

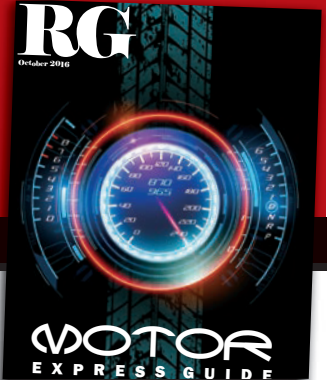


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‘All hell broke loose out there’

Adam Zacharias

The new president of Southampton Rangers Sports Club has expressed his frustration after severe violence returned to the venue a year after the murder of Rickai Swan.

However, Jason Wade stressed the club's positive impacts on the community, and requested the local population's support to prevent further outbreaks of criminal activity.

Gunshots were fired and a man was stabbed in the face on Sunday night during a m  le   in a public parking lot, following a brawl in the club bar

“You heard the ‘pop-pop’. Everybody scattered and they all came running back to the club bar

— Source

tion, which took place at around 11pm. About 100 people were gathered in the club bar, after Rangers’ FA Cup game against Butterfield & Vallis, when the trouble began.

“Two guys started fighting and it escalated, so the bartender phoned the police and I ran outside and called security,” said Mr Wade, who became the club’s president last month.

The two security guards stopped the fight, in which a man had been knocked unconscious, and ordered everyone in the room to leave.

The displaced revellers then headed to the nearby parking lot as Mr Wade went back inside the venue and locked

the doors. “All hell broke loose out there. People were screaming and I’m guessing they were fighting too,” he said.

A source told *The Royal Gazette* that the chaos ramped up another notch after someone unloaded several rounds of gunfire.

“You heard the ‘pop-pop’. Everybody scattered and they all came running back to the club bar,” said the source, who did not wish to be named.

A male club member was among those who returned to the bar, where Mr Wade saw him trying to stem the flow of blood from his mouth with a shirt. “I figured he’d been punched

in the face, but everyone said he got stabbed,” Mr Wade said.

“You know the people who are involved in the gang life, and he’s not about that. He’s a friend of everybody; that’s why I’m irritated, because he’s not involved in any of that foolishness.”

Mr Wade said that, given the security team’s earlier checks, the weapons must have been retrieved away from the sports club, perhaps in a nearby car.

“Everybody that entered the premises was searched and warned,” he said.

And he underlined the club’s efforts to curb antisocial behaviour and

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Targeted shooting of feral chickens sparks outrage

Jonathan Bell

The shooting of feral chickens has been condemned by a former animal welfare officer left shocked by gunfire at Clearwater Beach.

But the policy of targeted shooting has been defended by a government department that is besieged by calls to eliminate the pest birds.

Debbie Masters, formerly of the SPCA, said she had been “outraged” and called police after a van pulled up and opened fire while she was walking a dog last week at the popular East End beach.

“It was grossly out of order that a van could just pull up by the children’s playground and fire off shots with a rifle.

“There were maybe six shots.

A girl jogging was scared to death by it.”

She said dead chickens had been left behind, and criticised the use of firearms instead of trapping and euthanising the birds.

Ms Masters added that, with a July firearm incident at a nearby restaurant still fresh in people’s minds, the shooting would cause needless alarm.

“If they need to do it, they need to block the area off ahead of time. I had shots going off right in front of me.”

The island’s feral chicken population was estimated to number in the tens of thousands four years ago, when the control initiative was started.

According to a spokeswoman, the Department of Environment

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Group hooks huge lobster

Owain Johnston-Barnes

A group fishing for grey snapper caught more than they were expecting — a massive 14lbs spiny lobster.

Captain Matthew Jones of Sanctuary Marine Bermuda said: “It was the biggest lobster I have ever seen. The biggest lobster a lot of people have ever seen.”

“The only other one I have seen of similar size came from back when there were lobster pots out there on Challenger Banks, and those were deep blue

with shorter legs. This one had long legs — about two feet.”

Mr Jones said that he and Tristan Loescher were handline fishing off the rocks using live white grunt when they inadvertently hooked the massive crustacean.

Mr Loescher said he initially thought they had hooked a fish and swam out to untangle the line from a mooring, only to discover the unexpected catch.

“I shone my light on it and I knew it was big, but I had no idea how big it was until I got it out

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Boat owner describes devastation



Photograph by Blaire Simmons
Shock and disbelief: Aldo Pace, still stunned after Hurricane Nicole destroyed his boat and took away his livelihood

Sarah Lagan

The owner of a boat that was ripped apart in Bailey’s Bay by Hurricane Nicole has likened the ordeal to “losing a family member”.

The storm not only tore apart Aldo Pace’s boat but also his livelihood as a commercial fisherman and with upwards of \$300,000 worth of damage, he has no insurance to fall back on.

Mr Pace, 62, got the 42ft Bruno Still-

man fishing vessel about 25 years ago, using it for his charter business followed by offshore commercial fishing.

He had wanted to take it out of the water but all the boat yards were full. Mr Pace had already called the insurance companies but they said they don’t provide storm cover for boats for Bailey’s Bay as it is a high-risk area.

It left him no choice other than to tie down the boat as best he could and hope for the best.

But as fate would have it, during the

second half of the storm, the boat broke from its mooring and smashed into the railway trail bridge, breaking it into several pieces.

Mr Pace told *The Royal Gazette*: “It hurts. I lost everything — about all I can get back is the motor. It hit the bridge — the corner of the pylon that holds the bridge up split the boat right in half. Half of the boat went up on land the other half is on the bay. I am trying to salvage what

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A Chinese property development and investment company has proposed moving its registration to Bermuda from the British Virgin Islands, noting Bermuda’s “highly regarded regulatory regime”.

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A career change at 58 paid off for single mother Kim Webb. She’d just lost her mother and suddenly her house was too big and her working days too long. She says she’s never felt more alive.

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The local equestrian community were jumping for joy after Bermuda won in the team and individual categories at the Caribbean Equestrian Association’s Regional Jumping Challenge.

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Club frustrated at violence

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provide a beneficial hub to the area, via events such as neighbourhood get-togethers and a seniors' bingo night.

"The club is doing everything we can to try to prevent incidents like this from happening, and to deal with Bermuda's social ills," he said.

However, he conceded that the murder of Rickai Swan last year had "cast a shadow" on the organisation.

On October 23, 2015, the 26-year-old was shot to death in a pre-planned attack outside the venue. Shantoine Prinston Burrows was convicted of the killing in Supreme Court this month and is awaiting his sentence.

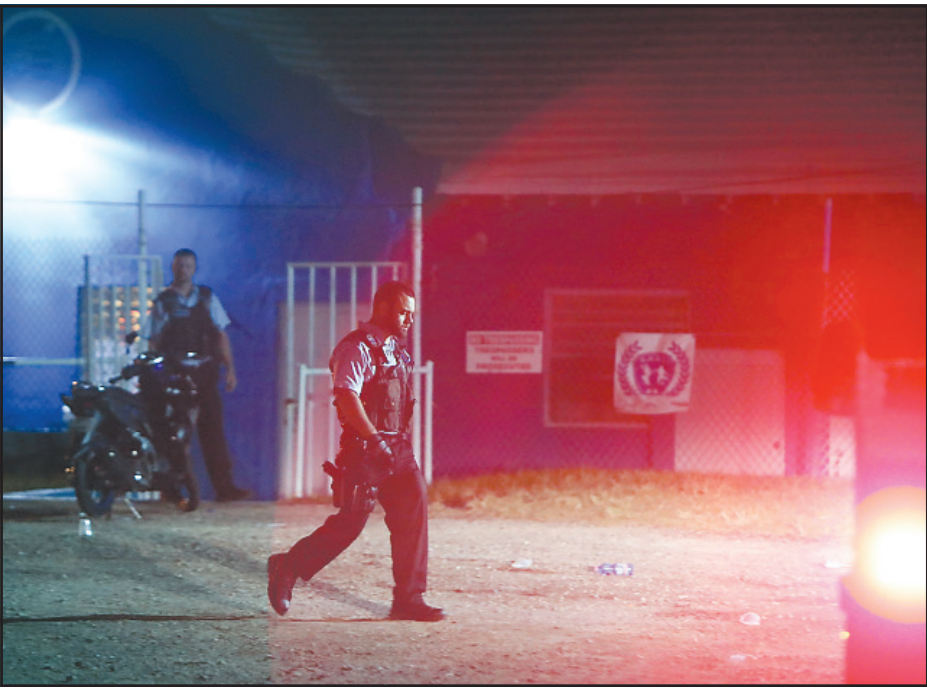
"We're trying to move past those negative events and bring more positives to the club, and we're asking for the community's support in helping us deal with these wider problems," he said.

"Sunday's incident is very frustrating, but the club will bounce back from this without a doubt."

Dr Radell Tankard, a longtime Somerset Cricket Club member who works for the Ministry of Education, said it was "very unfortunate" that sports clubs can be alluring to troublemakers.

"They attract that negative element, and it's difficult to legislate for that," said the former football player.

"Some of the people who patronise the club may not even be members, and don't



Hunt for evidence: police search the parking lot of Southampton Rangers Sports Club for shell casings after Sunday night's incident

appreciate the work that's done just to keep the club afloat."

Dr Tankard suggested that increased collaboration between clubs could help quell criminal incidents.

"Moving forward is going to be a tall order. The clubs have a humungous task

in trying to resolve this," he added. Martha Dismont, executive director of community charity Family Centre, called Sunday's episode "a shame".

"But this isn't about Southampton Rangers, it's about individuals who are still disenfranchised and struggling," she

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— Jason Wade

said. "It's a matter of pulling these individuals back into the mainstream, so they feel that they have opportunities to go in a different direction."

"There's a lot of work that's going on, and there are a lot of success stories."

Yesterday, a police spokesman said that further details remained unclear regarding the violence that hospitalised two men on Sunday night.

"Initial reports suggested that shots were fired. However, currently there is no forensic evidence to substantiate those reports," he said.

"As police personnel secured the scene, a 29-year-old Southampton man was arrested for affray and remains in police custody at this time."

"At last check, two men stabbed during the disturbance were both in critical condition at the hospital's Intensive Care Unit."

Cruise ship passenger falls ill near Bermuda

Simon Jones

A 43-year-old cruise ship passenger was expected to be airlifted from a passing cruise ship last night after suffering a suspected appendicitis.

The *Norwegian Gem* was on its way from New York to Antigua when it diverted towards Bermuda to rendezvous with the Coast Guard helicopter.

The rescue operation, which was expected to take place at around midnight 70 miles southwest of the island, was being co-ordinated by Bermuda Maritime Operations Centre and *RCC Norfolk*.

The *Norwegian Gem* contacted Bermuda Radio early yesterday morning to report that the US national was in need of medical evacuation.

The Coast Guard C-130 aircraft and helicopter were due to refuel in Bermuda before meeting with the liner shortly afterwards.



Catch of the day: the huge lobster caught by fishermen

Monster lobster caught

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of the water," he said. "He was hooked right on the tip of his toe."

"I have been diving for about 15 years now, and this was the largest lobster I had ever seen."

After pulling the lobster to the surface, he said he removed the hook, took a few quick photographs, and returned it to the sea floor.

"A lobster that size must be old and a rare specimen," he said. "I was thinking about donating it to the aquarium but no one was answering their phone and I wanted to get him back in the water before anything could happen to him."

"Plus a lobster that size is probably not as tasty as a smaller one, so I had no intention of keeping him."

"He was a bit tired. I swam with him for about 15 minutes after putting him back until he jetted off."

He added that he was happy to be able to take a few pictures of the creature for the Sanctuary Marine Bermuda Facebook page to share the ex-

perience, and he was amazed by the reaction from the public.

Mr Jones said that while it is rare to catch a lobster while fishing, it does happen on the odd occasion that the hook happens to catch a joint or another soft spot between the pieces of the animal's hard shell.

"They are nocturnal, so if you are out night fishing it happens on occasion," he said. "Maybe once every year or two, and they are usually pretty big lobsters, maybe 10lbs or so."

Asked if the hurricane might have brought the animal closer to shore, he said it was one of several possibilities.

"It was a male. Craig Trott over at the fisheries department said he thought the males come inshore to retire," he said. "I think the hurricane may have played a part. There are videos of lobsters marching inshore with the storm."

He also noted that black grouper — who prey on lobster — seldom come close to shore.

"It's probably a combination of those reasons that brought him in," he said.

Feral chicken shooting condemned

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and Natural Resources had since fielded 843 requests for birds to be dealt with.

Chicken culling was launched in October 2012, and bagged 1,700 birds in the first six months, with the Cooper's Island, adjacent to Clearwater, yielding more than 280.

The birds are blamed for the spread of disease and crop damage as well as keeping residents awake.

Targeted shooting is among several methods, the spokeswoman said, and an efficient way

dential neighbourhoods across the island. Every effort is made to collect the targeted chickens, which are then disposed at the Tynes Bay Incinerator."

The initiative is one of control rather than eradication, she said — but the public are asked not to feed the birds, tamper with traps, or "interfere with officers in the field" — as well as keeping domestic chickens from roaming, and refraining from releasing unwanted chickens.

• Details on the programme are given at www.environment.bm/feral-bird-service.

Murder trio set for Court of Appeal

Owain Johnston-Barnes

Three men convicted of murder will appear before the Court of Appeal next month, pleading their innocence.

Jahkeo Leshore and Darrion Simons are both appealing their premeditated murder conviction for the 2011 slaying of David Clarke, who was fatally shot at the junction of Bandroom Lane and North Shore Road in Pembroke.

Meanwhile, Wolda Gardner is appealing his conviction in the fatal shooting of Malcolm Augustus, who was killed on Christmas morning in 2012.

In that case, the Crown have launched their own appeal against Gardner's sentence of life, with a minimum term of 20 years.

In another high-profile case, Devon Hewey and Dujon Reid Anderson are seeking to appeal their convictions and sentences for perjury.

Both men were jailed after a jury found they had pressured a witness into giving false evidence in a trial in which Hewey was a defendant.

Lawyer Kamal Worrell, who

was charged with the two men but was found to have no case to answer, will also appear before the Appeals Court with the Crown contesting the ruling of a costs application.

Also during the Appeal Court sessions will be the appeal of a ruling made by Chief Justice Ian Kawaley in a case between the Minister of Home Affairs and several unions over walkouts that occurred in January 2015.

In that case, the government requested a permanent injunction against the Bermuda Industrial Union, the Bermuda Public Service Union and the Bermuda Union of Teachers to prevent them from staging walkouts. While the application was refused by Mr Justice Kawaley, he found that the walkout over the issue of extending furlough days was "unlawful".

The union groups are reportedly launching the appeal with the minister in the position of respondent.

The Minister of Home Affairs is appealing an immigration ruling, in which the Supreme Court found the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956 contravened the Bermuda Constitution.

Michael Barbosa challenged

provisions in the statute that he claimed discriminated against him on the basis of his place of origin and prevented him gaining status.

In a judgment, Puisne Judge Stephen Hellman found that the immigration legislation was discriminatory on the basis of place of origin in failing to provide a pathway to status to Mr Barbosa and other British Overseas Territories Citizens who were ordinarily resident here on July 31, 1989.

Mr Barbosa was born in Bermuda in 1976 and lived on the island until he was 16 when he moved to the Azores with his family.

He later returned to Bermuda and obtained a work permit until he was granted indefinite leave to remain in Bermuda in 2013, but under the 1956 Act he is not eligible to obtain status or a permanent resident's certificate because neither of his parents possessed Bermudian status at the time of his birth.

While the judge said that the proposed Pathways to Status legislation would address the concerns, that legislation was taken off the table earlier this year after a week of widespread protest.

Road works schedule for St George

Owain Johnston-Barnes

Motorists in St George can expect delays in the coming weeks due to improvement plans.

A section of Water Street has been closed to vehicles since October 3 for sewer line repairs, while trenching work on York Street is set to begin this week.

According to statements by the Corporation of St George, the area of road between King's Square and Custom House Square will be affected by the sewer line work, which is expected to continue

for another two weeks. Meanwhile, the work on York Street — intended to extend the freshwater line to Penno's Wharf — will impact traffic between Blacksmith's Hill and Style Hill for about one week.

The Corporation apologised for any inconveniences, adding: "The public is advised that traffic control will be in place to minimise any disruptions to the flow of traffic."

"The public's patience during this time is greatly appreciated as the Corporation continues to make necessary repairs and improvements to the infrastructure of the town for future enjoyment."

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