

LOCAL NEWS

STUDENTS TAKE TO THE STAGE FOR ARTS FESTIVAL ADJUDICATIONS

1: Central Abaco Primary School students sing as a gospel choir during the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival adjudications.

2: Central Abaco Primary School 4th-6th grade students shout "I am Herod." The students scored a 90 for the choral verse speaking performance.

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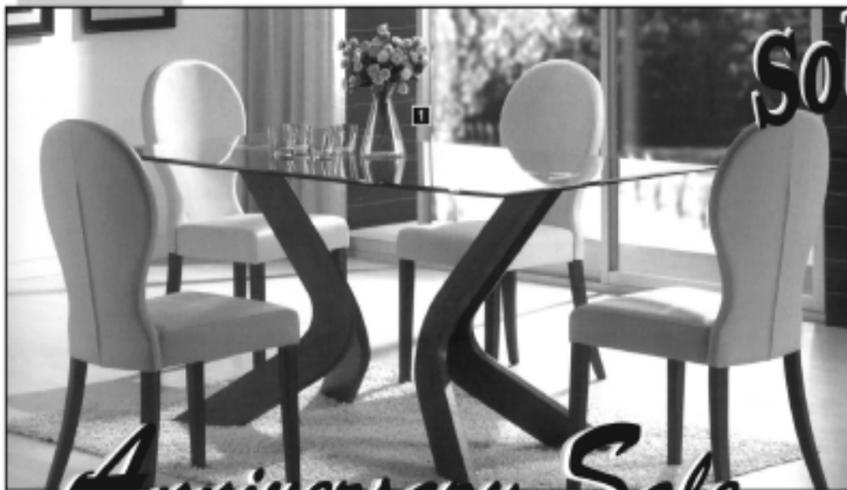
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FOX TOWN Primary School student Liberty Clarke recites a piece at the St Francis de Sales Catholic School. She was the only student from her school to enter this year.

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Bin Laden death gives US reason to cheer

WASHINGTON — At last, something big to celebrate and lift America's mood.

A nation surly over rising gas prices, stubbornly high unemployment and nasty partisan politics poured into the streets to wildly cheer President Barack Obama's announcement that Osama bin Laden, the world's most wanted man, had been killed by U.S. forces after a decade-long manhunt.

The outcome could not have come at a better time for Obama, sagging in the polls as he embarks on his re-election campaign. For now, at least, he is assured of a big political boost, something that could strengthen his hand as he heads into a big battle over federal spending with Republicans who control the House.

Outside the White House, hundreds of people chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A!" and waved American flags. And in New York City at ground zero, where al-Qaida downed the twin towers, a crowd broke out into song, including renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "I'm Proud to be an American."

The joyous response won't last forever but on this day, the nation's spirits were lifted and a country sharply divided along partisan lines seemed united much as it was in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks that bin Laden orchestrated.

That was not lost on Obama. "Let us think back to the sense of unity that prevailed on 9/11. I know that it has, at times, frayed. Yet today's achievement is a testament to the greatness of our country and the determination of the American people," Obama said Sunday in a late night statement urging the nation to come together again.

Former President George W. Bush had promised to get bin Laden dead or alive but wasn't able to achieve his goal. Obama picked up the challenge and, as a candidate for president, vowed that "We will kill bin Laden."

Obama's persistence — and success — makes it more difficult for political foes to question whether he is tough enough to do whatever it takes to keep America safe, and whether he's experienced enough to be commander in chief.

For Republicans seeking the presidency, it will more difficult to question his strength on national security and foreign policy.

Perhaps reflecting Obama's enhanced standing if not new found respect, even Republicans praised him.

Said Rep. Eric Cantor, the No. 2 Republican in the House: "I commend President Obama who has followed the vigilance of President Bush in bringing bin Laden to jus-

tice." And former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, an all-but-declared presidential candidate, congratulated Obama for "a job well done."

Beyond America, bin Laden's death sends a clear signal to the rest of the world about the persistence of U.S. power and that no one is beyond the United States' reach.

To that end, Obama put the world on notice, saying: "We will never tolerate our security being threatened, nor stand idly by when our people have been killed. We will be relentless in defense of our citizens and our friends and allies."

But while bin Laden's death closes one chapter in the U.S. war against terrorism, it also opens others and raises a slew of questions.

- Will the relationship between Pakistan and the United States be strong or weak once the dust settles? The United States did not give Pakistan advance notice that American forces would stage the raid.

Bin Laden was found living in a huge fortified compound in an affluent Pakistani town about 60 miles from Islamabad. The compound was located about 100 yards from the gates of a Pakistani military academy — certain to raise questions about al-Qaida's ability to build a custom-made hideout in such proximity.

- Will bin Laden's killing make the United States more likely to pull its troops out of Afghanistan?

The 2001 attacks occurred on George W. Bush's watch, and triggered the war in Afghanistan as the United States went after bin Laden. As president, Obama made the Afghanistan war a top priority, and boosted the numbers of troops there. But many Democrats no longer support that war, and even some Republicans want to withdraw troops.

- Will al-Qaida try to exact revenge on the country that killed its leader and hit U.S. soil again?

Bin Laden's death was a major blow to al-Qaida foot soldiers. Even so, the State Department put U.S. embassies on alert and warned of the "enhanced potential for anti-American violence given recent counterterrorism activity in Pakistan."

Said Obama: "There's no doubt that al-Qaida will continue to pursue attacks against us. We must — and we will — remain vigilant at home and abroad."

And, for now, at least united.
(This article was written by Liz Sidoti, AP National Political Writer).

Freeport can no longer be considered the second city

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I have voted for the FNM in the past three general elections. I am not anti-FNM. I don't want anyone believing for even one moment that I support the opposition. I don't, and I never intend to. The FNM received three votes out of my house in 2007.

I am, however, very dissatisfied with the government's performance over the past four years. Right now it appears as if Grand Bahama isn't even a tiny blip on either of the two major political parties' radar.

This island is being treated like an underdeveloped Family Island. I wonder if Grand Bahamians are being taken for granted by the FNM.

My brother had worked in Abaco for several months in 2009. He said that that island's economy was thriving. Stopover visitors were everywhere. There were also many employment opportunities available to the people of Abaco.

My brother also said that it felt odd being in a place where things were booming. He, like so many of us, had become so accustomed to living in a place where the economy is bad. Everyone who wanted to work were working. Those who weren't working were either lazy or just plain worthless. But at least Abaconians have that option, most unemployed Grand Bahamians don't.

The people from Abaco are well aware of what is going on in Grand Bahama. One Abaconian lady with a sly smirk on her face told my brother that Freeport is no longer the second city of The Bahamas, Marsh Harbour is. My brother repudiated her bold and arrogant claim. It appeared as if she was glad Freeport's economy was struggling.

It was hard, though, for my brother to deny that Freeport's economy was experiencing a devastating recession. Or should I call it a depression?

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People talk as if Grand Bahama's economy went south after The United States' economy collapsed in 2008 under President George W. Bush's watch. But nothing could be further from the truth. Grand Bahama's economy started going south after the completion of the Our Lucaya Resort in 2000.

The two major storms in 2004 only exacerbated an already dire situation.

That year saw the closure of the Royal Oasis. Over 1200 persons were placed on the unemployment line after the closure of that resort, which had been for decades the economic lifeblood of this island.

Right now Grand Bahama really needs the government to give this island its undivided attention, before it gets worse. Perhaps the Prime Minister should seriously consider moving Parliament to Freeport, if only for one year. Maybe then the leaders of this country would get a firsthand look at what Grand Bahamians are really going through.

Right now I don't think the government really appreciates how severe the situation in Grand Bahama is. This recession has turned many former middle-class Grand Bahamians to paupers. Persons have now resorted to playing numbers to make ends meet. Even Christians are buying numbers. The economy is in shambles. How did it get this bad? What has happened to Grand Bahama? Freeport can no longer be considered the magic city.

Grand Bahama has seen no major investment in ten years. The PLP were able to attract Mr Bobby Ginn to the island during their tenure in office. But the Ginn development has hit a major snag in recent years. It now appears that that development is nothing more than a mere pipe dream.

The Our Lucaya Resort has also had its share of challenges since it opened its doors in 2000. Our Lucaya is the only major resort on the island, yet the owners of that resort have struggled for years to even keep the occupancy level at 40 per cent throughout the year. The Sandals Resort in Exuma is doing far better than Our Lucaya. How

can this be?

Grand Bahama is closer to America than Exuma. And Grand Bahama has more amenities than Exuma. The resort in Bimini is doing way better than Our Lucaya. Again, how is this possible? Understand, this is our only major resort, yet the government sits idly by as it goes to hell in a hand basket.

Grand Bahama's economy isn't dying, it has already died. Rigor mortis has already set in. If you were to pay close attention to the PLP and the FNM, you would hear absolutely nothing positive for this island. They have no plans to resuscitate Grand Bahama's dead economy.

All the-PLP and the FNM seems to be fixated on is the BTC sales deal to Cable and Wireless. The PLP has even threatened to reverse that deal if re-elected to power in the next general election. Put bluntly, who cares?

Grand Bahamians have more urgent matters that need addressing. I for one don't care if the government had chosen to sell 100 per cent of BTC to CWC. Right now on Grand Bahama the unemployment rate is probably flirting dangerously close to 30 per cent. Yet the only issue the two major parties want to talk about is BTC and CWC.

Right now on this island you have persons losing their homes. I know of one man who has already received an eviction letter from his bank. I know of another gentleman who was thinking about killing himself. He was broke and unemployed. And then I hear stories of Grand Bahamian women prostituting themselves to make ends meet. Yet the PLP and the FNM are busy beating their gums over this BTC sale!

There was a time in Freeport when persons held two and three jobs at a time. Those days are long gone. Right now if you have a small part time job, you are highly favoured by the Lord. Even the gas pump attendant jobs are difficult to get nowadays in Freeport.

Maybe the Abaconian lady with the sly smirk on her face was right.

Maybe Freeport is no longer the second city. Maybe Marsh Harbour is!

KEVIN EVANS
Grand Bahama,
April, 2011.

The crux of our immigration problem

EDITOR, The Tribune.

An illegal immigrant child is allowed to go to school in the Bahamas, allowed hospital visits and then graduate from high school and with good grades too. How can it be now that this child has to be sent back to his "country of birth" on applying for a passport at age 18? This seems absurd and very hypocritical to say the least. I submit that this continuous narrow-minded policy will not solve our immigration problem. Nor will the futile immigration raids, which are executed periodically.

We must find out who is here through a massive policy change. Immigration Director, Jack Thompson, stated a few months ago that there are no hard figures on the total number of illegal immigrants in the country. This I believe is the crux of our immigration problem in the Bahamas.

The government can make a policy decision that requires every person in the Bahamas to carry an identity card. This will make raids more effective because once relevant authorities suspect you; all you do is present your card. Persons unable to present a valid card need to be thoroughly investigated by authorities and then appropriate measures taken as needed.

Data from traffic stops, hospital visits, police records and expired work permits are all at the disposal of the government agencies. Through policy, we can integrate all of this information and through data analysis become more effective in fighting this immigration problem. Furthermore, stiffer penalties for lawbreakers and placing two to three Defence Force craft on permanent patrol in Inagua will assist with our immigration problem. Moreover, I must point out that illegal immigrants are of many nationalities, be they mulatto, white or black. Finally, how about allowing competent Ministers of Immigration to do their job for a change?

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MINISTER OF EDUCATION Desmond Bannister speaks during the opening ceremony for the Grand Bahama Health Services' National Medical Laboratory Professional Week last Wednesday.

Minister: 'Great need' for more medical laboratory professionals in Bahamas

FREEPORT – Acknowledging the great need for more medical laboratory professionals in the Bahamas, Minister of Education Desmond Bannister pledged that his ministry will do all it can to help grow their field.

Mr Bannister's comments came during the opening ceremony for the Grand Bahama Health Services' National Medical Laboratory Professional Week last Wednesday.

Addressing laboratory professionals assembled in the foyer of the Rand Memorial Hospital, the minister commended the group for its efforts to educate the Bahamian public about the need to attract more persons to the field of medical technology.

He said that the time and climate lends itself for discussions because of the world interest in forensic medicine and research, and its role in solving crime and finding solutions to diseases and illnesses.

Minister Bannister noted that with the airing of such shows as CSI, Forensic Files, Cold Case and others, the entertainment industry has generated great interest and excitement in the field.

He said those fictional characters and scenarios can be associated with real life successes of medical scientists who have achieved numerous breakthroughs in medical technology.

The Education Minister took note of a fact that the shortage of qualified laboratory personnel is greater than that of nurses and physicians, and that research shows that 50 per cent of the current laboratory science practitioners will retire in the next seven years. He also said that there are insufficient programmes that currently exist to meet the demands of the healthcare sector.

"Firstly, I would say that we are fortunate but mindful that we have seven years to turn the tide, or seven years to fix the problem. Seven years is not a lot of time, however, so collectively we must be unwavering in our efforts to keep this issue alive in the minds of the policy makers," he said.

Pointing out the Ministry of Education's role in the health field, he said the foundation for any profession is knowledge and education, and therefore a system must be put in place to provide the services for all, including the medical technology field.

Mr Bannister added that in 2008, the Ministry of Education collaborated with the Ministry of Health and the Public Hospitals Authority to establish the Allied Health

"It is important that the Ministry of Education work with you, the experts, in this field to ensure that the academics and programmes that we set up for our students to enter these fields are synchronised."

Cadet Programme to expose students to and interest them in the health care sector.

According to the minister, the most sustainable programme they have launched thus far is the Magnet Pre-Allied Health Programme at the C R Walker and C V Bethel High Schools.

Students from junior high schools are assessed to determine whether they have the aptitude to be successful for the programme.

"The reason for this selectivity is because the field of medical technology is a highly skilled and demanding field, and students' interest, capabilities and academic performances must be aligned with this career path," he stated.

The students who are selected for that programme, the minister explained, study biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, language arts, pre-applied health, Spanish and physical education.

It is anticipated that after they complete the programme they will go on to college to pursue courses which would earn them a degree and certification in such fields as emergency medical technology, phlebotomy and medical technologist.

Mr Bannister also applauded medical technologists for "sounding the alarm concerning the future of the profession and the urgent need to address this situation."

"It is important that the Ministry of Education work with you, the experts, in this field to ensure that the academics and programmes that we set up for our students to enter these fields are synchronised. At Education we welcome this partnership," he said.

'Plans for private committee' to oversee care work at the Rand Memorial Hospital

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Community activist calls for investigation

FREEPORT – Community activist Troy Garvey announced that there are plans to create a private committee to oversee the care carried out by medical personnel at the Rand Memorial Hospital.

Mr Garvey stressed that doctors have a duty of care for the safety and well being of patients. He said they are also bound by the Hippocratic Oath to practise medicine ethically.

Both of these obligations, he alleges, were violated on April 25 when a patient who was seriously ill went unattended by doctors for some four hours at the Rand.

Mr Garvey alleged that doctors failed to fulfil a duty to care for Roger Russell, a patient who was taken to Accident and Emergency with a rapid heart rate and high blood pressure.

He said Russell was taken to the hospital at 2pm. His blood pressure was 160 over 97 with a rapid heart rate and he had also experienced symptoms of dizziness and fainting, but was not seen by doctors until 6pm, Garvey complained.

Mr Garvey had accompanied Russell to the hospital. He said two doctors were on duty at the time.

"The nurse went to the doctor and showed him Russell's chart and he did nothing. She went to the second doctor and explained what

was going on and still nothing had been done," he alleged.

"I sat there and I watched for one hour as those two doctors stand there doing nothing," he claimed.

Garvey claimed that he confronted the doctors. He said when Russell was finally seen by doctors, he was put on a drip. He went through three bags of drips before being discharged at 11pm.

Mr Garvey said he has filed a complaint with Dr Bartlette, chief medical officer at the Rand Memorial Hospital.

He is calling for an investigation into his complaints about the care of Roger Russell at the Rand Memorial Hospital on April 25.

Mr Garvey noted that while there are many good doctors and nurses at the Rand, there are a few who should be weeded out.

Mr Garvey said there have been many allegations of negligence at the Rand over the years. He said patients often complain of long waiting time and preferential treatment.

He said there are complaints of similar incidents at the Princess Margaret Hospital that must also be addressed.

Mr Garvey said a town meeting will be held this

week at the Kingdom Harvest Global Ministries at the rear of the Churchill Building downtown so persons can voice their concerns regarding public health care on the island.

The hospital administrator has been invited to attend.

"I want the public to know that doctors have something called the Hippocratic Oath that they take, and they also have a duty of care to patients," he said.

"We cannot allow doctors or medical professionals to sit by while people suffer and die for lack of medical treatment," he said.

"If there is a shortage of staff we need to correct that because we cannot allow patients to come to the emergency room and sit by to wait because of lack of staff."

"We are looking to put a private committee together to overlook the care that is carried out in the Rand," Mr Garvey said.

Mr Garvey said that Mr Russell is considering taking legal action.

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Residents and police in bid to improve community awareness



CONCERNED residents and business persons from eastern Grand Bahama joined with police and government agencies in a bid to improve community awareness.

Some thirty persons participated in the campaign headed by Superintendent Welbourne Bootle of the Eastern Division, and hosted at the High Rock Primary School on Thursday.

ASP Loretta Mackey said: "The Neighborhood Team of the Eastern Division held a Community Awareness Campaign in partnership with the Local Government

Office, East Grand Bahama Administrator and the High Rock Urban Renewal Office."

The participants, representing various settlements from Gold Rock Creek to High Rock, completed surveys and voiced concerns while hearing from authorities on community awareness initiatives and the youth programme.

ASP Mackey said: "This meeting is the first in a series for the residents and business operators for the Eastern Communities to hear the concerns and to improve the relationship as they move forward."



MINI-SERIES: JEANENE FOX

BAHAMIAN ACTRESS LANDS ROLE IN ITALIAN MINI-SERIES

BAHAMIAN actress Jeanene Fox has landed a role in another Italian mini-series.

Ms Fox is in the midst of building an acting career in Europe. Being cast as an investigative reporter in the mini-series, *The Bodyguard*, marks the second notable role she has earned in Italy. She also appeared recently in the Italian feature comedy, *AmeriQua*.

In *The Bodyguard*, Ms Fox plays a member of an investigative news team from Los Angeles that travels to the island of Malta to report on a complex murder case.

Tension soon rises as the team uncovers many truths that have serious implications for the island's justice system. Eventually, they are forced to hire a bodyguard to protect them as they reveal the truth about the case.

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Department of Public Service learn importance of teamwork



By LAMECH JOHNSON

DEPARTMENT of Public Service staff learned the importance of teamwork at their first of four group dynamics and team building sessions at the department's Meeting Street office last week.

Donella Bodie, permanent secretary of the department and organizer of the event, says the sessions are to help the staff through the transitions the department is currently going through and to keep the teamwork intact.

"This is the first in four sessions. It's to help us through this transition point. We've had a number of changes and I just want to ensure that we commenced the building of this dynamic and strong team again. And I think we got off to a great start today."

Rochelle Lightbourne, senior manager of training at the Bahamas Telecommunications Company was the guest speaker for the forum. She spoke of the importance of teamwork in the public service.



ROCHELLE LIGHTBOURNE, senior manager of training at the Bahamas Telecommunications Company was the guest speaker

Goal

"Effective teamwork goes beyond individual accomplishments. It is when each person harmonizes their contribution and works toward a common goal," she said.

Mrs. Lightbourne said that teamwork is especially important for the department because "this department actually shapes the public service."

Mrs Lightbourne began her career in the public service and went through a series of assignments until ending up at BTC where she is in charge of training.

Throughout the presentation, the guest speaker referred to the perception the public has of the service based on one negative experience they may have encountered with a civil servant and use that to generalize all of them "as rude or lazy."

Other topics discussed during the session were personalities, genuine caring for co-workers, socializing, passion about the job and meeting the department's goals.

"The vision for the public service is bigger than you."

There were also team exercises that separated the staff into six groups.

"Teamwork starts with you as an individual. Individuals make up a team. You have to work on you first."

Mrs. Bodie asked for the staff for 100 per cent commitment to working effectively to meeting their work deadlines and hoped that the sessions would encourage the workers.

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FILM lovers who missed screenings of the award-winning romantic comedy Hello Lonesome at the Bahamas International Film Festival in December are invited to see it again this week.

A one-off screening of the first feature-length film by writer, director and producer Adam Reid is the second to be featured in BIFF's monthly film series sponsored by First Caribbean International Bank's wealth management section.

Not only did the critically acclaimed film snap up the BIFF New Visions Award for best feature, it has won acclaim at festivals across North America for its cinematography, screenplay, and audience popularity. The Los Angeles Film Festival presented the film with an award for best ensemble.

Laughter

The film is said to be an enchanting mixture of laughter and longing as the audience follows six flawed yet endearing individuals whose lives are intertwined as they search to fulfil the age-old desire to love and be loved.

A single urbanite who meets a girl online finds their new relationship is put to the ultimate test, while a suburban widow gets more than she was looking for when she loses her license and leans on her neighbour for support, and voice-over artist Bill Soap, starts to make amends for being a lousy father.

Hello Lonesome will be released in select theatres on May 27 and nationwide on June 1.

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HMP SPECIAL SECURITY SERVICES UNIT HEADS TO WEST VIRGINIA FOR TRAINING

FOR the past four years members of Her Majesty's Prison Special Security Services Unit have gone to West Virginia to participate in an annual Mock Prison Riot training course, held at the former West Virginia State Penitentiary, in Moundsville, West Virginia.

As in previous years, a contingent of officers consisting of Chief Officer Anthony Mortimer, Sergeants Manuel Jacques, Aldrin Sears, Corporals Foster Ferguson, Audley Rahming, Vasco Johnson, Alfreda Skinner-Rolle, Judy Whymms and Officers David Rolle and Sancto Kelly left Nassau on Friday to participate in the 15th annual Mock Prison Riot Training course, which opened Sunday and continues through Wednesday. Prison officers from around the world will participate.

The Certification training will offer workshops in Cell Entry, Cell Extraction, Fitness for Law Enforcement and Corrections, Interior Disturbance Control, K-9 Tracking, Officer Survival Active Defence Level 1, Tactical Communication, Negotiation at Cell Door, Tactical Breaching and Tactical Emergency Care.

Prison Superintendent, Dr. Elliston Rahming is always enthusiastic when staff members are engaged in personal and professional development training courses. This, he believes, will assist in creating a workforce that is well trained and diversified.

Rum Cay residents tackle invasive plant

Collaborative effort helps commemorate Earth Week

RUM CAY residents spent April 16-22, recognised around the world as Earth Week, working together in an effort to eradicate the invasive Beach Naupaka (*Scaevola taccada*) plant from the island.

The removal project was spearheaded and funded by long-time winter residents Sue and Oscar Davis.

Dickey Cash, Fabian Pratt and Ervan Saunders comprised the main removal team, while Alphonso Thompson and Roberto Bethel worked at individual home sites. Josie Harding provided a truck to help pull out the deep-seated roots.

Homeowners were asked to voluntarily agree to eliminate this destructive invasive species from their properties, and the removal team helped anyone who asked for assistance. Elimination of the stubborn *Scaevola* plant required great physical exertion. Depending upon the location of the plant, the removal team pulled, dug up and/or burned the *Scaevola* in an effort to protect the island from its further spread.

The Davis' presented replacement plants to participating homeowners and also provided St Christopher's Anglican Church with colourful new landscaping.

As an herbalist who has maintained a home on Rum



Cay since the early 1970s, Mrs Davis said she maintains a keen interest in native flora and bush medicine, and is passionate about respecting the island's ecosystem. Over the years, she has spearheaded community projects to clean up the canal entrance to the salt pond, planted trees in the local park, and has promoted the preservation of historic boundary walls throughout the island.

Shoreline

She recently observed that a new, unusual light green leafy plant had sprouted along the shoreline. *Scaevola* had been introduced to the island about 10 years ago by residents as a landscaping plant because it was salt and drought tolerant, and therefore easy to grow.

Scaevola is a large bushy shrub native to southeastern Asia, eastern Africa, Australia and the Pacific Islands, includ-

ing Hawaii. It was promoted in the 1970s and 80s for use in beach stabilisation projects and coastal landscapes, but has now been found to displace native dune vegetation, including sea oats.

This very aggressive invasive species can reach heights of 16 feet and spreads rapidly. It engulfed several homes on Rum Cay and was in need of constant pruning, leading Mrs Davis to contact the Bahamas National Trust for advice and information.

Further consultation was given by Keith Bishop of Islands By Design in Nassau, who conducted the environmental impact assessment for the Montana resort project on Rum Cay; and Dr Ethan Freid, assistant professor of Biology at the University of Tampa. Dr Freid has previously lectured at the College of the Bahamas and is a member of the BNT's Science Advisory Committee.

All the experts recommended eradication of the *Scaevola* while there was still time to prevent its spread to the mangroves and shorelines of the island.

Once the Rum Cay community had been educated about the destructive nature of this plant, the eradication project was initiated.

To date, some 80 per cent of the island's residents have cooperated with removal efforts and will continue to monitor their properties and unoccupied land for new growth.

Studies

Scaevola's bright green leaf, white flower and white fruit make it easy to identify. While its leaf pattern looks similar to the native Inkberry (which produces black fruit) the *Scaevola* plant leaf is not as stiff and grows at a much more rapid rate. The round, elliptical fruit or berries can float for up to a year, spreading along coastlines, canal banks, mangroves and inland shorelines. Studies have shown that seeds treated with saline solutions germinate rapidly after exposure to fresh water.

This aggressive predatory plant has colonised wild beach-

es in Florida, the Cayman Islands and several Bahamian Islands.

In Florida, the propagation and distribution of the plant has been prohibited since 2007. Despite literature compiled and distributed by the Bahamas Environmental, Science and Technology Commission (BEST), the plant has not yet been banned in the Bahamas.

With complete disregard for its ability to overcome well-adapted native plant species, *Scaevola* is currently being sold by some nurseries in Nassau as a landscape plant, and can be found in many upscale communities on New Providence.

"Rum Cay residents realise that their work over the last two weeks is just the beginning of eradicating this plant from their island," Mrs Davis said.

"In order for the eradication to be effective, complete cooperation from all community members is necessary.

"We are discussing ways to monitor and protect the island from further invasion and undertake additional management efforts as needed."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mourners demand revenge in Libya after NATO strike

TRIPOLI, Libya
Associated Press

LIBYANS shouting for revenge buried Moammar Gadhafi's second youngest son to the thundering sound of anti-aircraft fire Monday, as South Africa warned that the NATO bombing that killed him would only bring more violence.

Libya's leader did not attend the tumultuous funeral of 29-year-old Seif al-Arab, but older brothers Seif al-Islam and Mohammed paid their respects, thronged by a crowd of several thousand. Jostling to get closer to the coffin, draped with a green Libyan flag, mourners flashed victory signs and chanted "Revenge, revenge for you, Libya."

Three of Gadhafi's grandchildren, an infant and two toddlers, also died in Saturday's attack, which NATO says targeted one of the regime's command and control centers. Gadhafi and his wife were in the compound at the time, but escaped unharmed, Libyan officials said, accusing the alliance of trying to assassinate the Libyan leader.

NATO officials have denied they are hunting Gadhafi to break the battlefield stalemate between Gadhafi's troops and rebels trying for the past 10 weeks to depose him. Rebels largely control eastern Libya, while Gadhafi

has clung to much of the west, including the capital, Tripoli.

Fierce battles have raged in Misrata, a besieged rebel-held city in western Libya, which has been shelled by Libyan forces every day in recent weeks. Records at one hospital showed that at least eight people were killed and 54 injured in shelling on Monday that lasted all morning and for a brief period during the afternoon.

Rebels have repeatedly called on NATO to use more firepower against Libyan troops. "We call on the world to deal with Gadhafi just as they dealt with bin Laden," said a Misrata doctor, referring to the killing of terror mastermind Osama bin Laden in Pakistan by U.S. forces early Monday. The doctor only gave his first name, Aiman, for fear of reprisals.

Under a U.N. mandate, NATO'S role is to protect Libyan civilians, but the international community has increasingly disagreed about what that entails. Western political leaders have called for Gadhafi's ouster, prompting warnings from Russia, China and others that regime change must not be the objective of NATO'S bombing campaign, now in its second month.

Responding to the attack on Gadhafi compound, South Africa said Monday that "attacks on leaders and officials can only result in the



IN THIS March 2, 2011 file photo, Libyan Leader Moammar Gadhafi gestures to supporters as he speaks in Tripoli, Libya. Gadhafi survived a NATO missile strike Saturday, April 30, 2011 that killed his youngest son and three grandchildren and wounded friends and relatives, Libya's spokesman said. (AP)

escalation of tensions and conflicts on all sides and make future reconciliation difficult." On Sunday, Russia accused NATO of a "disproportion-

ate use of force" and called for an immediate cease-fire.

South Africa has attempted to mediate between Gadhafi and the rebels, proposing a

cease-fire and dialogue. Rebel leaders have said they will only lay down their arms once Gadhafi and his family leave, but Gadhafi has refused.

● In brief

Honda to cut production of new Civic, other models

DETROIT
Associated Press

HONDA Motor Co. warned U.S. dealers Monday that it will run short of popular models such as the Civic compact later this summer because of parts shortages caused by Japan's earthquake.

It said normal production may not return until the end of the year.

Honda will significantly cut production of the new 2012 Civic, the sixth most popular car in the U.S., through the summer, if not longer.

In addition, the 2012 version of the CR-V small SUV will be delayed by at least a month this fall. To make up for shortages, Honda will keep making the 2011 version.

Both vehicles are made in North America, but like other automakers, Honda must cut production because it's running low on Japanese imports of chips, sensors and other parts. Japanese plants that supply them were damaged by the March 11 earthquake or hampered by power outages.

Nearly every major auto company has had to idle factories due to shortages. Honda, Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co. have been hit particularly hard. Supply companies are scrambling to build their parts elsewhere, but setting up alternate factories takes months.

Honda, which makes 80 percent of the vehicles sold in North America at plants in the region, also said it will be able to import only a limited number of Japan-built cars in the U.S. That means dealers won't be able to order the Fit subcompact, and the CR-Z, Insight and Civic gas electric hybrids until later in the year.

"Our goal remains to normalize overall production sometime around the end of the year," John Mendel, executive vice president of sales for American Honda, wrote in the dealer memo.

Shortages also will cut supply of some Acuras, Honda's luxury cars. Dealers won't be able to order the TSX small car and wagon and the RL large sedan until later in the year, the memo said.

The shortages come at a time when gasoline in the U.S. is hitting \$4 a gallon in 13 states. That normally drives up sales of fuel-efficient models from Honda and Toyota.

Honda spokeswoman Christina Ra conceded that the production cuts could send some buyers to other brands, but she said some buyers might be willing to wait.

"We can certainly beef up production once things get back to normal," she said.

Honda sold nearly 67,000 Civics through March, up 21 percent from last year. Sales of the CR-V, which ranks No. 11 in U.S. sales, were up 58 percent to just over 57,000 through March.

Some industry analysts think production cuts by Japanese automakers could help General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Hyundai and other automakers that have not been hit as hard by parts shortages.

GM, Ford and Hyundai have far better entries in the compact car market than in past years, and buyers who would automatically have bought a Honda or Toyota may end up trying other brands.

Mendel's memo said Honda would have to stop taking orders for some paint colors due to lack of a certain shiny pigment made only in Japan. Ra said the colors are types of red, blue, dark gray and white.

Last month Honda said it would slow down production at its 10 U.S. and Canadian auto factories into at least early May because of shortages. The company still says none of its 21,000 North American factory workers will be laid off. Toyota has made similar moves in North America.

106 missing in latest boat tragedy on Congo river

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Associated Press
KINSHASA, Congo

An overcrowded boat capsized in Congo, witnesses said, leaving at least 106 people missing in the latest transportation tragedy in this vast Central African country of jungles and huge rivers.

The boat carrying passengers and merchandise sank on the Kasai River in Kasai-Occidental province, local resident Vickie Ndaye said Monday. The mayor of the town in south-central Congo where it happened confirmed the disaster but did not immediately offer any further details.

Another boat capsized last year on that same river, a tributary of the Congo River, leaving as many as 200 people dead. Investigators later said there were four times as many people onboard that vessel as the passenger list claimed, and that the boat operators bribed officials to allow them to overload it. Congo suffered back-to-back civil wars beginning in the late 1990s and today has only 600 miles (1,000 kilometers) of paved roads in a country the size of Western Europe. The Congo River is the only real highway in the vast country. Barges traverse the river like floating villages crowded with up to 2,000 people, mainly traders and their goods, from bags of sorghum to barrels of palm oil.

It can take weeks to get from the river's source in the south to Kinshasa, the capital, meandering in a scythe-like arc. The river is nearly 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometers) long and about 10 miles (16 kilometers) wide at some points.

Since barely anyone can afford to fly, travelers in Congo ride on boats and barges not intended for people even if they do not know how to swim, sleeping at night next to sacks of maize and piles of timber amid the stench of fish. The boats are often in poor repair and filled beyond capacity, and the industry is not well-regulated.

Authorities said at least 72 people were missing after a boat capsized on a lake in eastern Congo a week ago.

Anti-government protest turns violent in Maldives



Sinan Hussain/AP Photo

DETENTION: Maldives police officers detain female protesters during a protest in Male, Maldives, Sunday, May 1, 2011. Maldives police used tear gas and batons to break up a protest early Sunday demanding that President Mohamad Nasheed step down. Dozens of people were injured and many were arrested.

MALE, Maldives

Anti-government protesters in the Maldives and a group supporting the regime clashed on the streets of the capital, and police used tear gas to try to control the violence.

Several people were arrested, and some government buildings were damaged.

Thousands of people gathered at a main intersection in the capital, Male, for a third straight night Monday for an overnight protest against government inaction in controlling rising prices, alleged mismanagement and wasteful spending. They have been demanding that President Mohamad Nasheed step down.

But clashes erupted after a group of government supporters attacked the protesters with rocks. Both sides then hurled rocks and bottles, prompting police to use tear gas to disperse them.

It was not immediately known whether anyone was injured. Later, the protesters briefly gathered at a different location, but police dispersed them

again. Disgruntled protesters then started fires on the roads and attacked government buildings, police spokesman Ahmed Shiyam said.

He said six protesters were arrested.

Opposition spokesman Mohammed Shareef said organizers called off the protests for the night after police dispersed them. He denied attacks on government buildings, blaming instead people with violent backgrounds who infiltrated the crowds. The protesters are mainly upset over the government's decision last month to allow the Maldivian currency, the Rufiyaa, to float against the U.S. dollar. A sudden devaluation of the currency has resulted in higher prices for essential commodities, most of which are imported.

Nasheed was elected president in 2008 in the country's first multiparty election after 30 years of authoritarian rule by Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who is credited with developing the country into a popular tourist attraction. Maldives, an Indian Ocean archipelago of 1,200 islets, has a population of around 300,000.

Salvador general accused of Jesuit killings dies

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador
Associated Press

RENE Emilio Ponce, a Salvadoran army general and former defense minister accused of ordering the 1989 killings of six Jesuit priests and two others during the country's civil war, died on Monday. He was 64.

Ponce — who faced an investigation in Spain for crimes against humanity — died of heart failure in a hospital in San Salvador, the Defense Department said in a statement.

A U.N. truth commission report released in 1992 found Ponce ordered the killings of the Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter when Ponce was a

colonel in the Salvadoran army. The priests, who worked at the Jesuit-run Universidad Centroamericana, had been suspected of sympathizing with the country's leftist rebel movement.

A U.S. congressional investigation found they had been rousted from their beds and shot by soldiers in the killings, which sparked international outrage.

Ponce was promoted to general the year after the massacre. He was defense minister from 1990 to 1993.

Nine military officials and troops, not including Ponce, who were members of the U.S.-trained Atlacatl Battalion were tried in the slayings in El Salvador, but only two were convicted. Both were freed in 1993 because

of an amnesty law passed to accompany a peace treaty ending the war.

In 2009, Spanish Judge Eloy Velasco ordered an investigation of Ponce and 13 other Salvadoran military officials accused of involvement in the killings. No charges were ever filed against Ponce.

More than 75,000 people were killed during the 12-year civil war between leftist guerrillas and a succession of U.S.-backed rightist governments. That war ended in 1991.

Many of the victims were civilians suspected of leftist sympathies slain by death squads linked to the military. Among them were a number of Roman Catholic priests and nuns.



IN THIS Sept. 9, 2003 file photo, Gen. Rene Emilio Ponce is sworn in as president of the Association of Military Veterans in San Salvador, El Salvador. The former defense minister of El Salvador who faced a lawsuit in Spain for crimes against humanity, died Monday at age 64 at the Military Hospital in San Salvador.



DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN

US MUSLIMS EXPRESS RELIEF

JEFF KAROUB, Associated Press
DEARBORN, Mich.

U.S. Muslims who felt the double sting of personal sadness and public suspicion after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks greeted the news of Osama bin Laden's death with a sense of relief Monday as well as jubilation.

His death comes at a time when the Muslim community has been under considerable scrutiny and pressure, with congressional hearings in March on the radicalization of American Muslims, controversy surrounding ongoing plans to build a mosque near the World Trade Center site and allegations that about 20 young men have traveled from the Minneapolis area to Somalia in recent years to join a terror group that the U.S. says is tied to al-Qaida. While divisions always exist in communities as large and diverse as Muslims or Arabs, many said Monday they hoped the news of bin Laden's death would pave the way for the kind of unity in their community and with other Americans rarely seen since the 9/11 attacks and subsequent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I believe this is an important milestone in bringing closure to the deep wound that 9/11 created in America and our community in lower Manhattan," said Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, who had been working to build an Islamic community center near ground zero before a rift with developers. In Dearborn, where at least one-third of the population can trace its roots to the Middle East, about 20 men of Arab descent gathered very early Monday at a spontaneous rally outside the city hall. They waved American flags, chanted "U-S-A!, U-S-A!" and whooped joyously at passing vehicles.

"This is a special day for us, to show Americans we are celebrating, we are united," said Ahmed Albeldairy, 35, of Dearborn, who came to the U.S. from Iraq in 1996. "We celebrate because of the death of the evil Osama bin Laden killed by U.S. forces."

Many Muslims stressed that bin Laden wasn't a true follower of their faith, and Nihad Awad, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Washington, said he hoped the community's response to his death would help "disassociate him from Islam."

Abdisalam Adam, board chairman for the Minneapolis-based Islamic Civic Society of America, was among Muslims in Minnesota who said he felt some relief at the news of bin Laden's death. He said the past 10 years have been difficult for Muslims, who feel they always need to explain they are not associated with bin Laden, and they are not terrorists.

Several Pakistani immigrants said they thought U.S. leaders made a mistake with the announcement that bin Laden had been buried at sea because people might not believe he was dead. "When Saddam Hussein was killed it was a big relief," said Tariq Hamid, who has lived in New York for 40 years and owns a restaurant there with his brother. "You saw his face, you saw his pictures and you saw everything. But now that the No. 1 terrorist in the world, where the whole world wanted to see how he's dead and there's nothing."

Tamara Halees, 27, who manages Assayad, a Middle Eastern restaurant in Dearborn, said she believes bin Laden's death has provided a chance for people to come together.

"As an American Muslim, his death is exciting to us. This is also a chance for people who are non-Arab or had a different view of American Muslims to see that we're as happy as they are," Halees said. "Because that's not what we support. Our religion as true Muslims doesn't support any violence like that."

Along with enduring suspicion after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Detroit-area Muslims — along with many others — were frightened by a December 2009 attack in which authorities say a suspected al-Qaida operative with a bomb in his underwear slipped aboard a flight to Detroit and nearly detonated the explosive as his plane approached the airport.

Mohamed Kobeissi, 54, manager of the Arabica Café in nearby Dearborn, said he was looking forward to fresh start after bin Laden's death.

One unwary phone call led US to bin Laden doorstep

ADAM GOLDMAN, Associated Press
MATT APUZZO, Associated Press
WASHINGTON

When one of Osama bin Laden's most trusted aides picked up the phone last year, he unknowingly led U.S. pursuers to the doorstep of his boss, the world's most wanted terrorist.

That phone call, recounted Sunday by a U.S. official, ended a years-long search for bin Laden's personal courier, the key break in a worldwide manhunt. The courier, in turn, led U.S. intelligence to a walled compound in northeast Pakistan, where a team of Navy SEALs shot bin Laden to death.

The violent final minutes were the culmination of years of intelligence work. Inside the CIA team hunting bin Laden, it always was clear that bin Laden's vulnerability was his couriers. He was too smart to let al-Qaida foot soldiers, or even his senior commanders, know his hideout. But if he wanted to get his messages out, somebody had to carry them, someone bin Laden trusted with his life.

In a secret CIA prison in Eastern Europe years ago, al-Qaida's No. 3 leader, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, gave authorities the nicknames of several of bin Laden's couriers, four former U.S. intelligence officials said. Those names were among thousands of leads the CIA was pursuing.

One man became a particular interest for the agency when another detainee, Abu Faraj al-Libi, told interrogators that when he was promoted to succeed Mohammed as al-Qaida's operational leader he received the word through a courier. Only bin Laden would have given al-Libi that promotion,



ATTENTIVE: In this image released by the White House and digitally altered by the source to diffuse the paper in front of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, along with members of the national security team, receive an update on the mission against Osama bin Laden in the Situation Room of the White House, Sunday, May 1, 2011, in Washington.

AIRPORT SECURITY BOOSTED AFTER DEATH

LINTHICUM, Md.

Security is being heightened at Baltimore's airport after the killing of Osama bin Laden, but an airport spokesman says he doesn't expect travellers to be impacted significantly.

There was a light volume of travellers and security lines were short Monday morning at Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington International Airport, as well as at Reagan National Airport in Washington. Travellers such as Catherine and Rupert Farley of Fredericksburg, Va., recognize that al-Qaida might retaliate but did not consider changing their plans to fly from Washington to the Bahamas. Ben McWhorter of Augusta, Ga., didn't notice any increased security when boarding his flight to BWI and wasn't worried about immediate attacks. He says he will be more concerned in a couple of weeks.

CIA officials believed. If they could find that courier, they'd find bin Laden.

The revelation that intelligence gleaned from the CIA's so-called black sites helped kill bin Laden was seen as vindication for many intelligence officials who have been repeatedly investigated and criticized for their involvement in a program that involved the harshest interrogation methods in U.S. history.

"We got beat up for it, but those efforts led to this great day," said Marty Martin, a retired CIA officer who for years led the hunt for bin

Laden. Mohammed did not reveal the names while being subjected to the simulated drowning technique known as waterboarding, former officials said.

He identified them many months later under standard interrogation, they said, leaving it once again up for debate as to whether the harsh technique was a valuable tool or an unnecessarily violent tactic.

It took years of work for intelligence agencies to identify the courier's real name, which officials are not disclosing. When they did identify him, he was nowhere to be found. The



INSIDE THE COMPOUND: This frame grab from video obtained exclusively by ABC News, on Monday, May 2, 2011, shows a section of a room in the interior of the compound where it is believed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden lived in Abbottabad, Pakistan.



WHERE HE LIVED: This Monday, May 2, 2011 satellite image provided by GeoEye shows the compound, center, in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where Osama bin Laden lived.

CIA's sources didn't know where he was hiding. Bin Laden was famously insistent that no phones or computers be used near him, so the eavesdroppers at the National Security Agency kept coming up cold.

Then in the middle of last year, the courier had a telephone conversation with someone who was being monitored by U.S. intelligence, according to an American official, who like others interviewed for this story spoke only on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive operation. The courier was located somewhere away

from bin Laden's hideout when he had the discussion, but it was enough to help intelligence officials locate and watch him.

In August 2010, the courier unknowingly led authorities to a compound in the northeast Pakistani town of Abbottabad, where al-Libi had once lived. The walls surrounding the property were as high as 18 feet and topped with barbed wire. Intelligence officials had known about the house for years, but they always suspected that bin Laden would be surrounded by heavily armed security guards. Nobody patrolled the compound in Abbottabad.



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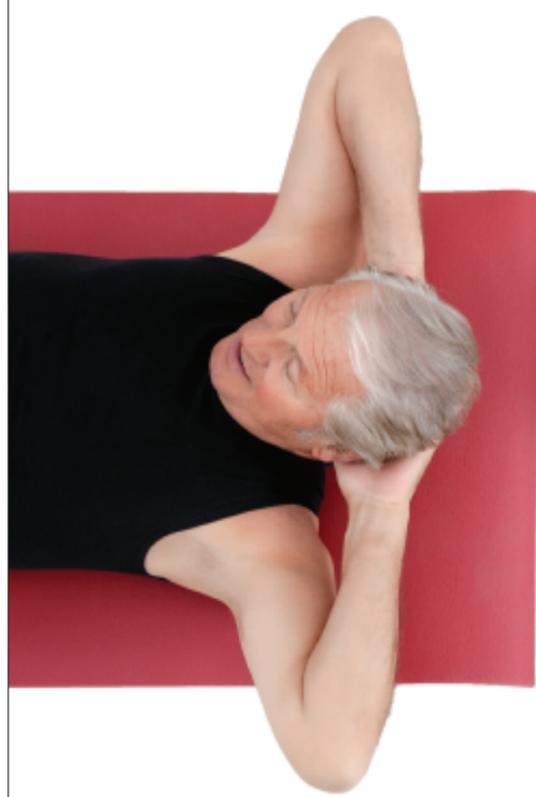
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GOOD vegan food at 'Green Cay'.

Celebrate being green

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

THE LOVE YOURSELF and Your Health and Green Smoothie campaign may be over, but the celebration continues. Hundreds of people celebrated with Janet Johnson as she proudly 'strutted her stuff' and revealed her new slimmer frame at the second Annual Green Earth Festival, held at the Bahamas National Trust.

You may remember Janet from the earlier part of this year when she was introduced to the public at the Love Yourself and Your Health Campaign launch event at Ardastra Gardens in January.

After a successful first year in 2010, which highlighted the efforts of Chrissy Love, host of the ZNS call-in show Immediate Response, organisers of Love Yourself decided to make it an annual awareness campaign. In keeping with their own national healthy lifestyle initiatives, the National Insurance Board is one of many groups partnering in this campaign. Janet received The Love Yourself Wellness Package.

The 42-year-old, Janet Johnson told *Tribune Health* that her story is definitely her testimony so she feels proud to share it with others. "This is the first time I took part in a campaign such as this one but I know I am going to be successful at it."

Going further on the festival, it is the only sustainable and natural health and wellness event in The Bahamas. This year more than sixty vendors gathered showcasing what the Bahamas has to offer in the area of eco friendly, organic, vegan, veg-

etarian, natural and healthy. Rhonda Wright, Director of Seedlings Place tells *Tribune Health* that patrons had a wonderfully relaxing afternoon, while tasting, testing, sampling and learning about how possible it is to live a green, natural and healthy lifestyle in The Bahamas.

"Many of you reached out to me to share your experience and the positive results you have seen since you have been incorporating greens into your food lifestyle. You are encouraged to continue on your path and trust the goodness that your body is telling you," Ms Wright said.

She goes on to offer a special thank you to the core Love Yourself Team members, Chrissy Love, Sha King and Dr Dwight Marshall, "who continued from 2010 in joining me every Tuesday on the Love Yourself Tuesday show on The Immediate Response with host Chrissy Love, for the last three months. As we move back to the monthly schedule, I'm going to miss our weekly fun, yet informative dialogue with the nation."

Speaking on the campaign, Ms Wright added: "Over the last twelve weeks, as a result of the phenomenal contributions made to the Love Yourself Wellness package Janet Johnson has successfully released forty two pounds and her overall status includes:- Weight - 200 now 158.2, Body Mass Index - 38.8 now 32.8, ph - was 5 now 7.5, she's now an alkaline girl, blood pressure - 185/95 now 101/80, total inches off of her waistline are: 5-3/4."

The package included: NHC Nutrition, Sha King, Personal Trainer - physical training, colon hydrotherapy, sauna treatments and

organic food supplements; Living Well Naturally, Shanishka Bain, Naturopath - weekly meal plans, detoxification program including booklets, herbal supplements, herbal teas; Raw On Da Porch, Chrissy Love, Culinary Specialist - daily living lunches & green smoothies; Veg-an Market, Glenwood Rahming - daily vegan evening meals; Lucayan Tropical, Tim Hauber - weekly mixed produce boxes; Orisha Bath & Body Essentials, Rukenya Nash - supply of natural, handmade therapeutic bath bars; Green Grill, Tony Burrows - grilled vegan lunch option on Saturdays; Super foods, Mrs Clarke - vegan lunch option on Saturdays; Proactive Chiropractic, Dr Nisha Armbrister, Chinese Medical Doctor - acupuncture treatments; Proactive Chiropractic, Dr. Dwight Marshall, Chiropractor - chiropractic treatments/adjustments; Jemi Health and Wellness, Michelle - two massage therapy sessions and on line support program. Her skin is clear, her confidence is high, her spirits are lifted and of course she is now an official healthy lifestyles messenger as her journey continues.

Ms Wright notes that Janet's success story is simply an example of what every one of us can accomplish if we have the desire, discipline and commitment to invest in ourselves. "While all aspects of what Janet was afforded by way of her package may not be included in your everyday or initial transition steps, as has been communicated in previous articles, small, steady, consistent changes will make a big difference. If you're still looking for a starting point, get on the green team and celebrate being green with the rest of us."



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Kingdor National Parkinson Foundation to host 11th Annual Gala Ball

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

AS part of their tireless ongoing efforts to sufficiently educate and sensitise Bahamians to Parkinson disease, the Kingdor National Parkinson Foundation is inviting the public to partake in a magical experience during the organisation's 11th annual Gala Ball "Celebrating the Dance of Life" to be held this Saturday.

The event will be held under the patronage of their excellencies, Sir Arthur Foulkes, governor general of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and Lady Foulkes.

Organisers say the event will be an unforgettable one for attendees. Along with sensational music provided by the Royal Bahamas Police Force band, soul singer and American R&B Grammy Award winner, Peabo Bryson, will headline the event. Bryson who is known for his soft rock ballads, won a Grammy Award in 1992 for his performance of the song "Beauty and the Beast" with Céline Dion and another in

1993 for "A Whole New World" (Aladdin's Theme) with Regina Belle. His greatest solo hits include 1977's "Feel The Fire" and "Reaching For the Sky", 1978's "I'm So Into You" and "Crosswinds" 1982's "Let The Feeling Flow", 1984's "If Ever You're in My Arms Again". "People can expect a great night. Beautiful decorations, scrumptious meals by world renown chefs, and sensational music," said Mavis Darling chairperson of Kingdor National Parkinson Foundation.

From the very beginning the foundation has worked diligently to find the cause of Parkinson through research, improve the quality of life for persons with Parkinson and their caregivers and educate persons with Parkinson, their caregivers, health care professionals, and the general public about Parkinson disease and its treatments. Donations from the event will go towards these causes.

"We have been working hard to find a cause for this disease and any funds that we receive will go towards educational programmes, individuals who

have Parkinson disease as well as research. We are also hoping to get a building going as well," Ms Darling told *Tribune Health*.

The Kingdor National Parkinson's Foundation was instituted on April, 20 2000, in memory of Rev Dr King S Darling, a parkinsonian, and Dorothy Darling his caregiver. The name "Kingdor" is a coinage of Rev Dr Darling's Christian name King and Dor the affectionate nickname of Dorothy Darling. The organisation was designed to assist persons with Parkinson's and has two district arms: the executive branch with responsibility for fundraising, training and the Support Group responsible for outreach programmes, meetings on a monthly basis and outreach.

Since the inception, the foundation has granted assistance to several persons affected by the disease and other allied conditions. One of the primary goals of this organisation is to find the cause and cure of Parkinson's disease. There are some 39 centers of excellence throughout the world, therefore research is tirelessly being



Peabo Bryson

conducted to ensure that, one day, Parkinson's will be a concern of the past.

"We are confident of our efforts to educate the Bahamian people about the early signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease and the necessary help managing the illness."

The event will be held at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort this Saturday beginning at 6.45 with a cocktail reception. Dinner begins at 7.45pm. There will also be prizes and giveaways.

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STAR STUDDED: Grammy award winning artist Peabo Bryson will perform at the Kingdor National Parkinson Foundation's Gala event.

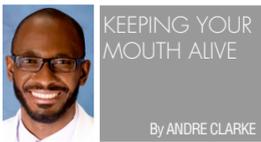
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Cigarette use and oral health

IT IS common knowledge that cigarette smoking is the single major cause of cancer and cardiovascular disease in the United States. It contributes to a large number of premature deaths each year in the USA, but still about 25 per cent of American adults continue to smoke. One of the main components in cigarettes is nicotine and it is accepted as one of the most addictive drugs in the USA.

Nicotine is a naturally occurring liquid and is readily absorbed from tobacco smoke in the lungs. In addition to nicotine, cigarette smoke is composed of many gases (mainly carbon monoxide) and tar. It is also filled with known carcinogens (cancer causing agents).

The absorption of nicotine through the lungs of cigarette smokers is widely accepted. However, its absorption through the mouth tissues under the alkaline conditions found in cigar, pipe and smokeless tobacco use, is less publicised. Once in the blood stream, nicotine acts on the central nervous and cardiovascular system regardless of the method of absorption.



Absorption

Many mucosal (mouth tissue) changes are seen in habitual users of smoked and smokeless tobacco. These changes most likely result from the many irritants, toxins, and carcinogens found naturally in cured or burned tobacco leaves. They may also arise from the mucosal drying effects; the high intraoral (inside the mouth) temperatures; intraoral pH changes; local alteration of immune responses and the altered resistance to fungal and viral infections that cigarettes cause. The significant mucosal changes that result from cigarette use are: oral cancer; leukoplakia (white patches in mouth); nicotine stomatitis (inflamed mouth tissue); smokeless tobacco keratosis (skin like thickening of mouth tissue); smoker's melanosis (black spots) and hairy tongue

(increased length of taste buds on the tongue).

In addition to mucosal changes, there are changes of the gums and of the bone supporting the gums of cigarette users. These changes include gingivitis (gum disease), periodontitis (disease of the supporting structures of the teeth), acute necrotising ulcerative gingivitis (ANUG) (gum rotting with ulcer formation) and delayed wound healing. None of these changes should be taken lightly.

The soft tissues in the mouth are not the only things affected when you smoke cigarettes. The teeth are also impacted. Cavities, tooth abrasion and tooth erosion are quite common. These will inevitably affect how well the cigarette smoker can chew any food.

It is of paramount importance to note that cigarette smoking affects the physiology of the mouth and the bacteria that live in the mouth. These two effects impact the quality of life of the smoker in a big way. Cigarette smoking reduces blood flow to the entire mouth; reduces gum attachment to teeth; causes a short term

increase in saliva production (long term effects not definitive); increases mouth fungi and fungi tongue changes; reduces the taste of food and increases sinus problems.

Fever blisters and mouth ulcers are usually suppressed in cigarette smokers but whenever there is a reduction of cigarette smoking for any reason, a barrage of blisters and ulcers ensue.

Bad breath

Bad breath and teeth staining as a result of cigarette smoking are very familiar to those of you who smoke or know persons who smoke. Bad breath is produced predominantly by the retention and subsequent exhalation of inhaled smoke in the lungs. Pipe and cigar tobacco contains more sulfur than cigarettes and therefore tend to cause a more offensive bad breath.

Anecdotally, it is accepted that cigarette smokers have almost twice as much tooth staining as nonsmokers. It is not only teeth that can get stained, but dentures also. When dentures become

stained, it poses a special problem. The stains are often too heavy and too deeply embedded on the dentures, to be removed by over the counter denture cleansers. It is usually necessary to take the dentures to your dental healthcare professional to assist in the removal of the stains. Cigarette smoking is also known to contribute to or accentuate the staining properties of chlorhexidine solutions (e.g. Peridex and Periogard rinses) and gels (e.g. Corsydyl gel).

Cigarette smoking is a habit that has bad body and mouth consequences. It is advisable to quit. If you do not quit and choose to live with the possible ill effects mentioned above, it is mandatory to visit your dental professional regularly. It is most important to get checked for oral cancer yearly. Your life may depend on it. If you smoke cigarettes or know someone who smokes cigarettes, please arrange for a mouth examination and continue to pursue good mouth health.

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What your feet say about your health pt2

THIS week continues with more red flags as you take a sneak peek at your feet.

"You can detect everything from diabetes to nutritional deficiencies just by examining the feet," says Jane Andersen, Doctor of Podiatry Medicine and president of the American Association of Women Podiatrists and a spokeswoman for the American Podiatric Medical Association.

The feet provide an abundance of insightful data. A pair of feet contain 52 bones, which is more than a quarter of all the 206 bones of the body. Each foot has 33 joints; 100 tendons; muscles and ligaments; and countless nerves and blood vessels that link all the way to the heart, spine and brain. This is an indication of how important nature regarded the foot when she designed it.

Unresolved foot problems can have unexpected consequences. Untreated pain often leads a person to move less and gain weight or to shift balance in unnatural ways thereby increasing the chance of falling and breaking a bone.

So when the feet send a message they mean business. This week we will highlight the ninth and tenth of eighteen red flags as I continue a nine segment presentation.

Red Flag 9: Thick, yellow, downright ugly toenails

What it means: A fungal infection is running rampant below the surface of the nail. This condition is referred to as *Onychomycosis* and can persist painlessly for years. By the time its visibly unattractive, the infection is advanced and can spread to all toenails and even fingernails.

More clues: The nails may also smell bad and turn dark. People who are most vulnerable are those with diabetes, circulatory trouble or immune-deficiency disorders (like rheumatoid arthritis). If an older person has trouble walking, sometimes the problem can be traced to the simple fact that the infected nails grew thicker and are harder to cut and thus has simply gone undetected to the point of pain.

What to do: See a foot specialist or your regular physician for care and treatment. In serious cases the over-the-counter antifungals are usually not as effective as a com-



combination of topical and oral medications and the professional removal of diseased bits. Newer-generation oral antifungal medications tend to have fewer side effects than older ones.

Red Flag 10: "Phee-uuuw!"

What it means: Though smelly feet (*hyperhidrosis*) tend to cause more alarm than most foot symptoms, odour or downright stinkiness is seldom a sign something physically amiss.

Feet contain more sweat glands than any other body part, having half a million between the two of them. Some people are more prone to sweat than others.

Also, while being enclosed in shoes and socks, and the normal bacteria that thrive in the body have a feast on the resulting moisture thus creating the smell that makes wives and mothers weep. Both sexes can have smelly feet but men tend to sweat more.

What to do: Wash with antibacterial soap and dry feet well. Toss used socks in the wash and always put on a fresh pair instead of reusing. Visit a specialty footwear store to purchase shoes and socks that will wick away moisture.

There is no need to wear two or three pairs of socks at once in an effort to absorb moisture. Invest in a pair of anatomically-designed terry cushioned moisture-wicking socks. There are also various types of insole made from moisture wicking material that are used to combat this problem. Always wear shoes with breathable upper material, for example, leather.

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How to find the perfect gift for the special women in your life

(ARA) - What woman in your life has most influenced you? Perhaps your mother, who has guided you since childhood. Or maybe it's your grandmother or wife who has supported you during your most unforgettable moments. Whoever this special woman might be, you want to celebrate and recognize everything she's done for you.

A birthday, personal anniversary or even Mother's Day is the perfect day to celebrate the women in your life. In fact, after the winter holidays, Mother's Day is the second largest U.S. consumer spending holiday, according to the National Retail Federation. Everyone loves to shower Mom with gifts, and jewelry proves to be a popular choice - 26 percent of shoppers say they plan to buy their mothers a gift of jewelry.

Shoppers are not just buying for their mothers, but also for stepmoms, wives, sisters, daughters, grandmothers, friends and godmothers. No matter what woman has made a difference in your life, celebrate her on this special day and throughout the year.

The No. 1 rule for buying a great gift is to keep individuality in mind. Try to find something that celebrates her uniqueness, such as her likes or personal accomplishments, or even better a special time you shared together. Here are some one-of-a-kind gift ideas to celebrate the women who have made a difference in your life:

1. Make a family cookbook

Do you remember baking cookies with your grandmother as a child? Or how about when Mom helped you make stuffing the first time you hosted Thanksgiving dinner? If food means love in your family, consider making a cookbook of favorite family

recipes. Scan or type up hand-written recipe cards and bind them together into one book.

2. Create a china mosaic

Make a mosaic using some of Mom's or Grandma's old dishes that are chipped or cracked. It's a great way to keep a pattern or color of china she loves within the house. You can find mosaic supplies at your local craft store for affordable prices. Consider adding a mosaic design to a platter, pot, vase or a photo frame.

3. Celebrate with jewelry

Choose jewelry that celebrates the uniqueness of your loved one or a special moment you've shared. High-quality, hand-finished charm bracelets work well because they offer endless opportunities (and occasion after occasion) to personalize. For example, Pandora has more than 800 hand-finished charms of varying sizes, shapes and colors so the options for bracelet design are practically limitless. Select different charms for 14 karat gold, sterling silver, two-toned, braided leather or colored cords bracelets. Choose from 14 karat gold, sterling silver or two-toned charms, adorned with colored enamel or precious stones, to represent special moments you've shared. Talk about the meaning of each charm when you give this special gift. A charm bracelet can be built on as years go by and it's sure to become a cherished keepsake.

When picking out jewelry, keep in mind the following tips:

- * Does she prefer gold or silver?
- * What are her favorite colors?



* What makes her unique as a person?

* What style of jewelry does she tend to prefer?

4. Create a photo book

Take your favorite images and create a professional-looking photo book to celebrate all of your special moments together. Don't feel creative enough to do this by hand? There are several websites that let you design your own book online and order high-quality copies for a reasonable price. This is a great way to archive photos in a beautiful book she can flip through whenever she wants to reminisce.

5. Give a

little rest and relaxation

Put together a do-it-yourself spa basket for your loved one using healthy, natural ingredients. Add some of her favorite things to the basket as well. For example, in addition to bath and beauty goodies, include books or magazines; a CD or iPod filled with her favorite music; a scented candle or soft slippers. You might also consider giving her the most recent release of her favorite TV show or movie on DVD.

Whether it's Mother's Day or her birthday, or any other time of year you choose to celebrate the women who have made a difference in your life, a gift that incorporates something personal and unique to her is sure to be a favorite for years to come.

WOMAN

The Team Effect

YOU HEAR the words team, teamwork or team building at the office, some of us more than others. But do authentic teams really exist? Or are you a part of a disconnected group of people who happen to work for the same employer, all with different agendas? Sometimes employees are lured into thinking a team exists because the word is used so often. Unfortunately, they end up feeling confused or betrayed because they experience an isolated feeling when collaboration is anticipated, or when relationships they thought were healthy turn out to be one-sided or exploitive. They eventually realize they are a member of a group of people working together who are putting their personal agendas first, supporting each other only when it serves them.

At some organizations the word teamwork is embedded in the corporate values and performance management process then supported by internal and external courses. Leaders and coworkers support the elaborate smoke-screen by espousing teamwork as a value. Building a



By YVETTE BETHEL

culture characterized by collaboration starts at the top. It doesn't start with merely articulating the right words; it starts with leaders who take the time to become aware of their subtle and overt behaviours that create division and conscientiously transform them.

Two of the decisions leaders make that inhibit teamwork are: promoting persons who are ruthless or employees who are technically competent with deficient interpersonal skills. Promotion of these types of employees automatically lowers morale and the possibility for teamwork because employees feel they are being used or attacked. These types of decisions made by hiring managers feed entitlement behaviours in the workplace because when employees feel unfairly treated the perceived

inequitable treatment creates the foundation for the belief that they have an extended list of rights.

Another type of leader who creates a mutation of the team experience is the manager who lacks all the basic skills to perform in their senior role so they use strong performers in order to create the appearance of satisfactory performance. These managers initially create the facade of teamwork where unsuspecting employees believe they are part of a mutual collaboration but these employees are actually in a one-sided working relationship, performing in two roles. The employee in the supportive role sometimes realizes they are being used when they are overlooked for a promotion because the manager can't release them.

In some work environments, members of a group attack each other either openly or surreptitiously. Their intent is to expose each other's shortcomings, sometimes camouflaging the attack as a legitimate complaint in an effort to make themselves look better. Sometimes it works

because the decision maker is not a critical thinker but we all know that when a person has to make another person seem incompetent in order to profile their value it says a whole lot about the deficiencies in their self esteem.

The Team Effect

Creating the team effect takes much more than a team building activity or a social event. When employers sponsor staff socials to address team issues, some employees show up and enjoy themselves, others choose not to attend because they do not want to spend a minute of their personal time with their coworkers. No matter how successful the social interaction appears to be, an event is an external attempt to transform an internal issue of not feeling valued or respected.

The team effect addresses these internal issues and exists when:

Team members trust each other and are willing to be vulnerable because mistakes are treated as learning opportunities and not the end of the world.

Members of the team may not like each other but they put aside the propensity for avoidance or dysfunctional confrontation refusing to allow pettiness or anger to infiltrate their interactions. They put the team agenda before their personal proclivities.

There are office politics, but relationships are managed in a way that the tendencies toward competition do not overwhelm the need for collaboration.

Leaders understand that creating and sustaining healthy team dynamics takes time and sustained behavioural modification. These leaders demonstrate the right behaviours, select the right people for teams and reward desired collaborative behaviours. While they do recognize individual achievement, it does not override the achievement of the team.

Members of the team know how to provide constructive feedback to their colleagues, no matter their level, balancing the positive and negative, inspiring commitment, mutual respect and creativity. They understand what to say, how

to deliver the message and the importance of right timing.

Members are transparent with open agendas and their interactions are aligned with their open agendas.

Emotion happens and so does self management.

Members experience a sense of connectedness and real support. They sense, care about, empathize with and value each other.

Bill Bradley, a retired NBA player and US Senator, once summarized teamwork saying, "Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it." By following his advice, you will address employees' needs to feel valued and respected by setting the stage for the team effect.

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A MODEL wears a wedding gown inspired Kate Middleton's wedding dress designed by Allen Schwartz at the 18th annual Race to Erase MS Gala in Los Angeles, Friday, April 29, 2011. Schwartz, who started sketching as soon as the gown was revealed on TV, said his team arrived at 5:30 a.m. at his Los Angeles showroom, ready to cut the pattern. He unveiled the gown at a charity gala on Friday night and on Saturday, one of his A.B.S. stores in the area was expected to have a sample on display for customers. (AP)

Fashion firms rush to copy the royal gown

NEW YORK
Associated Press

SECONDS after Kate Middleton emerged from her car outside Westminster Abbey in a ball gown with lace sleeves, designers around the U.S., glued to their TV sets, were sketching her look, setting in motion a mad rush for mass-produced versions that are expected to be in stores as early as late June.

For brides-to-be who can't wait even four weeks, David's Bridal, the largest U.S. bridal chain, was already trumpeting a strapless look from Oleg Cassini, paired with a lace bolero jacket, on its website as an already available stand-in as it scrambled to push out modified knockoffs of the real thing to stores by September.

Meanwhile, the television home-shopping channel QVC said shoppers will be able to pre-order earrings inspired by the diamond drops worn by Middleton as early as Monday night. The piece, which will sell for under \$50 and was created by Kenneth Jay Lane, will be available to shoppers in two months.

Middleton, now the Duchess of

Cambridge, didn't break new fashion trends on Friday, but fashion experts say her elegant understated look, which featured a V-neck intricate lace bodice, is expected to bring back a new era of classic wedding dressing that was just starting to re-emerge in designers' collections.

In particular, her dress should spur a demand for lace sleeves in all special-occasion wear and reverse the sexy strapless gowns that have been popular for several years. Many experts say that the Middleton's gown, designed by Sarah Burton of Alexander McQueen's fashion house, even paid homage to what film star Grace Kelly wore on her wedding day to the Prince Rainier of Monaco more than 50 years ago.

More importantly, fashion industry experts like Brian Beitler, chief marketing officer of David's Bridal, believe Middleton could re-energise the wedding industry, which has been hurt by the Great Recession as shoppers focused more on expense-cutting and less on the fairy tale.

"I thought it was going to be over the top, but it was more about simplicity and elegance," said Allen

Schwartz, co-owner of A.B.S., which is known for pumping out copies of celebrity dresses. "This is Grace Kelly revisited. This is iconic. She will have a huge impact in fashion. She will be the new 'It' girl."

Schwartz, who started sketching as soon as the gown was revealed on TV, said his team arrived at 5:30 a.m. at his Los Angeles showroom, ready to cut the pattern. He unveiled the gown at a charity gala on Friday night and on Saturday, one of his A.B.S. stores in the area was expected to have a sample on display for customers. The gowns, which will be produced in local factories, should be in department stores by late June. They will retail for \$900.

"Every bride wants to look like her," said Shala Moradi, lead designer for family-owned Faviana, a special occasion and wedding dress design company based in New York. "This is going to be the No. 1 dress for the bridal line."

Faviana is expected to finish a prototype by Monday and will either send the sample to one of its factories in China or have it made domestically. The company's version will be in stores within the next eight to

10 weeks. Already, she said, a number of department stores have been calling about when they would receive shipments.

Pumping out celebrity-inspired dresses isn't new for companies like A.B.S., David's Bridal or Faviana. They're used to producing similar versions on tight deadlines of dresses spotlighted at the Oscars or the Emmys. But many say the pressure is much more intense given the enormous interest in the princess and her influence on fashion so far.

Hat companies like Serendipity Tiara have credited Middleton for helping to popularize the fascinator, a feathered hat worn perched on the side of the head. QVC reported it has sold 54,000 units of an affordable copy of Middleton's sapphire ring since her engagement last November. It's priced at just under \$40.

Technology has helped speed up the design process. Peter Brown, vice chairman of retail consulting firm Kurt Salmon, says it takes only about 12 hours from design to prototype because everything is digitized and people can communicate through email. Thirty years ago,

when companies rushed to copy Princess Diana's dress, it took a couple of weeks.

Designers can also instantaneously pull up photos of Middleton's dress on their iPads, enabling them to get a closer look of the details. That's how Moradi's son Omid, who is also a principal of Faviana, was able to see the details of the gown's Chantilly lace. By 9:30 a.m. Friday, the team was at a local lace supplier buying similar lace.

Fashion companies interviewed said they're not exactly copying every detail of Middleton's gown, but taking elements of the design to make it more wearable — and of course more affordable.

Clearly, Middleton's dress, which had a 9-foot (2.7-meter)-train, compared to the late Princess Diana's 25-foot (7.6-meter) train, is more easily interpreted for the masses. Moderate-priced fashion companies are using polyester-based satin instead of the more expensive Duchess satin. But for the rest of the details, each company has a different take, though they are embracing the overall silhouette and the long lace sleeves.



an Evening of Beauty

MISS BAHAMAS UNIVERSE AND MISS BAHAMAS WORLD CROWNED SUNDAY NIGHT

Persistence certainly paid off for Anastagia Pierre. One year after she narrowly missed her dream of being Miss Bahamas, Braneka Bassett the outgoing queen, crowned Anastagia her successor on Sunday evening.

The 22-year-old 5'10 beauty, wowed judges with her answer to the final question of whether women or men were the stronger sex saying that women were strong successful and nurturing. One year before as first runner up, she had to step back and watch Braneka be crowned. This year, it was a tearful exchange as Braneka crowned her queen.

She will represent the Bahamas at the Miss Universe pageant later this year.

"I believe that holding the title of Miss Bahamas is not only an honour and a privilege, but also a job. In my eyes, the year as Miss Bahamas is a year of service and I

couldn't be more excited and ready to serve my country."

Representing her country is something that 23-year-old Sasha Joyce has down pat. On Sunday night, the former Carifta track star (in 2005, she received a silver and bronze medal in the heptathlon and 4x4 relay respectively) was crowned Miss Bahamas World and will compete in the Miss World Beauty pageant.

"It is definitely different competing on the track and being in a beauty pageant. On the track you are just competing with yourself on the track, but in a beauty pageant, you are competing against the other girls."

Sasha was certainly able to hold her own on pageant night, feeding off the energetic supporters in the audience in the Atlantis Theatre who were there to cheer her on. She has said that entering Miss Bahamas is "the most unusual thing that I have ever done."

MONESHA BOWLEG WINS MISS BAHAMAS TALENTED TEEN

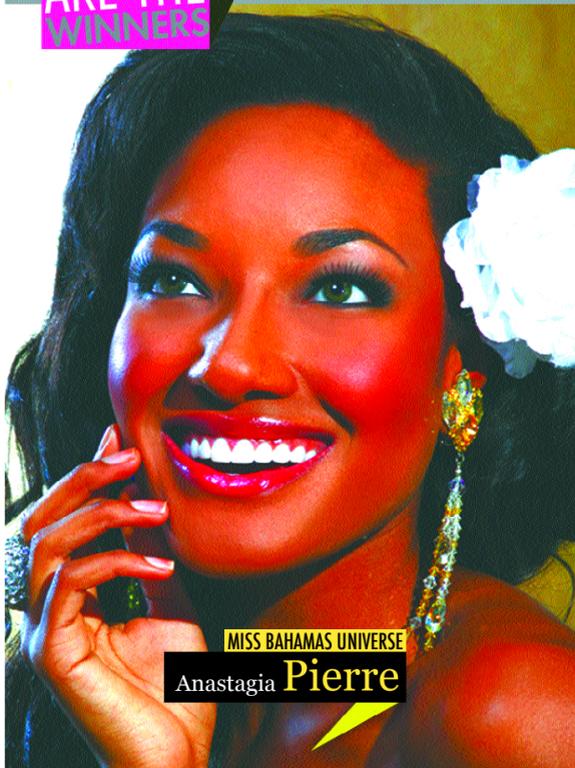
THE MISS Bahamas Talented Teen Competition was held last night, Sunday, May 1, 2011.

Fifteen year-old Monesha Bowleg of Jordan Prince William High School is the new Miss Bahamas Talented Teen, beating out ten other girls to capture the crown, as a packed audience watched the show. She sang her way into the judges hearts.

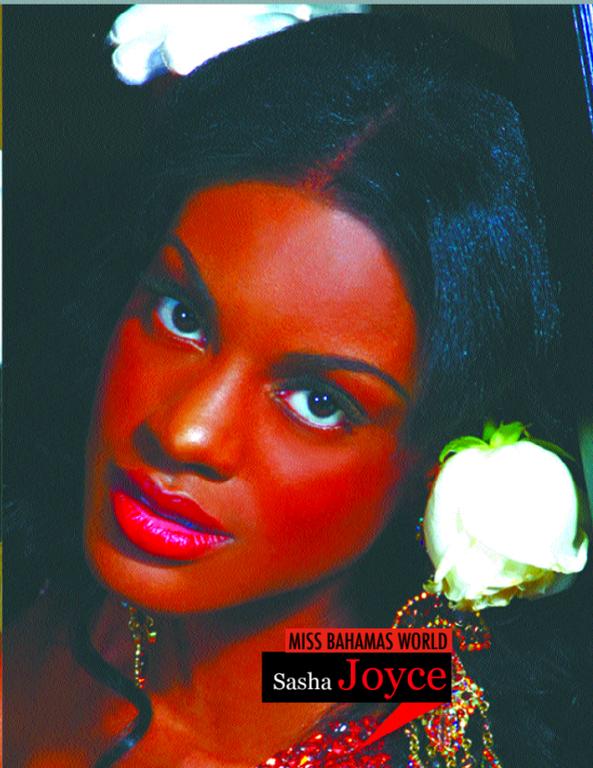
K'Lysa Knowles of St Augustine's College was first runner up, performing an exciting dance number. Athena Cochinamogolus of Queen's College was second runner-up. DaeVinia Hall, a 16 year-old student of CR Walker, was third runner up. The place of fourth runner up went to the youngest competitor, 13 year-old Ashley Gilbert of CH Reeves.

Seventeen year-old Aaden Barrow of Kingsway Academy carried home prizes for best float and the culture couture competition, as she modeled a gown, bag and hat made completely from coconut bark.

HERE ARE THE WINNERS



MISS BAHAMAS UNIVERSE
Anastagia Pierre



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Sasha Joyce



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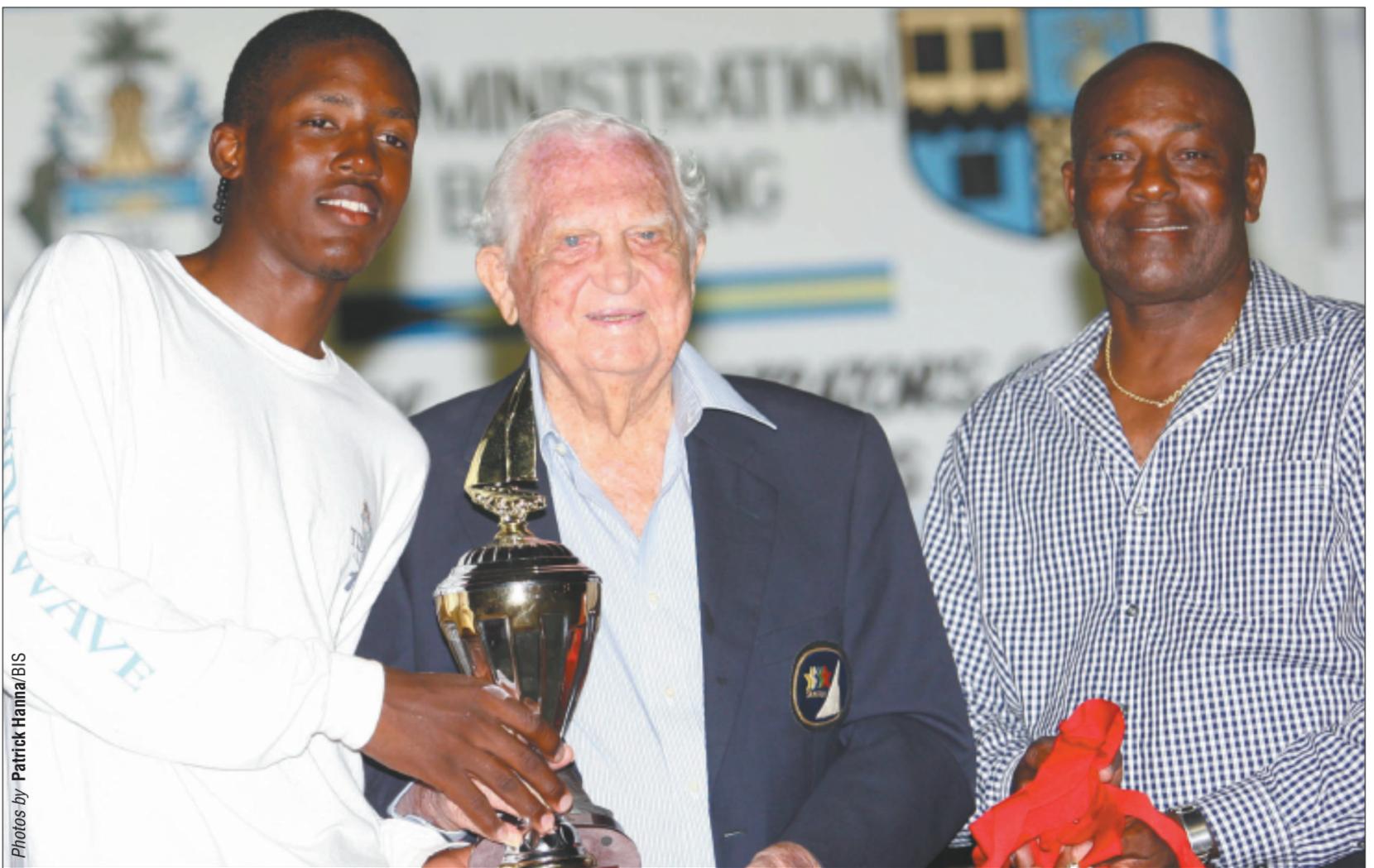




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Junior sailing champion Rolle's in the spotlight



LEGENDARY SAILOR Sir Durward 'Sea Wolf' Knowles (centre) presents junior champion Rashau Rolle (left) with his trophy as Clyde Rolle looks on during the 58th National Family Island Regatta in picturesque Elizabeth Harbour, Georgetown, Exuma.

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Lightning swimmers win 13 Carifta medals

SMILING from ear to ear, four members of the Lucayan Lightning swim team returned from the Carifta Swimming Championships in Bridgetown, Barbados. And they certainly had good reason to celebrate, bringing home an impressive 13 medals.

The Bahamas' swim team, which had a total of 36 swimmers - four from Grand Bahama, one from Abaco and 31 from Nassau - amassed 41 medals and got third place overall behind Guadeloupe and Trinidad and Tobago.

Algernon Cargill, president of the Bahamas Swimming Federation highlighted the Lightning's Dustin Tynes as the most outstanding Bahamian swimmer in the 2011 Carifta championships.

In the boys' 13-14 category, Dustin won gold medals in the 50m, 100m and 200m breast stroke, breaking three Carifta records and two Bahamian records. He was also a member of the 400m medley relay team which took the bronze.

Taryn Smith swam in one of the closest races of the entire meet, the girls' 13-14 50m freestyle. There was a tie for the gold and Taryn received the bronze, only nine hundredths of a second behind the first place times.

Smith was awarded silver in the 50m fly and 100m free. She swam some of the strongest legs in all her relay events which gave her silver

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MEDAL HAUL - (L-r) are Maya Albury, Andy Loveitt, Taryn Smith, Kenneth Romer of Sky Bahamas, Dustin Tynes and Joanna Evans.

medals in the 400m medley, 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle.

Joanna Evans, swimming her first year in the girls' 13-14 category, joined her team mate and close friend Taryn in the 800m freestyle relay and was delighted with her silver medal.

The "third musketeer" of this dynamic trio, Maya Albury, competed in the girls' 15-17 category, swimming numerous personal best times and an impressive leg in the

200m freestyle relay to win her team the bronze medal.

Andy Loveitt, coach of the Lucayan Lightning, was extremely proud of his swimmers' performances, saying that dedication, resilience and hard work bring rewards.

Loviett wanted to publicly thanked Anita Doherty of Bishop Michael Eldon School, Preben Olsen of the Grand Bahama Yacht Club and Mike Webber of Our Lucaya for their support and use of pools, Sky Bahamas for

travel sponsorship and Peter Rebmann and the Top 20 Club for their generous financial assistance.

"These results have been achieved under challenging circumstances. These children have been compelled to use different pools to achieve their goals. On some days, the team has to travel to different venues to accumulate sufficient training time," said Loveitt.

Bahamas team manager Patra Albury was very happy

with the contingent that went to Barbados.

"Without exception, the 36 swimmers represented their families and country remarkably well. We are very proud of them.

"The celebrations had to be very short for the Lucayan Lightning Swim Team because they were up bright and early on Friday morning, training at 9am with their new motto, 'Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim out to it.'"

Knowles, Roddick fall in Madrid opener

TAKING a break from playing with his new regular partner Michal Mertinak, Mark Knowles teamed up with American Andy Roddick to play in the Mutua Madrid Open in Madrid, Spain.

The unseeded duo played their first round match on Sunday but were beaten 7-6 (20), 6-4 to the team of Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares from Brazil.

TENNIS BAHAMIAN TEAM WINLESS

THE Bahamas Lawn Tennis Association's team of Kevin Major Jr, Shaquille Taylor and Christian Cargill lost the four matches they played at the North/Central America & Caribbean Final Qualifying Tournament in Merida, Mexico, over the weekend.

The team put up a gallant effort but was defeated 3-0 by Mexico, the United States and Canada and was denied the opportunity to advance to the next round.

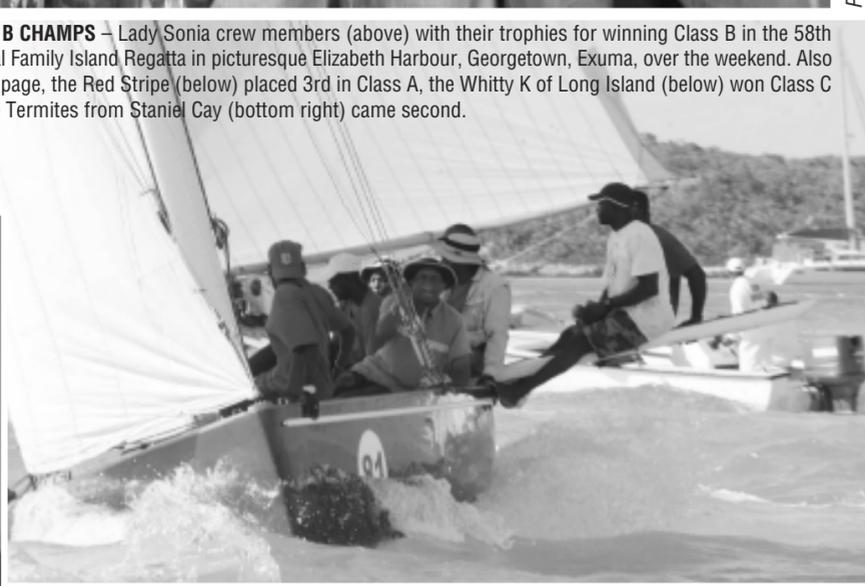
LOCAL SPORTS

58th National Family Island Regatta – *Georgetown, Exuma*

A class of champions



CLASS B CHAMPS – Lady Sonia crew members (above) with their trophies for winning Class B in the 58th National Family Island Regatta in picturesque Elizabeth Harbour, Georgetown, Exuma, over the weekend. Also on this page, the Red Stripe (below) placed 3rd in Class A, the Whitty K of Long Island (below) won Class C and the Termites from Staniel Cay (bottom right) came second.



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58th National Family Island Regatta, **Exuma**

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CLASS A CHAMPS – Tida Wave crew members (above) with their trophies for winning Class A in the 58th National Family Island Regatta in picturesque Elizabeth Harbour, Georgetown, Exuma, over the weekend.



LADY MURIEL finished 2nd in Class A, Abaco Lonesome Dove (below) was 2nd in Class B, New Susan Chase (bottom) of Long Island ended up 3rd, Bul Reg was third in Class C. **CLASS D CHAMPIONS:** The crew of Old Faithful on the right. Junior sailors can be seen bottom right.

