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77°F

Variable cloudiness with a few showers

SUNRISE: 7:00 a.m.
SUNSET: 5:57 p.m.
HIGH TIDE: 5:35 a.m. - 6:12 p.m.
LOW TIDE: 11:46 a.m. - 11:41 p.m.
WINDS: ESE at 10 mph

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Victim's examination results revealed in court



ACCUSED – Fred Williams accused of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor teenage male, hides his face as he arrives for his hearing in the Supreme Court Thursday (January 31) morning. (PHOTO: VANDYKE HEPBURN)

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A medical practitioner took the witness box during the unlawful sexual intercourse trial of Fred Williams on Thursday (January 31) morning in Freeport's Supreme Court.

Williams is charged with multiple counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor of the same sex, a teenage boy, in December 2017. The crime allegedly took place from October 2016 to November 2016; February 2017 and in Novem-

ber 2017.

Senior Justice Estelle Gray-Evans is presiding over the trial, which began this week and is being presented before a six-man, three-woman jury.

Prosecutors Erica Kemp and Trevor Kemp represent the Crown, while Williams is being represented by Attorney Carlson Shurland of Shurland and Co.

The medical practitioner oversaw the medical examination of the victim, done back on November 30, 2017.

Referring to the victim as her patient, the medical practitioner

told the court that she was with the nurse during the exam and she took a blood specimen, which was given to a police officer.

The witness testified that she commented that the patient was allegedly molested and forced to perform sexual acts more than three times. However, the report stated that there was no "penetration" and there was no "ejaculation."

She told the court that the patient told her the alleged assailant is known to the patient and the last encounter was November 24, 2017.

During the exam the patient was conscious, coherent and had no pulmonary distress.

The witness also testified that the patient told her he blocked the memories.

After the exam the patient was referred to a specialist, because whenever there is a risk or possibility that the patient may have contracted a sexually transmitted disease they are referred, the witness testified.

Prosecutor Erica Kemp asked the witness that having heard the complaints would she conclude that there would be abra-

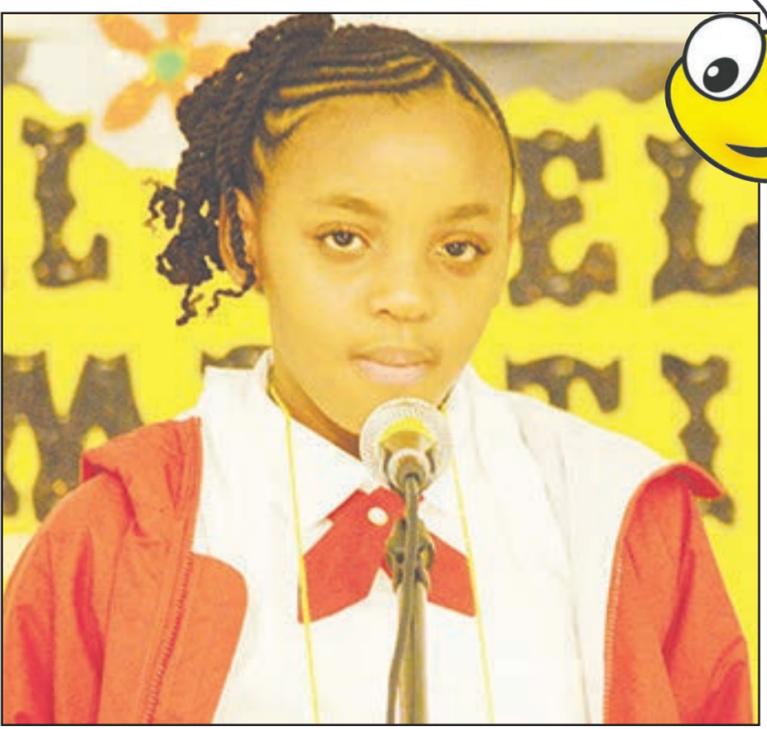
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TAJ, VULCANIZE

Spelling Bee winning words



WESTERN DISTRICT TOP SPELLER – Jayden Pinder of Hugh Campbell Primary School was declared the winner of the Spelling Bee for the Western District, during the competition that took place on Thursday, January 31 at the Bahamas Union of Teachers Hall.



EASTERN DISTRICT WINNER – Azaria Louis of Maurice Moore Primary School was the official winner for the Eastern District at the Annual Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 31.

(PHOTOS: JENNEVA RUSSELL)



Female dies following Abaco boating accident

Police on the island of Abaco are investigating a boating incident that occurred on Wednesday (January 30), which claimed the life of a female passenger.

Reports are that police were called to an area near Little Hog Cay, where a white 28ft. vessel with two 250hp engines attached and with two occupants on board had run aground on rocks. Further investigation revealed that a female passenger, was found on board unresponsive.

She was taken to the Marsh Harbour Medical Centre, where she was pronounced dead by a doctor. An autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Police are actively investigating this matter.

Meanwhile, officers in Bimini are investigating the discovery of illegal drugs and ammunition.

According to reports, on Wednesday, January 30, officers of the Bimini District acting on information and armed with search warrants, discovered in two separate incidents, a quantity of suspected marijuana and a black .40 gun with extended magazine and 16, 9mm ammunition.

No arrest was made in these matters.

Azaria Louis and Jayden Pinder named Eastern and Western Districts Spelling Bee champions respectively

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TAJ and VULCANIZE were the two winning words of the 22nd Annual Spelling Bee competition held yesterday – Thursday, January 31 – at the Bahamas Union of Teachers Hall.

Azaria Louis from Maurice Moore Primary correctly spelt her winning word "Taj" to claim the title for the Eastern District and Jayden Pinder of Hugh Campbell Primary won the title for the Western District, collecting spelling "Vulcanize."

The two 2019 winners were among 25 competitors from 13 government and eight private schools, including three stu-

dents from Bimini.

District Education Officer, Sheila Scavella, who coordinated the Spelling Bee said that the competition began back in 1998 and it was the brainchild of Oswald Brown, former Editor of *The Freeport News* and *The Nassau Guardian*.

She added that the competition enables students to improve their writing and reading skills and of course, builds their vocabulary.

"This competition is very special to the district, because it gives our students a chance to compete locally and possibly move on to New Providence, where we hope they would win and by all means represent us in Washington D.C at the Scripps

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