the ladies' division to 14-2 with a 5-1 victory over the 5-9 fifth place Black Scorpions.

Thela Johnson went the distance, tossing a three-hitter with five walks and as many strike outs. She also helped her own cause by going 2-for-2 with a run scored. The Lady Sharks also got a 1-for-3 night with a run from both Sharnell Symonette and Trekia Munroe; 1-for-2 with a run from Shonte Gibson and Kelly Smith was 1-for-1 with an RBI.

Lashanta Fowler was 2-for-3; Ingrid Rose was 1-for-3 and Crystal Taylor scored the lone run for the Scorpions. Marvell Miller gave up five hits with a walk and strike out in a losing effort.