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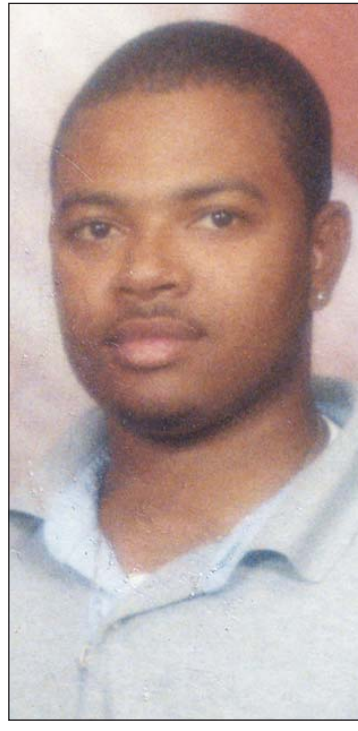
WEATHER



Sunrise: 7:01 am
Sunset: 7:19 pm
High Tide: 6:36 pm
Low Tide: 12:55 am

Sunny periods with the rain chance continuing at 30%, increasing to 40% on Saturday and 60% for Sunday.

TEMP: 90° WINDS: S-SE 10KNOTS



MERRILL DORSETTE JR.

JEFFREY PINDER

Double tragedy

Victims of head-on collision identified

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The two young men who lost their lives in the island's latest traffic tragedy have been identified as 23-year-old Jeffrey Pinder, of #36 Tudor Gardens and Merrill Dorsette Jr., of Waterfall Drive, who celebrated his 23rd birthday last Thursday, September 8.

Both youngsters were described as loving, hard-working men, who loved life and family.

Mr. Pinder and Mr. Dorsette were recorded as Grand Bahama's 15th and 16th traffic fatalities Wednesday evening, when the purple 2005 Toyota Scion they occupied with a third friend, Max Smith, 19, of #11 Ferry Horse Lane, collided head-on with a 2002 Ford Expedition.

While both 23 year-olds succumbed to serious mul-

tiple injuries sustained on impact, Mr. Smith was rushed to the trauma section of the Rand Memorial Hospital. He was later airlifted to the Princess Margaret Hospital for further medical assistance, as his condition was listed as "seriously ill."

The Freeport News spoke to Chief Inspector of Police Edmund Rahming, officer-in-charge of the Traffic Police Station, early Thursday afternoon and he reported that shortly after 1:00 p.m. following a conversation with authorities at PMH, Mr. Smith's condition had not changed.

"At last check he was still in the intensive care unit," said Mr. Rahming, who promised to stay in constant contact with the hospital authorities.

Meanwhile, family members of the deceased young men gathered yesterday, sharing their grief over the

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The judiciary as a franchise

Lawyer criticizes appointment of foreign justices

By LISA S. KING
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Noted attorney Maurice Ginton yesterday criticised the consistent appointment of foreign Justices in the country who hold top positions in the Supreme Court that could be filled by competent Bahamians.

Mr. Ginton, who has about 25 years of experience in his field, told members of the Rotary Club of Freeport during their weekly meeting that such an issue is important because it represents a breakdown of quality control in the nation's judiciary system, which he compared to a franchise.

Mr. Ginton explained that there are three branches of Government: Legislative/Executive, Cabinet and the

Judiciary, adding that The Bahamas inherited, under its Constitution of 1972, a franchise that must be maintained by a Government (Executive) that should be accountable in exercising its power, while upholding quality control of that franchise.

The veteran attorney said what concerns him is, once it is accepted that the Supreme Court is entitled to be a part of the governmental process, one would expect that in the appointment of judges to the Supreme Court structure — whether it is the Supreme Court itself or the Court of Appeal — the same kind of care would be exercised.

However, he told Rotarians that he has observed over the years, that no thought or consideration is given to

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QUALITY CONTROL — Attorney Maurice Ginton shares with members of the Rotary Club of Freeport on Thursday the importance of maintaining quality control in the nation's judiciary system as it pertains to the appointment of Justices to the Supreme Court.
(Staff photo by LISA KING)

Exigency order extended

Carnard Bethel, under secretary in the Grand Bahama Office of the Prime Minister, yesterday announced that approvals were granted on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 under Exigency Order No. 11 for an extension to duty free imports as a result of last year's Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne to September 30.

The Exigency Order covered items of exemption such as building materials, electrical fixtures and materials, plumbing fixtures and materials, and household furniture and appliances under Part 'A'. Covered under Part 'B' are motor vehicles, motor cycles, and golf carts.

"Expiry date for this extension under Order No. 11 is September 30, 2005, and this means that items must be imported on or before



ANNOUNCEMENT — Carnard Bethel, under secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, announcing that the exigency order for duty free imports has been extended.

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