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## Officials visit students in Trinidad

★ THE demands of the 3rd China-Caribbean Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum in Port Of Spain, Trinidad, were not enough to keep Bahamian officials from spending time with Bahamians studying in that country. High Commissioner to Caricom and Caricom countries, MP Sidney Collie and Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, Larry Cartwright spent time with almost 40 students of St Augustine Campus of the University Of

The West Indies. They were accompanied by The Bahamas' Honorary Consul to Trinidad And Tobago, Dr Monica Lewis. Both Minister Cartwright and High Commissioner Collie encouraged the students to consider beginning their medical careers on one of the family islands, where the rewards can be valuable and beneficial to them. Our photo shows the students with MPs Collie and Cartwright, along with Dr Lewis.



## Volunteers help clean-up Eleuthera

★ THERE was a lot to clean up in Eleuthera after Hurricane Irene tore through the island. So, a small group of individuals from the Rotaract Club of Eleuthera, Rotary Club of Eleuthera, South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP) and the Cape Eleuthera Island School gathered in Governor's Harbour to help with the clean-up effort. Following a meeting with Local Government officials, the volunteers set out for James Cistern, where they helped remove mounds of seaweed from the Primary School yard and from the homes of residents. Organisations like Rotary, SEEP and The Island School have

worked together in the past to help the community, but never before in response to a natural disaster. By coming together to assist others, the organisations are showing their commitment to the communities of Eleuthera. "We brought a dump truck, some tools and a few good men and women to help out with the effort," remarked Josh Shultz, who works at the Cape Eleuthera Institute. "Hopefully we've made a difference by helping to remove some of this debris. And more importantly we want to send a message that we care about the community in which we live—we're not just living in a bubble up at The Cape."



## Bahamas hosts Small Island Developing States Conference

★ THE Bahamas will play a prominent role in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Conference to be held in Nassau at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort from now to September 23. Phillip Weech, Director of the BEST Commission and an internationally-renowned environmental scientist, will be among the experts participating in the conference. He will also conduct a public lecture on The Bahamas' perspective on climate change on Thursday, September 22, at 6:30pm, at the Performing Arts Centre of The College of The Bahamas. Elma Garraway, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, stated that The Bahamas is honoured that UNESCO has seen fit to host this conference here. The event is expected to attract nearly 100 delegates, including several Heads of States of various countries around

the world. "Besides the economic impact that this conference will have on The Bahamas and the international spotlight that it will place on us for the duration of the conference, it will be an opportune time for us to learn how we can protect ourselves from the increasing threat of global warming which has precipitated a serious shift in weather patterns across the world and indeed The Bahamas," Mrs Garraway noted. Academy Award winning actor, Forest Whitaker, UNESCO's Goodwill Ambassador, will make an appearance. And Bahamian, Dr Davidson Hepburn, President of the 35th General Session of UNESCO, will also be in attendance. Hosting this conference is one of the highlights of Dr Hepburn's tenure, as he will demit office at the 36th General Session in Paris next month. The Planning Committee for the UNESCO Small Island Developing States Conference is pictured above.



## Visitors donate to Education

★ THE Centre 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 & 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.

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