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# Major Legal Battle Over "Baha Mar"

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES  
 Journal Staff Writer

**C**hina Construction America, Inc. ("CCA") and various related business entities are being sued in a New York State court for, among other alleged wrongdoings, engaging in massive fraud, malicious acts of deceit and interference, and breaches of contract as part of a multi-year self-enrichment scheme related to the Baha Mar Resort project.

The lawsuit filed is by BML Properties Limited, the investment vehicle of original developer Sarkis Izmirlian which highlights what they call, CCA's ongoing and intentional misconduct.

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## BAHAMAS RANKED No.2 Place To Travel

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES  
 Journal Staff Writer

The Bahamas has secured the number two spot on Condé Nast Traveller's list of best places to travel in 2018. Condé Nast Traveller references the diversity of the multi-island destination, new resorts and increased airlift as just some of the many reasons why travelers should visit The Bahamas next year.

Joy Jibrilu, Director General at the Ministry of Tourism says the Ministry is looking forward to welcoming even more visitors to all the islands of the Bahamas in 2018, adding that the ranking is great exposure.

Condé Nast Traveller magazine has a readership of 335,000 and its online publication has more than one million monthly unique visitors.

### 2017 BOXING DAY PARADE



▶ **Percy Vola Francis**, Leader of the Saxons

▶ **Prime Minister Hubert Minnis** shaking cow bells.

▶ **Eddie Dames**, Lead Dancer for the Saxons

## Local Pastor Chastizes Detractors Of Marital Rape

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES  
 Journal Staff Writer

A local clergy man is in full support for the proposed amendment to criminalize marital rape. Appearing on the Love 97/ JCN program "Jones and Company"

Pastor of Trinity Methodist Church Reverend William Higgs said just because a person is married, they do not have the right to abuse their spouse.

"The initial proposed amendment was seeking to broaden the definition of sexual offences to

include that if a spouse was forcing oneself on the other spouse, that could be termed a sexual offence, if it was in violation of their trust and against their will.

"And I think that is correct. I don't think the fact that you're married means you therefore have a

right to abuse the person you're married to," Rev. Higgs said.

Detractors of the amendment say that the state should not be involved in marital affairs, something the pastor does not agree with.

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## Cultural Icon Patricia Bazard Dies

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES  
 Journal Staff Writer

The nation's cultural community is mourning the passing of icon Mrs. Patricia Bazard who passed away Monday evening at the age of 71.

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▶ Mrs. Patricia Bazard



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# Public Outcry Over Junkanoo Start Time

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES  
Journal Staff Writer

The general public expressed their disdain after the annual Boxing Day Junkanoo Parade was rescheduled for a start time of Tuesday at 6pm instead of the usual mid-night start time.

Bahamians yesterday expressed their frustrations, citing the time conflicted with a concert featuring a major international hip hop group taking place at the same time, which may affect the attendance at the parade.

The change came after what was described as a very close vote after Junkanoo officials held a meeting on Monday Morning.

This, after an all clear had been given by meteorologists who previously predicted bad weather on the night of the event which prompted the time change.

The Journal spoke with Chairman of the Junkanoo Corporation of New Providence Silbert Ferguson.

“Because of the decision made in regards to the weather, all of the logistics were made topsy turvy ; so the groups in a close vote of 6 to 5 voted to change the date to Tuesday at 6pm,” Mr. Ferguson said.

When the initial change was announced, there did was some concern from the general public about a dip an attendance, citing tourists who bought tickets expecting an earlier start time, possibly deciding not to attend a concern that Ferguson said is valid.

“There is much concern from everybody, but the groups decided they could not mobilize in time with the original start time .

“If persons (tourists) don’t come, there isn’t much we can do about it,” Mr. Ferguson said.



## Cultural Icon Patricia Bazard Dies

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Mrs. Bazard was the founder of the National Children’s Choir and a former senior cultural officer with the Bahamas government. Additionally, she was a renowned choral conductor, singer, teacher, workshop facilitator and storyteller.

In a statement from Progressive Liberal Party Chairman Fred Mitchell, he said the PLP is saddened, having learned of the passing of Mrs. Bazard who was a cultural icon in the country.

He added, she along with the late Clement Bethel were integral in establishing the formal thrust for public policy in culture in The Bahamas.

Senator Mitchell also extended condolences to Mrs. Bazard’s family and friends, as they include the party’s candidate for St. Barnabas in this year’s election, Cheryl Bazard, as she was her daughter in law.

Mrs. Bazard was a conductor of numerous choirs and groups including The Bahamas National Baptist Mass Youth Choir that toured the United States and Europe; Guest conductor at The national Baptist Congress of Christian Education Pittsburg and Omaha Nebraska; the award-winning Bahamas National Children’s Choir and the National Boys Choir Concert tours to Poland, Prague, Russia, London, Canada, China, West Africa, South America, The United States and the Caribbean; and The National Independence Choir.

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## BAHAMAS BOWL - OHIO BOBCATS WIN PRIME MINISTER'S TROPHY



► At Friday afternoon's Bahamas Bowl, UAB vs. Ohio: Minister of Tourism and Aviation the Hon. Vincent D'Aguilar presented the Defensive Player Trophy to Dorian Brown of the Ohio Bobcats. **(BIS Photo/Kemuel Stubbs)**



## Major Legal Battle Over "Baha Mar"

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As a result of the court action, CCA may face over \$2.25 billion in liability for misleading and defrauding BML Properties and depriving it of its investment.

According to the lawsuit, it was CCA's larger intent and financial inter-

est to establish this project as a beachhead in the Americas and the Caribbean; train its unqualified workers and staff in order to obtain and then construct other projects throughout the Americas and Caribbean; and submit sham billings for hundreds of millions of dollars as the contractor and con-

struction manager of the Project.

According to the lawsuit, "the scheme was based on CCA's efforts to falsely create the appearance that it was working toward an on time and on budget opening in December 2014, while knowingly and fraudulently concealing its real intent not to construct the Project

on time and on budget and in the process extort more money than it earned and was due. Starting in 2012, as significant 'out of the ground' construction began and the first floors above the foundations were being constructed, CCA knew that it would be unable to build the project on time, on budget and in accordance with the

plans and specifications, because, among other things, it did not have and would not commit to the project the qualified workforce or sufficiently senior managers needed to meet its representations and obligations.

It added that CCA carried out its scheme by a series of knowingly and intentionally false representations, acts of extortion, material failures to disclose, fraudulent acts of concealment, outright sabotage, and lies to the Government of

the Bahamas and the Project lender."

BML Properties Ltd. is represented by Peter Sheridan of Glaser Weil Fink Howard Avchen & Shapiro LLP and Morrison Cohen LLP.

There have been views expressed by a segment of the public that the project's original developer, Sarkis Izmirlian, was unfairly removed by the Chinese state-owned financier and contractor, and poorly treated by the former Christie administration.



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## Local Pastor Chastizes Detractors Of Marital Rape

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"Why does the state get involved in the business at all?"

"Why do we govern marriage? Why do we have requirements for who can be married to whom? We are not getting into that, except for if someone commits a crime or sexual offense against a next person it should not matter that you have the protection of your bedroom.

"An offence is an offence," Rev. Higgs said.

Last week, Bahamas Christian Council President Bishop Delton Fernander said the church remains divided on the issue and could not yet provide a position on the matter.

In 2009, the Ingraham administration introduced a marital rape bill, which would have criminalized marital rape in all forms.

However, due to uproar in certain sectors, with some religious leaders suggesting that the government was seeking to interfere in marriages, the bill was shelved.



# 87 MIGRANTS APPREHENDED

BY AMAJHL KNOWLES  
Journal Staff Writer

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force was successful in apprehending a Haitian sailing sloop containing 87 persons attempting to gain entry into the southern Bahamas over the weekend.

72 males, 12 females and three children were arrested.

Reports are that on Saturday, the HMBS Leon Smith, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Stephen Rolle, was on patrol in the Southern Bahamas when it intercepted, boarded and subsequently detained the vessel some 30 miles southwest of Great Inagua.

The vessel was sighted and reported to the Defence Force's operations command center by

a USCFG fixed wing asset which was also operating in the area resulting in its apprehension by HMBS Leon Smith.

The Defence Force said

that roughly 1,200 migrants have been apprehended this year. The government's deadline for illegal migrants to leave the country expires in less than a week.

## Christmas Party Ends In Homicide

BY AMAJHL KNOWLES  
Journal Staff Writer

A Christmas party in the capital ending in bloodshed as a man was killed early Tuesday morning. Police are now searching for the person responsible.

According to reports, shortly before 1:00am, a man was attending a party at Commonwealth Boulevard, Elizabeth Estate when he was approached by a man armed with a firearm who shot him before fleeing on foot.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. No one else was injured in this incident. Investigations are ongoing.



GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
WATER & SEWERAGE CORPORATION  
WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS – LONG ISLAND

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas (GOCB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$28.5 million towards the cost of the Water Supply Improvement Project (the Project) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of GOCB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than the GOCB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Project is being implemented by the Water & Sewerage Corporation (WSC).

WSC now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the design and construction of the water supply infrastructure upgrade for Long Island. The works include the installation of water mains; site preparation works including an access roadway; and the construction of a booster pumping station. Provision is to be made for connections to the WSC's existing and potential customers. The distribution system is to include side streets in between the start and end point as indicated on the drawings. Bidders may bid for any individual Lot or for both Lots, as follows:

**LOT NO. 1: North Long Island Lot from northern end of Salt Pond Settlement ending at Boat Harbour Drive, Gray's Settlement**

The design, supply and installation of approximately 45,000 feet (13,716 m) of 4-inch C900 PVC DR 18 water main and 15,000 feet (4,572 m) of 2-inch SDR 21 PVC water mains and 200 service connections, and all associated appurtenances as shown in the preliminary drawings. Design, supply and construction of the Optional Booster Station's access road, inclusive of all utilities, water main, drainage and photovoltaic street lighting. Perform site preparation of 20feet x 20feet of land designated for the Optional Booster Station and appurtenances foot print. Design, supply and construction of the Optional Booster Station in accordance with the Employer's Requirements and preliminary drawings.

**LOT NO. 2: South Long Island Lot from Turtle Cove in Stevens Settlement to the Southern end of Clarence Town Settlement**

The design, supply and installation of approximately 26,000 feet (7,925m) of 4-inch C900 DR 18 water mains and 14,000 feet (4,267m) of 2-inch SDR 21 PVC water mains, and 100 service connections, and all associated appurtenances as show in the preliminary drawings.

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms, which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country and are either:

- (a) more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country, or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or
- (b) owned or controlled by the Government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of the CDB Guidelines for Procurement (2006).

All countries are eligible.

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualifications to perform the contract. Bid and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required, or do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Qualification requirements in respect of each individual Lot include, inter alia:

- (a) an average annual construction turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last 5 years of at least Four Million United States Dollars (USD4.0M) for Lot 1 and Two Million United States Dollars (USD2.0M) for lot 2.
- (b) an average annual design of works turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last 5 years of at least Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand United States Dollars (USD360,000) for Lot 1 and Two hundred and Seventy Thousand United States Dollars (USD270,000) for Lot 2.
- (c) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of Seven Hundred and Forty Thousand United States dollars (USD740,000) for Lot 1 and Five Hundred and Forty Thousand United States Dollars (USD540,000) for Lot 2.
- (d) experience as a contractor/sub-contractor in the construction of at least two (2) assignments of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last ten (10) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).
- (e) experience as a designer of at least two (2) assignments of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last ten (10) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding Documents may be obtained by eligible bidders from the first address below, as of Thursday December 21, 2017 at 10:00 hrs Bahamas time, for a non-refundable fee equivalent to Fifty United States Dollars (USD50.00) for each Lot. Requests may be made by written application including email. Written applications must be clearly marked: "Request for Bidding Documents for the Design & Construction of Water Supply Systems – Long Island" along with the relevant Lot Number(s). Written requests must also include the name, address and contact information of the bidder for which

Bidding Documents are being requested. Payment should be by wire transfer, bank draft or bank guaranteed cheque made payable to: **Water & Sewerage Corporation.**

Information to pay by wire transfer can be obtained from the first address below.

Applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them must submit an account number from a local courier agent that accepts freight collect charges. Documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will GOCB or WSC or their authorised agent be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

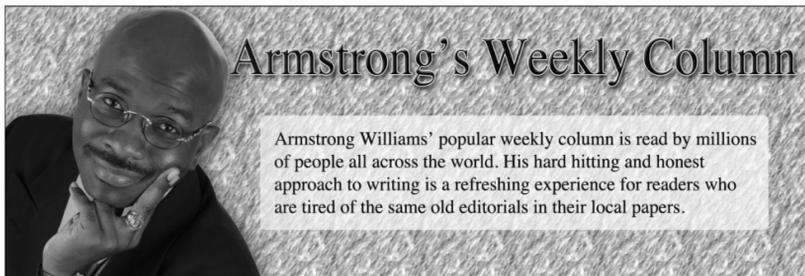
Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Bid for the Design & Construction of Water Supply Systems – Long Island" along with the relevant Lot Number(s) and must be received at the second address below not later than **16:00 hrs Bahamas time** on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2018. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Qualification information only must be simultaneously submitted to the third address below. All bids must be accompanied by a completed Form of Bid Securing Declaration.

GOCB/WSC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for GOCB/WSC action. GOCB/WSC will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

1.	Address for Correspondence	2.	Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening
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# Will the Justice Department Thwart Minority Broadcast Ownership?

As the U.S. becomes increasingly diverse, the necessity for that diversity to be reflected in business becomes all the more important.

As one of only three African-American owned TV station licensees in the country, I recently wrote the FCC voicing strong support for the advancement of minority ownership and diversity. I saw the pending Tribune-Sinclair merger as presenting an historic opportunity for the FCC and Justice Department to advance minority ownership within the context of the divestiture requirements the government would require for regulatory approval.

The government generally, and the FCC specifically, has acknowledged the need to enhance minority ownership for 40 years. Congress also has recognized the poor state of minority ownership. The 1996 Telecommunications Act contains language aimed at increasing female and minority ownership of broadcast licenses (and other important communications mediums), and requires the FCC to limit and remove "market entry barriers for entrepreneurs and other small businesses" and to do so by "favoring diversity of media voices."

As the U.S. becomes increasingly diverse, the

necessity for that diversity to be reflected in business becomes all the more important. Congress and the public both have an obligation to help the Department of justice understand the importance of minority ownership in broadcast television in a diversifying landscape. Diversity of thought, culture, and ideas should be equally represented. Giving more minorities access and opportunity to ownership will foster the right environment to do just that.

So, imagine my deep concern when I heard the Justice Department was wavering in its decision to allow station divestitures to my African-American owned companies, where the transaction included joint sales agreements (JSA), shared service agreements (SSA), and loan guarantee agreements. Such arrangements were routine for the FCC until it hastily implemented television Joint Sales Agreement attribution rules in 2014, under the previous Administration's Chairman, Tom Wheeler. Those rules, however, were reversed and eliminated on Nov. 20, 2017. The Department of Justice should respect that decision.

For example, broadcast ownership has permitted Howard Stirk Holdings to create an incubator for

African American journalism students by providing tuition scholarships, while providing field experience outside of the classroom. If we were not broadcast owners, I am sure none of that would have been possible.

It also gives us the opportunity to cover the stories that others are not covering, for whatever reason. We tell the stories of everyday people that are often overlooked. As part of our public interest obligation, we vow to continue doing this with our live town halls across our regional affiliates where we discuss family, community and other critical cultural issues. Our town halls provide a unique platform for the long form discussion of key issues that are important to many American communities--both black and white. We have covered in depth the water crisis in Flint, the Charleston church terrorist attack, Las Vegas terrorist attack, the Manchester terrorist attack live from Europe, the moral challenges facing America, and many other topical issues. We need more of these forums and not less. This is critically important to African American communities especially as media voices they identify with are diminishing daily.

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# BETTER DAYS AHEAD?

Sad to say: As this difficult year slouches to its end, it is painfully evident that the terminus ahead is shrouded in violence and [dare we also insist]: This sad and challenging year is also mired in human blood-shed.

And so it now goes that far too many Bahamians are continuing to hurt and hate each other; with no end in sight for this nasty carnage.

What is so very interesting has to do with acceptance of that numbing reality which shows that there are 'out-there' any number of angry and oft-times demented Bahamians who are also armed and who - for whatever reason - also see themselves as being already dead - thus their capacity to kill without apparent remorse.

In other words, they are stone-cold killers! What a time in this mixed-up, jumbled-up mash-up of a so-called tourist paradise!

What a time for so very many families as they weep and mourn for loved ones who are either maimed or killed outright by people they once considered friend or neighbor; or as family - whether distant or close!

What a time for morticians who continue to do a very brisk - albeit macabre business - as they prepare the remains of the suddenly for some semblance of Christian burial!

What a time for all those mothers and fathers, aunts, uncles and cousins who find themselves taxed [sometimes almost to the breaking-point] as they do their level-best to find the money that must be delivered to said morticians for services rendered!

What a tragedy for the Bahamian people! And for sure: What a dread time for the men and women who are called upon to lead and provide direction to an increasingly lost and bereft populace!

What a time, therefore for so very many Bahamians as they wake to discover that there is no free lunch; that the party is over and that whether they like it or not, the cost of living will continue to rise; the incidence of crime[whether on the streets or in this or that suite] will continue to rise!

In truth and in fact, then: Christmas [2017] has come and is now!

And yet - as time flows from one season to the next--Christmas will surely come again; but yet we also know that - all things being equal - very many Bahamians [some of them in the prime of their still greening adolescence] are set for the slaughter by this of that

cold-hearted-armed- to-the-teeth maniac!

This is what life is now about for so very many of this nation's young men!

Life for them is now all about how - for whatever reason - they can be executed.

Indeed, dearly beloved, we were not surprised when -on the day after Christmas- new information surged in concerning the shooting death in Elizabeth Estates of one man by another man.

As the text shouts: A man has died after a shooting in Elizabeth Estates early on Tuesday morning.

Of note is this nastily precise morbid detail: "...Shortly before 1am, the man was at a party on Commonwealth Boulevard when he was approached by an armed man who shot him before fleeing--The victim was pronounced dead at the scene..."

And with this report, we can hear Echo's deep-throated black crow's gurgling-bloody cry--"...The victim was pronounced dead at the scene..."

Indeed, then, and as if from the depths of canyons in the mind there yet rings reverberations to the effect that: There is a war going on out-there between this or that set of warrior-men and women and others just like them who are intent on either gaining or protecting 'their' turf and their ill-gotten proceeds.

Evidently, some of these men are found and - sad to say - some of them become the victims of police officers who are 'authorized' and trained to use deadly force if they apprehend that their lives are in danger.

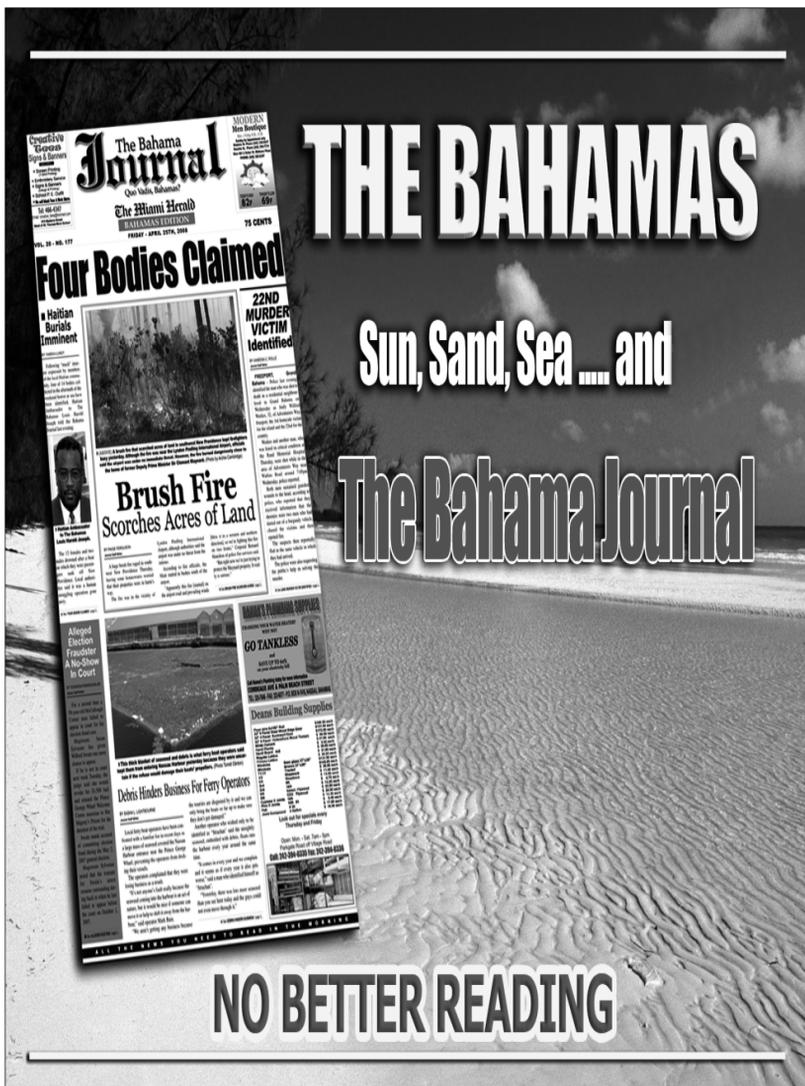
To date, some twenty-eight men have allegedly been so dispatched to Thy-Kingdom by police officers.

In the interim - as in the case of any number of right-thinking Bahamians - we urge the Coroner to do what must be done in all such cases!

This, too, is but one other indicator at the extent to which THE GUN has become the means by which far too many disputes are being settled.

This is so very tragic in a time and in a place where clearly, life is becoming more brutish, coarser and there for also shorter for far too many of our people, especially youth men whose lives are being left in the balance.

Truth be told--we do believe that better days are ahead!





**FORM B**  
Notice of Intended Marriage  
(Section 7(3))

The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Richard Thomas Dunlop, Divorced,  
of 109 Anchorage Drive, Bethany Beach, DE 19930, United States of America

and

Sally Cannon, Divorced,  
of 209 Belmont Circle, Townsend, DE 19734, United States of America

Any person knowing any just cause or impediment why this marriage should not be allowed should enter caveat forthwith in the office of the Registrar of Marriages.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages



**BAHAMAS BOWL TEAMS VISITED RANFURLY HOME**

Members of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Blazers and the Ohio University Bobcats football teams took time out in preparing for the Bahamas Bowl to visit the Ranfurly Home for Children, on December 20, 2017. They played basketball, ran foot races and even had a tumbling exhibition with the children residing there. **(BIS Photos / Eric Rose)**



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Semiuel Klimovskii, Divorced,  
of 20-72, Narymskaya Str., Novosibirsk, 630132, Russian Federation

and

Diana Lider, Divorced,  
of 20-72, Narymskaya Str., Novosibirsk, 630132, Russian Federation

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The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

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of 13659 Joyce Dr., Warren MI 48088, United States of America

and

Adrienne Marie Couwlier, Divorced,  
of 13659 Joyce Dr., Warren MI 48088, United States of America

Any person knowing any just cause or impediment why this marriage should not be allowed should enter caveat forthwith in the office of the Registrar of Marriages.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2017.

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**FORM B**  
Notice of Intended Marriage  
(Section 7(3))

The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Timothy Darrell Anderson, Divorced,  
of 7713 W. Ranken Ave, St. Louis, MO 63117, United States of America

and

Krystle Lynn Gaehle-Rapp, Divorced,  
of 7713 W. Ranken Ave, St. Louis, MO 63117, United States of America

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Notice of Intended Marriage  
(Section 7(3))

The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Ryan Christopher Chen, Single,  
of Suite 504-489 Interurban Way, Vancouver, BC, V5X 0C7, Canada

and

Flora Jacqueline Phung, Single,  
of Suite 504-489 Interurban Way, Vancouver, BC, V5X 0C7, Canada

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**Crisis Centre Says Marital rape is real**

The Director of The Crisis Centre, Doctor Sandra Dean-Patterson says "every individual in the Bahamas, men women and children have the right to live a life free from violence and be protected under the law."

She says, "in today's Bahamas, married women living with their husbands do experience this protection when that husband beats or psychologically abuses them. We understand and accept the notion that beating or abusing a married woman is wrong but somehow, we close our eyes or refuse to accept that they can be sexually assaulted by their husbands. In the same way that a husband beats or murders his wife, he can also rape her," said Dr. Dean-Patterson.

The Psychologist said, "at the Crisis Centre we hear stories of women forced to have sex with their husbands despite their obstetrician's advice to abstain following the birth of a baby, women getting HIV or STI's from abusive husbands who have other women and force sex on them.

"From many of those victims we hear the shame and humiliation they feel following sexual assault by their husbands and their sense of powerlessness. These are but some of the examples where marital rape occurs. It is a devastating and traumatizing experience for women to find out that our law does not protect them from this behavior.

"Statements which misinform citizens about their right to safety or protection normalize violence and perpetuate rape myths and belief systems that husbands have the right to make choices for their wife's bodies without their consent. This is abhorrent and unacceptable.

"The tendency has been to believe that stranger rape is the only real rape, but we know sexual assault occurs within dating, common law and marital relationships. Marital rape occurs in a relationship where domestic violence is part of a pattern of behavior that women live with for years.

"To hear that the law does not prohibit husbands from forcing wives to have sex and to hear a debate in the country that speaks to the privacy of marital rape discourages victims even more and makes them question their country's consideration for them and their right to be safe in their homes.

"Marital rape is real, and we must name it as behavior that is inconsistent with human rights and healthy relationships within marriage. It is our hope that the government will take this opportunity to develop a comprehensive domestic and sexual violence act which looks at all issues where persons are not protected under the law," said Dr. Dean Patterson.



**BAHAMAS BOWL COIN TOSS AT GAMES' START**



► UAB vs. Ohio for the Prime Minister's Trophy at the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium, December 22, 2017. Minister of Tourism and Aviation Dionisio D'Aguiar tossed coin as Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Michael Pintard looked on. (BIS Photos/Kemuel Stubbs)



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