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PROSECUTOR GRANT-BETHELL BACK IN COURT

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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VETERAN prosecutor Cheryl Grant-Bethell was back in court yesterday where her attorneys argued that she should not be made to pay costs. Mrs Grant-Bethell filed an application for judicial review after being passed over for the post of Director of Public

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New study by Royal Bahamas Police Force



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff
RESEARCH ANALYSIS: Police officer Sgt. Chaswell Hanna speaks at Chapter One Bookstore to COB students yesterday on recently published murder study.

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A NEW study reveals that the country's murder rate is three times higher per capita than the United States. The Royal Bahamas Police Force's study, announced yesterday afternoon at the College of the Bahamas Chapters book store, Sgt Chaswell Hanna said that for every 100,000 persons, the Bahamas has three times the murders of the US and is ranked 14th in the world. The study entitled, "Reducing Murders in The Bahamas: A Strategic Plan Based on Empirical Research," is a comprehensive research analysis of murder trends between 2005 and 2009 and also features a murder reduction strategy

that proposes policy changes, police initiatives, legislative adjustments and community based programmes. Sgt Hanna said the research project is aimed to increase public awareness of specific types of murder, identifying avenues to increase detection rates, and outlining guidelines by which case disposal by the police and convictions can be improved. In the study Sgt Hanna reveals that murders are primarily occurring in the south eastern area of New Providence consisting of Pinewood, South Beach, Nassau Village and other densely populated areas. According to the study victims' profiles have been consistent over the last 15

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WORKERS PARTY LEADER STAYS SILENT OVER HIS STATEMENT ON RADIO PROGRAMME

WORKERS Party Leader Rodney Moncur declined to comment on a statement he made during a radio programme claiming that Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham was responsible for writing the editorials of this newspaper and not its publisher, Eileen Dupuch Carron. When contacted by *The Tribune* for proof to back up his assertions, Mr Moncur said that while he was privy to a "lot of information" he was unwilling to make an enemy of *The Tribune*. Mr Moncur's remarks came earlier this week on the radio programme "Hard Copy" hosted by former BIS Director of



RODNEY MONCUR

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LET'S DANCE: BAHAMAS EXPERIENCES 'FLASH MOB'



DANCING UP A STORM: Hundreds were surprised as they experienced a 'flash mob' in the Port Lucaya Marketplace in Grand Bahama. As tourists and locals enjoyed the Spring Break and St Patrick's Day, a group of over 80 persons, ranging from children to senior citizens, performed a three-minute dance routine starting with one person and building to the full group.

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Man shot dead 'while trying to protect brother'

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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A FAMILY is grieving the loss of 29-year-old Javado Miller who was killed while reportedly attempting to protect his brother from gunfire. Eyewitnesses said Mr Miller's brother, Tevaris Miller, was sitting outside his house between Kemp and St James' Roads with a group of up to 15 people when a man related to the Miller brothers approached and started an argument with Tevaris just after 6pm. "He came up to him saying he didn't like how he had been speeding through his corner," an eyewitness said. "Then he struck him, so they ended up fighting." The argument escalated into a fist fight. The man left the area with bruises on his face, threatening to return. When he came back to the scene around 20 minutes later he fired shots at the crowd, eyewitnesses said. Javado pushed his brother into the house where he would be safe, and approached the gunman in

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SCENE OF TRAGEDY: The place where Javado Miller was shot in front of a group of up to 15 friends and relatives. Blood can be seen on a plastic bike part in the foreground.

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LET US ENTERTAIN YOU: The flash mob in Count Basie Square at Port Lucaya on March 17 just after 6pm.

WHAT was likely the very first 'flash mob' experienced in the Bahamas took hundreds by surprise in the Port Lucaya Marketplace in Grand Bahama on Thursday.

As tourists and locals were out in the spirit of not only Spring Break, but also St Patrick's Day, a group of over 80 persons from all

walks of life, ranging from children to senior citizens, performed a three-minute dance routine starting with one person and building to the full group.

The group had been practicing for four weeks under the direction of local Grand Bahamian choreography Julion Collie for their performance.

The term 'flash mob' denotes a group of people who are directed to assemble suddenly in a public place at a designated time to perform an unusual and sometimes seemingly pointless act for a brief time, then disperse.

Entertainment

The purpose of a flash mob is often for entertainment and/or satire.

Flash mobs have become very popular since 2003 and many have taken place all over the world.

The difficulty with any flash mob is to keep it secret, and in particular on an island.

Dubbed "the best known secret" on Grand Bahama, organisers said those that knew or found out by sur-

prise "experienced a little piece of history".

Thursday's flash mob was the brainchild of Laurie Tuchel, a resident of Grand Bahama and co-founder of the Grand Bahama Heritage Foundation.

Prudence Gallagher, owner of the clothing store Banelero, was the event co-organiser.

The flash mob was directed by Jackie Dack and the film direction was done by Paul Mockler and David Mackey.

Although many clips will likely make their on to the internet, filmed by the many bystanders, an official video will be announced soon and will be made available on Youtube.com, TheBahamasWeekly.com, and via other media house websites, organisers said.

The Grand Bahama Heritage Foundation presented all the participants with a bright blue wrist band that says "GBI Flash Mob 2011" as a keepsake.

Organisers said they want to thank the many flash mob participants who brought "a huge sense of enthusiasm and fun to the community of Grand Bahama."



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AIRPORT TRAFFIC CHANGES COME INTO EFFECT

THE Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) yesterday advised that further changes to traffic flow at the Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) have come into effect.

As the LPIA Redevelopment Project moves into stage two (the demolition and reconstruction of the old US Departure Terminal) traffic exiting the airport will be diverted or redirected to accommodate construction vehicles. As such, the motoring public is advised to observe and obey all traffic signage in order to ensure peaceful co-existence of all users, motorists and pedestrians. "The full understanding, cooperation and patience of the public is appreciated as we continue to transform LPIA into a world-class airport," NAD said.

PEOPLE QUIZZED ABOUT IMMIGRATION STATUS

THE Department of Immigration in collaboration with the Royal Bahamas Defence Force mounted an apprehension exercise on Harbour Island on Thursday, questioning persons on job sites and in the community. A number of persons were apprehended and questioned about their immigration status. Officials said that following "a thorough interview and investigation process," officers sent to Nassau 35 persons, who were unable to satisfy questions concerning their status.

OFFICERS SEIZE WEAPON

A high-powered weapon was seized by officers of the Rapid Strike unit on Thursday night.

The police officers were acting on a tip when they proceeded to an abandoned building on Summer Street in Nassau Village at around 10.50pm. The officers found the weapon inside the derelict building; no one was taken into custody. Investigations into this matter continue.

Ministry wins legal dispute over decision to withdraw official from Miami post

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs has secured a legal victory and has reissued its directive recalling the Bahamian official with responsibility for trade and investment in the Miami Consul, according to documents obtained by *The Tribune*.

Lynnith Braynen, a civil servant for 21 years, filed a judicial review against the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Attorney General over a decision to withdraw her from the Miami post. Her challenge to the decision has been rejected by the courts. She was awarded a one-year contract to serve as Consul in 2009. Her request for an extension was denied last year.

And her apartment lease was set to be terminated.

Since the legal victory last week, Mrs Braynen has been instructed to "wind up" her affairs and return to the Bahamas "no later than Sunday, 27 March, 2011", according to a letter sent by Patricia Rodgers, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA).

Documents

The letter also notes that Mrs Braynen is to hand over all official documents issued by the US State Department, "including identification cards, tax

exemption cards" to the Consul General, Rhoda Jackson.

Mrs Braynen has since appealed to the ministry for reconsideration on "humanitarian grounds among others." She argues the transfer would interfere with the "ongoing medical management" of her son, who is being treated for cerebral palsy, and "interrupt" the education of her eldest daughter, who is enrolled in school in the US.

Medical specialists say the prognosis for her son for gradual improvement and prevention of complications is good as long as the therapeutic measures are in place.

Her son is said to currently require physical and occupa-

tional therapy programmes at a frequency of twice a week.

Mrs Braynen's daughter was nominated to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington at the end of the month.

"She was recognised as one of a select group of students with the scholastic merit, maturity and strength of character

to represent her school and her country at this unique leadership programme for exceptional grade six and seven students," stated a letter sent by Mrs Braynen to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

She appealed to the "empathy and goodwill" of the permanent secretary in outlining the familial considerations.

South Eleuthera students earn almost \$1m in scholarships

THE Deep Creek Middle School announced this week that five students have been accepted to attend boarding schools in the US on scholarships, each of which is worth almost \$1 million.

The students, who will begin boarding school in the 2011-2012 school year, are:

- Benjamin Williams of Palmetto Point (The Pennington School, NJ)
- Kristen Rolle of Deep Creek (The Lawrenceville School, NJ)
- Megan Sweeting of Green Castle (Perkiomen, PA)
- Anna McCartney of Tarpum Bay (Wilbraham and Monson Academy, MA)
- Alicie Goodman of Tarpum Bay (Lawrence Academy, MA)

These students join 19 other Deep Creek Middle School (DCMS) graduates who have gone on to study at US boarding schools in the school's 10-year history.

At \$230,000 per year, the scholarships and aid packages are the largest ever given in one year to DCMS graduates.

"Each year, we have to fundraise \$230,000 to run the school. So it is nice to see that the investment that others have made in the past is continuing to be invested in these students said principal Dr Joanna Paul. "It shows how valuable our DCMS graduates are worldwide."

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FANTASTIC FIVE: Students who will begin boarding school in 2011-2012.

have received \$2.25 million in scholarships for secondary education.

"I am extremely proud of Megan and the other students for their achievements. This represents a great opportunity for these students to further their education and will open doors for their continued successes down the road," said parent Bernadette Sweeting of Green Castle.

The Deep Creek Middle School (DCMS) is an independent school for Bahamian students in grades seven through nine.

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Lacking complete answers on radiation risk

THYROID cancer for sure. Leukemia, probably. Too much radiation can raise the risk of developing cancer years down the road, scientists agree, and the young are most vulnerable. But just how much or how long an exposure is risky is not clear.

Those are among the unknowns scientists are contemplating as the crisis unfolds at Japan's stricken nuclear power plant.

In Japan, the Science Ministry said radiation levels about 19 miles northwest of the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant rose at one point Friday to 0.15 millisieverts per hour, about the amount absorbed in a chest X-ray. But levels have been fluctuating, and radiation at most sites that distance from the facility have been far below that. Long term, it is clear radiation can induce cancer. But researchers can't just count cancer cases after a disaster and declare radiation responsible. Rates before and after must be compared to know if more cases occurred than would be expected.

That is why, 25 years after the Chernobyl accident, there is still controversy over its effects beyond the undisputed 6,000 cases of thyroid cancer. Of these cases, only 15 had proved fatal as of 2005, even though the Soviets were slow to treat victims of the catastrophe. The records necessary to spot trends in other types of cancer as a result of Chernobyl are poor, said Dr. Fred Mettler, a University of New Mexico scientist who led a United Nations-sponsored team investigating Chernobyl's health effects.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that no amount of radiation is absolutely safe above the 3 to 6 millisieverts a year that most of us get from normal living. In contrast, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission says that low doses — less than 100 millisieverts spread out over years — are not harmful. Researchers have not documented danger from such low levels, said Kelly Classic, a radiation physicist at the Mayo Clinic and a spokeswoman for the Health Physics Society, an organization of radiation safety specialists.

High doses — over 500 millisieverts — can raise the risk of leukemia, breast, bladder, colon, liver, lung, esophageal, ovarian and stomach cancers, and the blood cancer multiple myeloma, government scientists say.

In between the high and lower levels, the picture is murky. Much depends on the type of radiation people are exposed to, how old they are, and how well each person's body repairs any DNA damage.

Children are the ones at risk for radiation's most obviously related cancer — thyroid. Radioactive iodine collects in the thyroid gland in the neck. Potassium iodide pills can block its absorption and minimize harm, but they must be given within 12 hours of exposure to do much good. When Chernobyl exploded, health workers "had millions of square kilometers

cover and it was all rural areas and they didn't really have anything stockpiled," Mettler said. Children also drank milk from cows that grazed on contaminated grass for weeks after the disaster, compounding their exposure and risk. More than 6,000 thyroid cancers have been documented in people who were children in the Ukraine, Belarus and Russia when the disaster occurred. But in Poland, where the antidote pills were given out, there were no higher rates of thyroid cancer.

Properly treated, thyroid "is one of the least deadly cancers," the American Cancer Society says. And low levels of radioactive iodine exposure have not been shown to increase thyroid cancer risk in studies of fallout from nuclear weapons testing in the western United States during the 1950s, the society says. Studies of atomic bomb survivors have found higher rates of cancer. But those disasters involved different radioactive elements than the type emitted from the Japanese nuclear plant so far.

So for now, the clearest information on cancer risk from a nuclear plant accident may come from Chernobyl. That disaster exposed 5 million people in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine to large amounts of radioactive material for 10 days, according to the 2008 report that Mettler helped write for the United Nations' Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, which represents 22 nations on nuclear safety.

Exposure to cesium was a big concern because it affects the whole body, not just the thyroid gland. And exposure among cleanup workers and emergency responders ranged as high as a few hundred millisieverts over the following few years. Evidence suggests a higher rate of leukemia in these workers, "but it's not certain," Mettler said.

Research is continuing in that group, and longer follow-up should establish that more clearly, he said.

As bad as Chernobyl was, the average radiation dose over 20 years to people who live in contaminated areas was "relatively low" — 9 millisieverts, nearly the equivalent of a CT scan — once the short-term doses to the thyroid were subtracted, the UN report said. That means there should not be "substantial health effects in the general population that could be attributed to radiation," the report concludes.

The NRC has said that typical annual background exposure to radiation shaves 18 days off the expected lifespan. Working in a nuclear plant under ordinary conditions — not in a crisis like the one unfolding in Japan — shortens life expectancy by 51 days. By comparison, being 15 per cent overweight cuts two years; smoking a pack of cigarettes a day costs six years of life.

(This article is by The Associated Press).

URCA – me thinketh thou protest too much!

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Instead of URCA issuing press releases, in the spirit and intent of competition and regulation, transparency, non-discrimination and all the good stuff that URCA espouses, they should hold a press conference and open themselves up to questions from the press/public.

The Commissioners and Executive Management who are well paid and remunerated should be required to face the music. Not hide behind paper. Too whom much is given, much is expected. URCA's professionalism has been called into question, by hiring a consultant who is foreign-based and who is unable

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URCA's 2009 Annual Report allocates \$418,394 for Key Management Compensation. Almost \$500,000, the fee need to be held to the fire. We pay these foreigners more money than would ever be given to a local firm, they then have to be made even more accountable.

It is lamentable that the press and the opposition have

awoken at this late date to question the entire privatisation exercise. It seems back in 2009 an article was carried in one of the newspapers about the impartiality of the BTC privatisation committee and its advisors. I seem to recall the chairman of the privatisation committee at that time, saying this was "belly-aching."

Government in the sunshine – just extorting taxes and burning up tax dollars, because for all this money ain't nothing "chang-ing."

LINDA THOMAS
Metaphorically Speaking
Nassau,
March 1, 2011.

Time for both sides in Parliament to raise bar

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Thanks for the space allowed in printing this letter as a first time writer.

As I read the today's edition of your news paper I ran across a story 'MP claims PLP consciously voted against providing clean water.'

Ordinarily I would just past over such a heading but in this case I had to read the whole story to be able to get a proper understanding to the contents matching that with the story's heading. It was at the end of the story that the Prime Minister brought some clarity to my earlier perception.

However it seems to me that if the MP who introduced the item in the House had the same understanding that there would have been no need for its introduction, (unless to be mischievous). While on the other side of the coin if sincere attention was paid when the bill was introduced it would have been clear to all as to

what they were voting for or against.

Then I concluded as others in the country that we as taxpayers are not getting the kind of representation that is expected.

Since the Bahamian populace cannot all go to parliament and listen and respond to its daily work we expect those we elect to represent us to do so rather than many hours trying to score points against each other.

Recently I have become very disappointed in type of discussion that is allowed to go on in parliament.

While I am still an old supporter of the FNM, I believe it is time for both sides to raise the bar and show more respect one to another while they are privileged to serve this great Bahamas.

ALFRED MOSS
Freeport,
Grand Bahama.
March 3, 2011.

Action needed before it comes to bloodshed

EDITOR, The Tribune.

There has been much to-do lately regarding the prison bus route through eastern New Providence where the bus and its police escort are driven in a manner that endangers others on the road.

Living in that area, I am often on those roads and feel compelled to voice my outrage at this dangerous and unnecessary practice.

Unfortunately, my recent experience is similar to that of too many other drivers that frequent these roads.

I was heading west on Eastern Road near the bend at Deal's Heights around 4.30pm. Obviously, given the time of day, there was bumper-to-bumper eastbound traffic.

Due to the curve in the road, I could not see oncoming traffic beyond a short distance in front of my car, and conceivably, nor could the approaching traffic heading east. In a split second I was looking at a police car straight on, driving towards me at an excessive rate of speed on my side of the road.

What to do, where to go? There is no time to weigh the options.

One instinctively pulls off to the verge of the road, which in this case was virtually nonexistent.

Fortunately for me, the oncoming traffic, mostly hard working citizens trying to get home after a hard day's work, had moved over and stopped.

This allowed the police escort and the prisoner bus to scrape past me.

Had this not happened, the narrow lane that was used by the speeding bus would not have appeared and I might be writing a letter of an entirely different nature.

In a letter to the Editor in this column today (March 18), the writer stated that hers was the third such letter printed this week addressing this very serious matter. Well, consider this the fourth.

How many will it take to get the relevant government Ministry's attention to resolve this dangerous situation?

Must we wait for personal injury or loss of life to occur? An accident is going to happen.

It is not even "if" it happens, but rather "when" it happens. There will be blood on the hands of those responsible for overseeing our vehicular safety on the streets of Nassau.

As Mrs Ogilvie states in her letter to the Editor, "There has to be a better way."

Let's see some action taken on this volatile situation before it comes to bloodshed.

Concerned for our safety.

B THOMPSON
Nassau,
March 18, 2011.

WHAT MAKES A PUBLIC TOILET STATE-OF-THE-ART?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I don't usually watch when the Senate is televised, however, having to rest a sprained ankle, I caught some of the debate yesterday and was very impressed by the creative language of certain of our Senators.

Saunders Beach new toilets – for those who missed this we are going to have a set of state-of-the art male and female toilets.

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Cable television? Wi-fi connection for those who wish to be always connected? Fixed line telephone in each toilet booth? Selection of the daily newspapers? Charging points for your mobile telephone and blackberries? Of course an ATM!

Only then I suggest the public toilet could be described as state-of-the art.

It really is the silly season already – elections coming sooner than we all expect certainly before the 'OOO's of Chinese for Cable Beach.

H HUMES
Nassau,
March 15, 2011.



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LOCAL NEWS

Bahamian education needs foreign teachers to prevent 'stagnation'

BY DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT – Even though the government is seeking to recruit more Bahamian teachers in some critical subject areas, Education Minister Desmond Bannister said foreign teachers will always be needed in the country's education system.

He stressed that the education system can become stagnant without a "cross pollination" in education of foreign educators.

Visiting Grand Bahama, Minister Bannister said the Cuban teachers have been a blessing to the schools in the Family Islands, despite some minor language issues.



DESMOND BANNISTER

"We are grateful for the relationship we have with Cuba," said the education minister. "This is the third time that Cuban teachers have come here in three-year stints. And there have been small language issues every year and it has been documented for the last six years that this has happened."

Mr Bannister explained that the Cuban teachers are not familiar with the Bahamian vernacular but are able to speak English. "There is a period they require so that they become

familiar with the Bahamian idiom; they speak English and they come in the classroom with 30 children who may say certain things that are not the Queen's English that they learned at university in Cuba," he said. However, Mr Bannister said the Bahamas has benefited by having these teachers, "firstly, in areas where we don't have sufficient Bahamians qualified, such as agriculture and a number of technical areas, and secondly, they are willing to go in the Family Islands where we have thousands of children that need to be educated and where, quite frankly, many of my teachers might not want to go."

"We continue to encourage Bahamians to invest a part of their careers teaching in the Family Islands, making a dif-

ference in the lives of young Bahamian children in those islands. Those Cuban teachers have gone and made a difference in many of the Family Islands teaching chemistry, physics, math, and other areas where we need more and more Bahamians to come back home and specialise in," Mr Bannister said. "And as we get more Bahamians we can phase out more non-Bahamian teachers, but what we also have to realise is any education system that is stagnant and refusing to bring people from the outside, any education system that refuses to entertain other ideas, thoughts and cultures, becomes so stagnant that it fails to educate people at the level it ought to," he said.

"So no matter how advanced

the education system is, you will continue to need and want to get foreigners in it some how. That is what the Americans are doing; they are now recruiting some of our top Bahamian students to stay there in the sciences."

Mr Bannister said he recently met a Bahamian who is now teaching in China.

"These other countries understand the need for cross-pollination in education, and we have to appreciate that the very nature of education is such that without cross-pollination it becomes stagnant and we do not improve at all," he said.

BOOK DRIVE TO BOOST LIBRARY

A BOOK drive commemorating March as Literacy Month is being held to offer a much needed boost to the library at Thelma Gibson Primary school.

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BAHAMIAN STUDENTS EXCEL AT FLORIDA SPELLING BEE COMPETITION



BY DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT – Bahamian students representing the Catholic Board of Education of the Archdiocese of Nassau ranked among the top three at the Annual Knights of Columbus Florida Spelling Bee Competition.

A student from Grand Bahama took second place in the Grade 5-6 Division, while a student from Nassau placed third in the Grade 7-8 Division.

Gabrielle Edwards, a student of Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic School in Grand Bahama, and Johnathan Johnson of the Xavier Lower School in Nassau, were the top spellers at this year's 49th Archdiocesan Spelling Bee Competition in Nassau.

Gabrielle and Johnathan went on to represent the Catholic Board of Education in the Bahamas at the annual Knights Spelling Bee

Competition held in Kissimmee, Florida. The Knights of Columbus Councils in the Bahamas, Nassau Council 10415, Grand Bahama Council 10647, West Nassau Council 11755, and North Eleuthera Council 12962 sponsor two winners and a parent every year to the Florida competition.

Assist

"Our Councils are pleased to assist these students to this competition where they have either won a division or returned with recognition in the top three spots," said Knights District Deputy Gregory Christie.

"The District expresses its gratitude to the teachers and coaches of the students and the Catholic Board of Education for overseeing the annual competition in the Bahamas that allows us to feature our students at the Florida competition," he said.

ALL SMILES: The contingent from the Bahamas at the Knights of Columbus Florida Spelling Bee Competition held in Kissimmee, Florida, poses with the students representing the Catholic Board of Education of the Archdiocese of Nassau at the competition. Seated are Gabrielle Edwards of Mary, Star of the Sea School, Grand Bahama, and Johnathan Johnson of Xavier's Lower School, Nassau. Standing left to right are Inger and John Johnson; John Hardin, District Deputy - 24; Tiffany Barr-Edwards; Natalie Marrett, teacher at Mary, Star of the Sea School; Marsha BENEBY, Gabrielle's grandmother; Roselyn Williams, teacher at Xavier's Lower School; Christopher Kernan, Florida State Council General Programme administrator; Sabrina Cash, Gabrielle's aunt; René Hall, teacher at the Grand Bahama Catholic High School; Gregory Christie, District Deputy - Bahamas; and Alexandria Roberts-Bowe, representative of the Catholic Board of Education.

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LOCAL NEWS

Election predictions – part 2

By ADRIAN GIBSON
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THE odds are stacked against Zhivargo Laing in Marco City in the next general election.

Frankly, the race in this constituency appears to be between two unpopular candidates. Mr Laing, who may yet again have to move to another constituency (similar to the constant relocation of former PLP MP Paul Adderley) is said to have worn out his welcome in his constituency. Constituents have complained that Mr Laing is out of touch with public sentiment and have objected to being seen or addressed in a patronizing, condescending manner by any politician. Mr Laing's constituents have complained about an air of perceived arrogance and expressed an interest in having Mr Laing spend more time actually listening (genuinely) to their concerns. The Marco City MP is a banana peel away from slipping into the political abyss. PLP nominee **Greg Moss** (lawyer) is likely to defeat him.

Brensil Rolle, the Garden Hills MP, will likely defeat **Dr Kendal Major**. Mr Rolle is apparently quite popular on the ground and considering the population shifts in the constituency—due to the recent construction and sale of houses in newly constructed housing subdivisions—he may have the advantage in an electoral showdown.

Vincent Peet, the MP for North Andros has been relatively quiet of late. Mr Peet is likely to retain his seat.

Melanie Griffin will politically sucker punch FNM challenger **Joshua Sears**. I am told that the boundary cuts will favour Sears, extending

YOUNG MAN'S VIEW ADRIAN GIBSON

“As we enter another general election season, Bahamians must begin to demand true and visionary leadership within their constituencies and on the national front.”

Yamacraw further eastward into large chunks of Brent Symonette's St Annes' constituency. However, because there are also plans afoot to relocate Phenton Neymour to the Exuma constituency, Mr Sears' name has been banded about as a likely replacement for Mr Neymour in South Beach.

Lacklustre

If **Phenton Neymour** contests the South Beach seat, his teeth “will be on edge” having tested the sour grapes of what's said to be an impending defeat. Mr Neymour lacks the political horsepower to recapture the seat, as many residents express displeasure with his lackluster representation.

However, if Mr Neymour runs in Exuma, he could possibly edge out incumbent PLP MP **Anthony Moss**. Mr Moss is said to be unpopular in the Exuma Cays and has rendered a performance that is purportedly the reason for much voter discontent. Black Point resi-

dents—the second largest polling division—claim to have not seen Mr Moss since the last general election. Noticeably, Mr Neymour has made frequent trips into the Exuma constituency of late. Even more, of late Mr Neymour has also dropped the moniker he used to describe his constituents in Parliament—“the kings and queens of South Beach”—giving one the impression that perhaps the underlying notion now is that the Royal family of South Beach are preparing to dismiss their servant.

That said, Neymour's entrance into the Exuma race will leave the constituency too close to call—for now.

Notably, if **Joshua Sears** contests the South Beach seat as the standard bearer for the FNM, he has a more favourable chance of defeating Nurses Union president **Cleola Hamilton** (PLP), who has already been described by some residents as “charmless.”

The Fox Hill seat could go either way. I'm told that the boundary cuts will now incorporate a polling division—out of Montagu and near to Step Street—in hopes of assisting challenger **Dr Jacintha Higgs** (a lady who wears the most enrapturing outfits) in gaining a foothold on the constituency and rendering current MP **Fred Mitchell** a seatless wonder. By all accounts, Mr Mitchell has been a visible, working MP, thereby leaving his opponent with a long, tough journey to the polls. My electoral crystal ball could not yet reveal a likely winner in this contest.

Kenyatta Gibson, the bombastic-talking MP for Kennedy, is abandoning the constituency and running as the FNM's candidate in South Eleuthera.



PERRY CHRISTIE

Although incumbent MP **Oswald Ingraham** is in his 70s, he could still vie for the seat or be replaced by one of eight applicants for the PLP nomination—a list that I am told includes local government chief councillor **Hank Johnson**.

Although Mr Gibson and his family purportedly have roots in the constituency, it is likely that he will be sent deeper into political oblivion following the next election. It appears that Mr Gibson walked the Parliamentary floor and will now be walking out of Parliament altogether!

Tommy Turnquest holds a slight edge over **Arnold Forbes** in the race for Mount Moriah. Although the Bahamas remains in a state of national “un-security”, Mr Forbes' campaign may become anemic and lose traction due to reported business-related issues emanating from Canada.

Comeback

Bain and Grants Town is likely to remain in the PLP column, as **Dr Bernard Nottage** is expected to take out whoever the FNM nominee will be. At this juncture, party insiders inform me that the former area MP **Gregory Williams** is vying for the nomination in an attempt to make a political comeback; also reportedly seeking the nod is former candidate **David Jordine** and **Rev CB Moss**, who is said to be in talks with the FNM. Of course, Bain and Grants Town is a traditionally PLP seat.

PLP leader **Perry Christie** will most certainly humiliate his challenger in the Farm Road constituency.

The race for the Marathon constituency is setting up to be a slugfest. Of late, newcomer



FRED MITCHELL

Jerome Fitzgerald has amped up his courtship of constituents by purchasing alarm systems and having them installed in their homes. Whilst incumbent **Dr Earl Deveaux** certainly has the upper hand, having spoken to constituents and political insiders from both of the major parties, I've concluded that the Marathon brawl is too close to call at this time.

The contest for North Eleuthera constituency—given the decision of House Speaker **Alvin Smith** not to stand for re-election—should be an exciting race to watch. Purported FNM candidate **Theo Neilly**—an airport manager and local government chief councillor—is slated to run against Spanish Wells native and fellow local government councillor **Clay Sweeting**. However, for the FNM, lawyer **Richard Lightbourne's** name has also been mentioned as a possible nominee. Here again, it's too far out to call this race, particularly since—at least on the national scene—both candidates are political neophytes. However, I am told that the contest for North Eleuthera is expected to be a costly affair, with lots of money changing hands.

The voters of Golden Isles will rebuke MP **Charles Maynard** in a runoff where challenger **Michael Halkitis** is expected to beat the incumbent MP like a piñata. A walloping could leave Mr Maynard having fits of post-election hysteria and, like the movie *Sleepless in Seattle*, he'll likely be *Sleepless* in Golden Isles.

During his term in office, Mr Maynard has struck me as a representative/minister who—unlike the movie—politically has no true grit.

With **Kenyatta Gibson** speedily running away to Eleuthera, the Kennedy seat will easily remain a PLP stronghold with newcomer **Dion Smith** trouncing all challengers.

PLP Deputy Leader and MP for Cat Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador **Philip “Brave” Davis** will put a spanking on FNM challenger **George Wilson**. In the past, Mr Wilson unsuccessfully ran as an independent candidate in the same constituency.

There is also another angle that must be explored relative to Mr Davis' political future as he has been speculated as having an interest in relocating to the St Cecilia seat. PLP insiders inform me that if Mr Davis runs in St Cecilia, the party is likely to send former Police Commissioner **BK Bonamy** to vie for the Cat Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador seat.

There is chatter that **Verna Grant**, FNM MP for Eight Mile Rock, is facing some serious opposition. Purportedly, Ms Grant is attempting to retain her nomination as former Senator **Kay Forbes** is said to be interested in displacing Ms Grant and running for the FNM in that seat. In what some say will be a tumultuous election season for her, Ms Grant is also expected to face vigorous challenges from potential PLP nominees such as **Sandra Edgecombe** (former principal at Eight Mile Rock High), **Caleb Outten** or a yet unnamed opponent. This time around, it appears that the polls could go either way.

High Rock MP **Kenneth Russell** (FNM) will rout the still unnamed PLP challenger in this largely FNM borough.

Lucaya MP **Neko Grant** will torpedo the electoral hopes of supposed PLP nominee **Dr Lea Perentie**.

The Pineridge seat is being contested by two five-star candidates. It is unfortunate that one of these men will have to politically cancel out the other.

Current MP **Kwasi Thompson** has been an outstanding representative, whilst challenger PLP Senator **Dr Michael**



ZHIVARGO LAING

Darville—who has a medical practice in the constituency—also earned much praise from residents.

Frankly, the PLP should have nominated Dr Darville in the Marco City constituency, as he is not overwhelmingly favoured to beat Mr Thompson as opposed to the outright favourable rating in a race against Zhivargo Laing. That said, Dr Darville is a formidable candidate and, whilst Mr Thompson holds a slight edge at this time, the quality of the candidates vying for the voters support in this race could cause the pendulum to swing either way. This race will certainly be a nail biter, i.e. if Dr Darville is not transplanted to contest the Marco City seat.

PLP incumbent **Frank Smith** will face-off against likely FNM challenger **Linda Treco** in the St Thomas More constituency. By all accounts, Mr Smith has earned the ire of the Prime Minister, so it is expected that the full weight of the FNM's electoral machinery will be coming down upon him.

Reliable sources inform me that upcoming boundary cuts will place a portion of St Thomas More in Loretta Butler-Turner's Montagu constituency, arguing that because she won by more than 1000 votes in the last election, she can likely absorb some votes against her and still preserve a comfortable margin in another victorious run. Apparently, a portion of Fox Hill will likewise be absorbed into Brent Symonette's St Anne's constituency. I'm also told that Paradise Island will become a part of the new St Thomas More constituency.

Creditable

Pinewood, a PLP foothold, could once again return to the party's win column. Frankly, MP **Byron Woodside** has done a creditable job in the constituency. However, a loss may, among other factors, be due to changes within the voting block and the luck of the political draw as the constituency has had an extensive love affair with the PLP. The race for Pinewood will no doubt be close and quite competitive.

According to sources, the PLP intend to run attorney **Damian Gomez** in Pinewood.

Flip a coin and, quite similarly, the Elizabeth constituency can go either way although incumbent **Ryan Pinder** (PLP) is favoured—at this juncture—to retain his seat. That said, I've been clued-up by FNM insiders of the likely mapping out of a favourable boundary cut for challenger **Dr Duane Sands**—a cut which is set to incorporate “more FNM polling divisions” and cut-out a part of Elizabeth Estates.

Edison Key will retain his South Abaco seat.

Prime Minister and FNM leader **Hubert Ingraham** will crush all challengers—whether that is **Ky Mills** and/or **Jackson McIntosh**—in the race for the North Abaco seat. Frankly, the electoral hopes of Mr Ingraham's challengers are comparable to running in quick sand—struggling and sinking fast!

As we enter another general election season, Bahamians must begin to demand true and visionary leadership within their constituencies and on the national front.

The upcoming general election will certainly—as is seen every five years—be a political circus. Indeed, this will be a helluva election season, which will leave—upon its conclusion—more than a handful of sitting MPs and electoral hopefuls reaching for a crying towel.

NB: My column has now been moved from its usual Friday publication date to Saturdays.

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Murder rate three times higher than US

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years. The study said the average murder victim is an employed male, aged 26-35, from the south eastern part of Nassau and has a prior criminal record.

Interestingly enough the suspect's profile is relatively the same as that of the victim with the exception that the suspect is unemployed.

Motives are also discussed in the study with murder most of the time occurring during arguments with robbery and revenge following.

The study outlines various strategies that will hopefully decrease the country's murder rate. These include domestic violence forms to alert police to high risk households, legislative amendments to the Domestic Violence Protection Order Act to include victimless prosecutions where, regardless of a victim's wishes, charges can be brought against the aggressor, and to the Firearms Act that would make it harder for persons to purchase illegal weapons and penalties harsher for those found in possession of them.



INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS: Details of the murder study are released.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

Man shot dead 'while trying to protect brother'

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an attempt to calm him down when he was shot in the chest.

"When he dropped to the ground he said, 'I got shot, I got shot,' and the shooter looked at him and he ran off," the witness told *The Tribune*.

Javado Miller had a bullet wound in the right side of his chest. His friends tried to stem the bleeding as they waited for an ambulance to arrive.

Javado was rushed to the Trauma Room of the Princess Margaret Hospital, but died of his injuries at around 9pm.

Police press liaison officer Sgt Chrislyn Skippings said detectives are following significant leads into the matter.



'HE WAS A VERY LOVING PERSON': Javado Miller's cousin Kishy Brown, 26, with his dogs.

the Kemp Road Urban Renewal Centre just yards away from his home where a dance class was practising outside at the time of the shooting.

The shooting was heard by teenagers, some who are a part of Mr Miller's family. They were participating in a dance class at the Urban Renewal Centre at the time and rushed to the scene before they could be stopped.

Kolamae Pedican said: "The girls were all crying and we tried to gather them back here to comfort them. Those kids saw something very horrific. The whole community is in mourning."

"The grief is very real. There is a lot of pain."

Mrs Pedican said the Urban Renewal Centre will offer emotional support and assistance to the family.

Anyone with any information relating to the murder should call police as a matter of urgency on 911, 919 or call Crime Stoppers immediately on 328-TIPS (8477).

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING



INQUIRY: Police want to speak to Mario "Red Eye" Elliot, aged 24. They believe he may have information helpful to their investigation.

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Rocked

Meanwhile the Kemp Road community and Mr Miller's close-knit family have been rocked by the murder.

Kishy Brown, 26, said her first cousin Javado Miller was like a brother to her as her mother. Flossy Bowe, raised him from infancy at their home in St James' Road.

She said he was a quiet man who loved animals and made a living by dogbreeding. He kept three pit bulls at the house and a Pomeranian breed as well as a pigeon coup with around 30 birds.

"He was dedicated to dogs, he walked his dogs every day," she said.

"He was a very loving person. He didn't bother anybody."

Mr Miller also frequented

PROSECUTOR GRANT-BETHELL BACK IN COURT

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Prosecutions. She was instead appointed Deputy Law Reform Commissioner. Earlier this month Mrs Grant-Bethell claimed a victory in clearing her reputation although a judge refused to overturn Jamaican attorney Yvette Graham-Allen's appointment to the post of DPP.

Attorney Wayne Munroe submitted yesterday that Senior Justice Isaacs' ruling was vindication for Mrs Bethell and that vindication must follow through the whole process. He argued that the respondents should pay Mrs Grant-Bethell's costs as their actions were the cause of her bringing the application.

Milton Evans, QC, who represents the Judicial and Legal Services Commission

(JLSC), submitted that the case was one in which the pri-

vate interest of the applicant outweighed the public interest. Mr Evans submitted that the cost should follow the event, the event being that her application was dismissed.

Attorney Brian Simms, QC, who represented the Attorney General echoed the same sentiments. He argued that his client should not be made to pay costs and that his client should be awarded costs in the matter.

Senior Justice Jon Isaacs said he expects to deliver his decision "as soon as possible."

Outside court yesterday attorney Wayne Munroe said that no determination has been made as yet on what will be Mrs Grant-Bethell's next course of action.

"The matter isn't finished. When the matter is finished we'll make a determination on what to do. There is no need, as far as we are concerned, to rush. You think very carefully about what a

judge says, you digest it and then you make a determination," Mr Munroe said.

WORKERS PARTY LEADER STAYS SILENT OVER HIS STATEMENT ON RADIO PROGRAMME

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Broadcasting Steve McKinney on Gems 105.9FM.

Mrs Carron said that Mr Moncur could not comment on his false statement, because he knows that it is

not true. However, as it is now misinformation season, it is not surprising that Mr Moncur is caught up in the irresponsible hysteria. Mrs Carron was certain that an enlightened public would not take him or this particular radio show seriously.

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BASKETBALL NPWBA SERIES

• THE New Providence Women's Basketball Association will begin their best-of-five championship series tonight at the DW Davis Gymnasium with the top teams clashing.

The pennant winning Four J's Lady Cheetahs will take on the second place Bommer G. Lady Angels, the defending champions. The game will begin at 8 p.m., following a media game at 7 p.m.

While the Lady Cheetahs swept past the fourth place College of the Bahamas Lady Caribs, the Lady Angels had to go to the third and deciding game, clinching their berth on Thursday night with a 88-66 win over the Johnson Lady Trunkers.

In that game, Suzette McKenzie scored a game high 28 points with 10 rebounds and three assists to lead three other players in double figures for Bommer G.

Ashley Moss contributed a double-double with 16 points and 14 rebounds; Sharelle Cash had 12 points, nine rebounds and five steals and Diasti Delancy also had 12 points with nine rebounds, eight assists and two steals.

In a losing effort, Glenda Gilcus scored 21 points with three rebounds, three steals and two assists; Shantell Rolle had 19 points, four assists and three rebounds and Janice Williams had another double-double with 13 points and 20 rebounds.

BASKETBALL NPBA RESULTS

• THE New Providence Basketball Association continued its regular season as they wind down before the playoffs get started next week with a double header on Thursday night at the CI Gibson Gymnasium.

In the opening game, the Y-Care Wreckers knocked off the Royal Bahamas Defense Force Mariners 89-81 as Brandon Ingraham led the way with 22 points and Mario Pickstock added 18.

For the Mariners, Durchen Sands had 22.

The other game saw the Royal Bahamas Police Force Crimestoppers handcuff the PJ's Stingers 95-91 as Lameko Forbes scored 21 points and Tavaris Roker added 17.

The regular season came to a close last night.

TENNIS JR. TEAM AT NCAC TOURNEY

• THE Bahamas Lawn Tennis Association's junior boys and girls teams had mixed results at the North/Central America and Caribbean Pre-Qualifying Tournament this week in the Dominican Republic. The boys team of Shannon Francis, Michael Johnson and Dylan Walker split their two games played, losing 2-1 to Guatemala, but won over Honduras by the same score in Group E.

As for the girls, the team of Dominique Mortier, Iesha Shepherd played out of Group D where they lost 3-0 to the Dominican Republic, 1-2 to Barbados and 1-2 to Costa Rica.

The team is scheduled to return home this weekend.

Vanderpool-Wallace sets sights on 100m freestyle

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ONE down and one more to go for Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace as she gets set to put the finishing touches on the greatest performance by an Auburn University and Bahamian swimmer at the NCAA Women's Swimming Championships.

Already having wrapped up her first and the Bahamas initial title with Auburn's historic win in the women's 50 metre freestyle, Vanderpool-Wallace will be going after her second individual title in the 100 free today in Austin, Texas.

"It's a great feeling. I went into the race wanting to win it and so it's a great feeling to come out winning it," said Vanderpool-Wallace about Thursday night's triumph in the 50m free at the Lee and Joe Jamil Texas Swimming Center.

The 21-year-old junior at Auburn University touched the wall in 21.38 seconds, which was just shy of her of Southeastern Conference, Auburn and Bahamian national records that she set at the SEC Championships last month in Gainesville, Florida.

"All of my hard work had paid off," said Vanderpool-Wallace in looking back at the feat. "I was just really excited that I won."

Entered into the championships as the top ranked competitor in the nation, Vanderpool-Wallace said her performance certainly boosted her confidence as she achieved her goal.

"Every one here was prepared, everyone was here to swim fast," she pointed out. "It's really just going to take the details to win and that was what I focussed on."

Like every collegiate swimmer, Vanderpool-Wallace said she envisioned one day that she would emerge as an NCAA champion and from the

"It's a great feeling. I went into the race wanting to win it and so it's a great feeling to come out winning it."

day she entered Auburn University, she prepared herself for this moment.

Putting off her celebrations until she's done tonight, Vanderpool-Wallace said she just simply got a good night sleep so that she could be fresh and ready to continue the hectic schedule that was still ahead of her.

"I don't think there is anymore pressure than what I would put on myself," she said. "Whenever I get up on the blocks, I'm not concerned about what anybody else is swimming."

"I just go out and try my best. Basically, I'm not worried about what oth-

er people think I should do. I just go out there and concentrate on what I have to do."

With the 100 free on today as the three-day meet come to a close, Vanderpool-Wallace said she would like nothing better than to duplicate the same feat as the 50 free.

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Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace



Carl Heild (left) and Valentino Knowles (right)

Hield, Knowles get set for Pan American Games qualifiers

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THE road to the Pan American Games will begin next week for Bahamian boxers Carl Hield and Valentino Knowles as they look to continue their impressive showing on the international scene.

The duo are scheduled to leave town on Wednesday with national coach Andre Seymour for Venezuela where they will participate in the first of three qualifying tournaments from March 24-30.

"Our aim to get both of our boxers qualified, especially in the first round," said Seymour, who is awaiting the return of the two boxers from their training camp in Cuba on Sunday.

Fresh of their bronze medal performances at the COPA Tournament last month in the Dominican Republic, both Hield, who will be fighting out of the welterweight or 69 kilo-class, and Knowles, entered in the junior welter-

weight or 64 kilo-class, will have to finish in the top five in order to qualify.

Taureano 'Reno' Johnson was the last Bahamian to qualify for the Pan Am Games, the second biggest event outside of the Olympic Games. He did it in 2007 when he secured a gold medal in the third round.

"Once we can get out of the first trials, it would be good," Seymour said. "There are some big names in this one like the United States, Cuba, Brazil. But I still feel confident that we can qualify in this one."

Seymour said based on their performances in the past, he is confident that they both can prevail because "they're not new to this level of competition and they know the boxers."

"This is what we have been preparing for the last 4-5 years, so we know what we are up against. They are ready. Those guys are ready. We want to qualify in the first one."

If they fail to do so next week, Seymour said they will have to wait for the second round on April 30 in Ecuador

where the conditions are not "favourable, especially the weather and the altitude, which is very high."

"It could play a difficult part in your breathing. We were there last year at the Continental. This is also the cold weather time in Ecuador when the second qualifier takes place. So we are going to do our best to try and qualify in this first one."

Seymour said he's confident that if both Hield and Knowles go out and box smart and don't take anyone "lightly," they should have no problems qualifying.

"You can't leave anything up to the officials. We have to win everything fair and clean," he said. "We just don't want to leave anything up to the officials. That is one of our focus. We can't take anyone lightly."

As a last resort, the boxers will have to gear up for the third and final round that will be held in June. The Amateur Boxing Federation of the Bahamas is bidding to host the third round of the trials.

Yakimova and Kerber to clash for Bahamas Open Women's title

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UNSEEDED Anastasia Yakimova and number fifth seed Angelique Kerber, meeting for the first time since they were juniors, will clash for the initial Bahamas Open Women's singles title today at the National Tennis Center.

Yakimova of Belarus, got past number eight seed Magdalena Rybarikova 6-1, 7-5 and German Angelique Kerber stunned No.4 seed Rebecca Marino of Canada 7-6 (2), 6-4 to set up today's 1 p.m. meeting in the grand finale of the inaugural tournament.

The winner will pocket \$15,200, while the loser will take in \$8,107.

Also yesterday, the first segment of the championship was completed with the top ranked team of Natalie Grandin of the Republic of South Africa and Vladimira Uhlirova of the Czech Republic beating the No.3 American team of Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears 6-4, 6-2.

The winners shared \$5,573 and the losers split \$2,787.

As for today's singles final, both players are eager to face each other.

"It was a bit difficult with the conditions because it was hot and there was still some wind," said Yakimova, who is currently ranked at 118 in the world.

"But it was the same for both players, so it was normal. I just tried to play my game and do my things. I was quite satisfied with my game and how I was able to close it out."

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Knowles, Mertinak sent packing by Federer and Wawrinka

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MARK Knowles didn't expect to take his break from the ATP Tennis Tour the way he and Michal Mertinak were ousted at the BNP Paribas Open on Thursday night.

Playing in the quarter-final in Indian Wells, California, Knowles and Mertinak were sent packing with a disappointing 6-1, 7-5 loss to Roger Federer and Stanislas Wawrinka, the unseeded Switzerland team, who ousted tournament number two seeds Max Mirnyi and Daniel Nestor in the first round.

Knowles will now turn to parenthood as his wife, Dawn, prepares for the delivery of their daughter, their third child, next week. But before he left, Knowles tried to put their performance into prospective.

"I'm a little bit disappointed. We didn't get off to a great start, lost the first set pretty easy and we had some chances in the second," Knowles said. "We really thought we would have won the second."

"Unfortunately, we were not able to pull it out at the end."

Federer and Wawrinka stunned Knowles and Mertinak when they converted four of their five break point opportunities to secure the match in

just 65 minutes of play before a packed crowd on centre court.

"It was a great challenge," said Knowles, about playing against one of the greatest tennis players of all times. "It was awesome. That's why I play the game. I really enjoy it."

"We played really well in the second set. We probably had a chance to win that one, but we were just a little bit disappointed with our start. Obviously, it was a nice challenge, but I was disappointed with our start."

This was the second time that Knowles faced Federer, having teamed up with his former partner Nestor to beat the number two ranked singles player in the world in the final

of this same tournament in 2002.

Yesterday, Federer and Wawrinka was scheduled to play against world's No.1 singles player Rafael Nadal and Marc Lopez as Federer and Nadal met for the third time in their career.

But Knowles said he doesn't anticipate that the world's best two singles players will make it a habit playing in doubles at the same time that they are playing singles on the tour.

"This was the first big hard court tournament, followed by another one in Miami," Knowles pointed out. "It's a ten day event where they get days off in between singles where they can

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Mark Knowles

SPORTS

George Mason tops 'Nova 61-57 in NCAA tournament

CLEVELAND Associated Press

GEORGE Mason's Mike Morrison held his favorite T-shirt with a you-gotta-believe slogan that his team might have another remarkable run in them to match 2006.

"We ARE this year's George Mason."

If the Patriots are going to duplicate that team's march to the Final Four — wow! — did they ever start with a shot to remember.

Luke Hancock hit a 3-pointer with 21 seconds left, capping the Patriots' comeback and keeping the one-time NCAA tournament darlings playing with a 61-57 win over Villanova on Friday.

Step aside, for now, that 2006 team. George Mason has another fantastic story to tell.

"We're trying to do our own thing," Hancock said. "Make our own name."

They waited until the final ticks to take a lead on Hancock's clutch shot. The Patriots (27-6) will play Ohio State or Texas-San Antonio on Sunday in the East region.

Hancock, his left shoulder taped and bandaged, showed no concern about any injury. He took a couple hard dribbles to his right, as if he was going to drive the lane for the go-ahead basket, then stopped right in his tracks. He crossed over and stepped back, then calmly knocked down the 3-pointer from a foot beyond the arc on the right wing.

"I was kind of hoping and praying," Hancock said.

Corey Stokes' final shot for Villanova hit the top of the backboard and Morrison slammed home one final basket for the Patriots, who will likely have to knock off the top-seeded Buckeyes to kick their run into second gear.

"This is our team here, two different years and two different teams," Morrison said. "We are trying to do what we have to do for our-

selves."

This was the latest and last collapse for the Wildcats (21-12), who end the season on a six-game losing streak. They were once ranked as high as No. 5 but failed to get out of the first weekend of the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

Hancock scored 18 points, and Morrison had 10 points and 11 rebounds for George Mason, which won its opening tournament game for the first time since its Final Four run in 2006.

The eighth-seeded Patriots trailed by 10 in the first half only to inch their way back.

Isaiah Tate popped George Mason's first 3 of the second half with 1:57 left to make it 54-51, and the Wildcats crumbled from the free-throw line. Antonio Pena missed two and Mouphtaou Yarou clanked the front end of a one-and-one.

Morrison took advantage, dunking in a miss with 55 seconds left for George Mason's first lead since early in the game. After Corey Fisher drew a foul on a 3-point attempt and made all of them for a 57-56 lead, Hancock followed with the biggest shot of his career.

The crowd filled to the rafters with Ohio State fans — most of them surely recalling George Mason's sizzling run of a few years ago — roared in approval.

"He made a big-time shot," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "It doesn't surprise me."

Fisher finished with 20 points and Stokes had 14 for Villanova, but each went cold in the final 20 minutes after a great first half that rekindled memories of a 16-1 start to the season. The Wildcats, who went the final 3:28 without a field goal, won their final game on Feb. 19.

There were tears and hugs in the Villanova locker room as players accepted defeat.

"We never expected to go out like this," Stokes said, using a towel to dry his eyes.

"I'm proud of my teammates. We played our hearts out. We missed shots. They played great defense down the stretch."

George Mason won its first NCAA tournament game since it knocked off Connecticut in the 2006 regional final, a run that coach Jim Larranaga said he never tires of talking about.

He's got a new story now.

"They don't want this tournament to be just one-and-done. They want to make memories of their own," Larranaga said. "They want to do things that the '06 team did, but they weren't on the '06 team. They're focused on being the best that they can be this year."

George Mason can still become this year's George Mason — although as a single-digit seed for the first time in program history, a run through March as the tournament's favorite mid-major will be a tougher sell.

That's fine with the Patriots, who just want to keep rolling.

Villanova began the game like the team that was ranked No. 5 in the country, not the one that took a nose-dive in the second half of the season. Fisher and Stokes worked their way open and swished 3s as easy as free throws.

Fisher scored 11 straight points and Stokes followed that run with three straight 3s. The two Coreys scored 22 of Villanova's first 23 points and helped them to a 10-point lead.

Yarou scored the first non-Corey field goal with 6:55 left in the first half.

Stokes missed a late 3, but Fisher bounced on a loose ball rebound and tossed up a floater to keep it a nine-point lead for Villanova. But unlike Michigan's rout over Tennessee, this was no 8-9 mismatch. On the brink of falling into trouble, the Patriots cranked up the defensive pressure and hit free throws that help get them to 35-29 at

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"It would be awesome if I can do that," she said. "That's my goal going into it."

As she did in the 50 free, Vanderpool-Wallace is the No. 1 ranked competitor for the 100 free, but that doesn't mean that she has the victory in the bag just yet.

She knows that everybody will be coming out gunning for her.

With such a huge goal ahead of her, becoming the first Auburn and Bahamian swimmer to win two titles at the same NCAA's, Vanderpool-Wallace said she appreciates all the support she's getting from home and she hopes that she can live up to everyone's expectations.

"It's so nice to be representing Auburn University and the Bahamas," she said.

Only time will tell today if she is successful in accomplishing that goal or not. In any event, Vanderpool-Wallace can proudly walk away from the championships as a champion.

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Yakimova, a right-hander who loves playing on the hard court surface, admitted that it's going to be in another tough match in the final, but she said she's not going to separate it from all of the others she's played.

"I am just going to go out there and try my best," she said.

For Kerber, her win over Marino was not an easy one. After going to the tie-breaker in the first set, she fell behind 2-0 in the second set. But she broke Marino to cut the deficit to 2-1 and after they both held serve, Kerber got another break at 5-4 and held serve for the win.

"I think it was a tough match. She's a very good player and she played very well today," said Kerber, ranked at 67 in the world. "I tried to play every point, so I'm happy that I won."

As she prepares for today's final, Kerber said she is "going to go on the court and play my best tennis and we will see what happens."

On being here in the Bahamas for the first tournament, Yakimova gave the organizers a lot of credit.

"I think it's very nice that they managed to pull this off," she said. "It's good that it's right between the two tournaments in Indian Wells and Miami."

"It's the first one, so of course there's a lot of things they could do a little different. But as it's nice that they can have this playing in between the two big ones in the States."

After getting ousted in the first round in Indian Wells, Yakimova is hoping that her appearance in the final here will boost her confidence going into Miami next week.

When asked about her impression of the tournament here in the Bahamas, Kerber said the "weather, the hotel, the people, everything here is very nice here. I like it."

On the tournament, she said there were a lot of play-

ers using it to get over Indian Wells and prepare for Miami.

Her only wish is that she go all the way and win the initial singles title today.

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play doubles and so they have a little bit more of a flexibility.

"But this tournament always have a lot of singles players playing. Rafael has played almost every year and Roger has played a few times. I know I beat him here in the finals in 2002. So I think it's an event that always attract the top singles players. But I don't think they will play a ton of events."

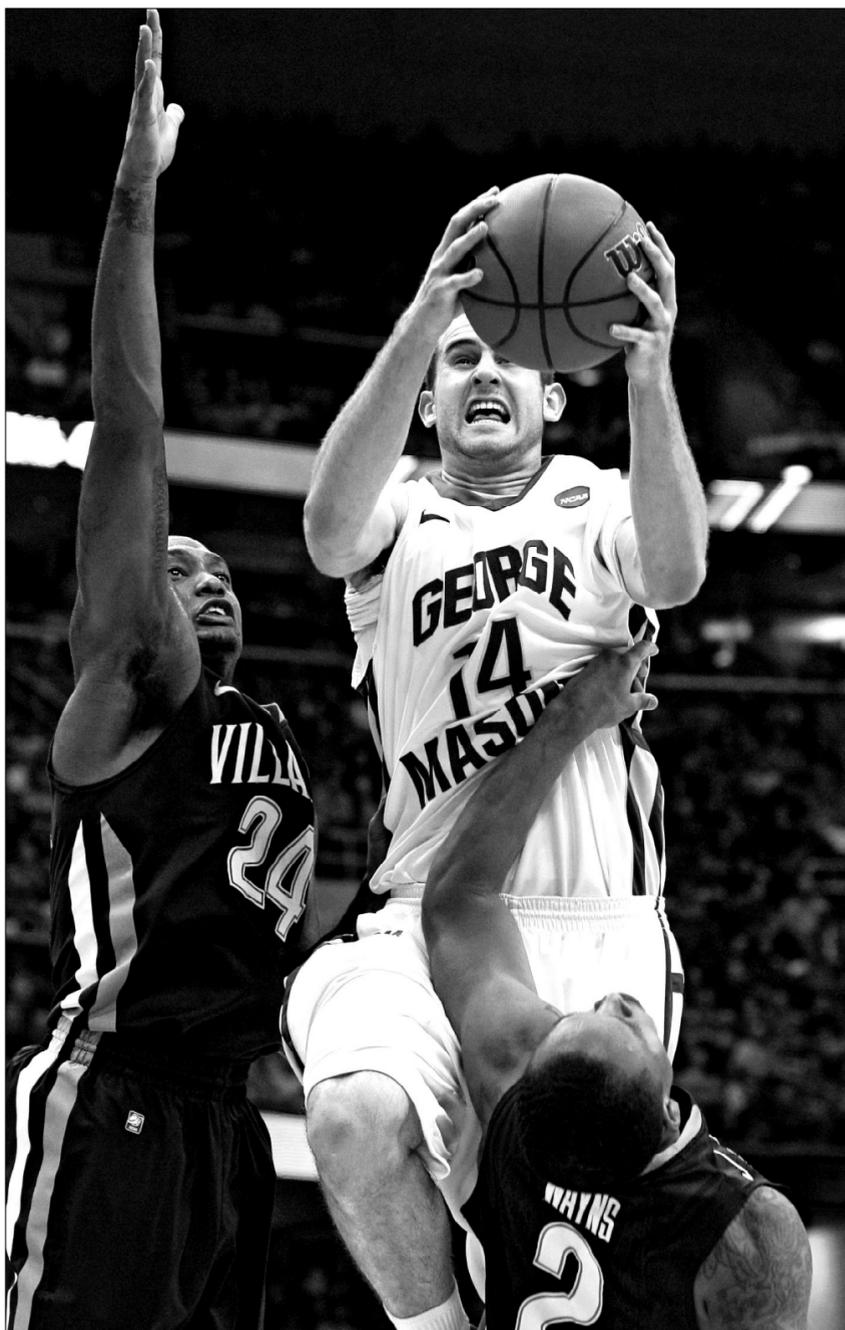
While it's a good opportunity to play against Federer, Knowles was given an even better eat for the semifinal when he was a colour commentator on a live showing that was aired last night.

Now that he's done in the tournament, Knowles said his focus will shift to a more important aspect of his life, fatherhood - again.

"My wife is due March 28, but I have the phone close to me. Hopefully it won't happen in the next day or two before I get back," he quipped. "But we're expecting the arrival of our daughter on March 28."

"So I'm just going to spend a lot of family time and enjoy having three kids."

In his absence for the next month at least, Mertinak is expected to pair up with a new partner, starting with Vic Norman in Miami, Florida next week.



GEORGE Mason's Luke Hancock (14) shoots over Villanova's Corey Stokes (24) and Maalik Wayns (2) during the second half of an East regional NCAA college basketball tournament second round game Friday, March 18, 2011, in Cleveland. (AP)

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