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Govt Probes All Agencies

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
 Journal Staff Writer

The Government of The Bahamas has made the decision to conduct a thorough investigation of all agencies and departments with a view to stamp out corruption and malfeasance.

During yesterday's weekly press briefing, Press Secretary Anthony Newbold said all government agencies are under investigation and review, as he responded to questions raised by members of the public after the unveiling of a special list at both the Bahamas Power and Light and the Water and Sewerage Corporation.

"When the prime minister took office he said every government department and ministry is going to be reviewed," Newbold said.

He added that there is going to be a comprehensive review of every single department which could take the form of an audit or just general review.

"That is what has happened in the case of BPL. And concerning Water and Sewerage, it's not a thing where because of the revelations last week the government or Cabinet said let's do an investigation over here," Newbold said.

He added that because of the reviews being done they found some "suspicious" issues.

Newbold said Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis has not spoken to the fact that the former prime minister and deputy prime minister were on the alleged Water and Sewerage list as revealed by the Tribune.

"He does not care or want to know who is on the list. No one should be on the list. There shouldn't be a list to begin with," Newbold said.

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TWO MEN CHARGED WITH MURDER

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

Two young men spent their first night at the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services last night after being arraigned in the Magistrate's Court on separate murder charges yesterday.

Appearing before Deputy Chief Magistrate Andrew Forbes, 25-year-old Kyle Farrington was charged with intentionally causing the death of Fredric Ramsey.

It is alleged that Farrington, while being concerned with another, Shaquille Austin, intentionally caused the death of Ramsey who was killed on September 7, 2017.

In the second arraignment, 23-year-old Lethario Davis, stood accused of the 2015 murder of Alfred Delancey, AKA Donkey, who was shot and killed while attending a party in Fox Hill.

It is alleged that on Sunday, July 27, 2015, Delancey, was approached and shot several times while at a party at on Edgcombe Terrace.

Delancey received multiple gunshot wounds and was rushed to hospital in critical condition. He later died of his injuries.

Both men were not required to enter a plea and was subsequently remanded to the Bahamas Department of Correctional

Services.

The accused are scheduled to return to

court on November 9, to be serviced with a Voluntary Bill of Indictment (VBI).



► Kyle Farrington, 25, was charged with murder in the Magistrate's Court yesterday. (Photo/Sherard Campbell)



► Lethario Davis, 23, was charged with murder in the Magistrate's Court yesterday. (Photo/Sherard Campbell)



► Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis (Journal file photo)

Dominican Deal Reactions Surprises PM

BY AMAJAHN KNOWLES
 Journal Staff Writer

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis is surprised over the reactions of Bahamians to the government's proposal to accept Dominican students in The Bahamas following Hurricane Maria, according to Press Secretary Anthony Newbold.

Mr. Newbold told the media that the prime minister was surprised over the reactions of Bahamians yesterday, during his weekly press briefing, after he was grilled to provide information on when the government would reveal more of the specifics surrounding the agreement made with Dominica's prime minister over the weekend.

The announcement of The Bahamas accepting Dominican students and families was received with much skepticism and queries from the general public, as persons seemed angered by the government's decision, to which the press secretary said surprised the nation's chief.

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'NO' to GBRHA's Lead on 'SPY BILL'

BY AMAJAHN KNOWLES
 Journal Staff Writer

The government has declined the Grand Bahama Human Rights Authority's (GBHRA) suggestion for the organization to take the lead on the proposed Interception of Communications Bill.

In yesterday's weekly press briefing, Press Secretary Anthony Newbold said the government will take the lead as far as consultation in regards to the proposed legislation.

"As far as the Interception of Communications Bill and the Grand Bahama Human Rights Authority in letting them take the lead on it the answer is no," Mr. Newbold said.

"The government will not abdicate its responsibility certainly in something as serious as that.

"There will be widespread consultation and public consultation, but the government is going to take the lead on that and that's how its going to go."

In February, Fred Smith, QC, GBHRA president, warned that in its current form, The Bahamas' proposed Interception of Communications Bill 2017 (known locally as 'The Spy Bill') will violate every citizen's constitutionally protected right to privacy and strike a mortal blow to civil liberties in general.

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Since those lists came out, Philip Davis, leader of the official opposition, released a statement explaining that the allegations concerning his business and residence high bills are false.

Addressing United Nations this past week, Minister of Foreign Affairs Darren Henfield said the government is working to eradicate corruption.

"The Government of The Bahamas has firmly committed itself to eradicating corruption. We are resolved to have in place an efficient, results-based public sector, with an Office of the Ombudsman, in order to create the best environment possible to promote economic development, foreign direct investment, small business development and equal opportunity for all to share in prosperity," Mr. Henfield

said.

Since winning the election some four months ago, the Free National Movement government has brought several former Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) Cabinet ministers before the courts where they were charged with bribery and extortion.

Last month, former Minister of Labour and National Insurance Shane Gibson was granted \$40,000 bail with two sureties less than one hour after he was arraigned in the Magistrate's Court on 39 counts of bribery and extortion and one count of misconduct while in public office.

In July, former PLP Member of Parliament Frank Smith was granted \$50,000 bail after facing charges of bribery and extortion.

Also in July, former Environment and Housing Minister Kenred Dorsett was questioned, charged and sub-

sequently arraigned in connection with bribery and extortion. He was granted \$50,000 bail by the Supreme Court.

In his address to the CARICOM Heads of Government meeting in Grenada two months ago, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis told dele-

gates that the government intends to confront corruption in The Bahamas.

"Corruption remains a formidable challenge to small

and developing countries, such as my own, and we are determined to brutally confront this challenge," Dr. Minnis said.

ACKLINS EVACUEES RETURN HOME



► The remaining evacuees of Hurricane Irma from Acklins were transported from the Kendal G.L. Isaacs Gymnasium to the Lynden Pindling International Airport on Monday, September 25, 2017 -- a few days after the 'All Clear' was given for Hurricane Maria. The evacuees were men, women, children and infants of all ages. The airlines used were Bahamasair, which carried 68 residents, and Flamingo Air, which carried 11 residents, all to return to Acklins. (BIS Photo/Derek Smith)

'NO' to GBRHA's Lead on 'SPY BILL'

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While accepting that effective law enforcement requires modern surveillance capacities, Mr. Smith noted that in its current form, the bill is extreme, draconian and will lead to a situation in which "nobody's intimate life will be free from scrutiny anymore."

He said in order to strike a balance between law enforcement and civil liberties, there must be "deliberate con-

sultation, thought ... proper time for people to consider it, to look at what legislation has been proposed in other jurisdictions, to what extent it has or has not been abused."

He called on the state to desist from its current effort to rush the bill through parliament without public consultation or information sharing.

Smith warned that there is great potential for abuse of this law -- particularly in light of the recent illegal

attacks by the current regime on civil society actors.

Last year, former Minister of Education Jerome Fitzgerald was fined \$150,000 by the Supreme Court of The Bahamas for disclosing the private correspondence and financial information of environmental advocates Save The Bays (STB) in an effort to denounce the group as a clandestine political organization seeking to "destabilize the government."

Dominican Deal Reactions Surprises PM

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"The prime minister has been surprised that the offer for students of Dominica to receive education received that kind of reaction," Mr. Newbold said.

"He will speak extensively to it tomorrow as there have been a lot of questions raised, some of them with merit and people have a reason to ask questions they don't know the answers to, so that's what he will attempt to provide tomorrow."

Mr. Newbold said the prime minister is expected to give a comprehensive communication on the deal in the House of Assembly today.

However, the government remains "tight lipped" on the details of that deal to bring in students from the hurricane ravished island of Dominica, at least for now.

"Again those details are being worked out in terms of education and immigration details, but again Cabinet is meeting to discuss these things," Mr. Newbold said.

"I don't the exact numbers now. He can very well have some numbers tomorrow, but again those questions will be answered tomorrow."

Earlier this week, Bahamas Union of Teachers President Belinda Wilson expressed concerns on behalf of teachers, and said it will be difficult to get the students acclimated due to the differing curriculums.

Furthermore, she said the issue of immigration, coupled with housing, healthcare and schooling should be addressed also.

While the details are still being worked out in terms of

actually accommodating those students displaced by Hurricane Maria, Mrs. Wilson told reporters this week that there are already mixed reviews coming in from board members and teachers.

Bahamas Christian Council President Bishop Delton Fernander said on

Monday that he "fully supports" the Minnis administration's plan to accommodate students from Dominica displaced by Hurricane Maria, but said the "details of how it will be done" are "very crucial."

In a press briefing following the departure of Dominica's Prime Minister

Roosevelt Skeritt from jet aviation on Sunday, Dr. Minnis declared that whatever needs to be done will be done as quickly as possible to accommodate as many of the country's students displaced by the storm here in The Bahamas in both the public and private school systems.



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 --

Stephen Glenn Melvin, Divorced,
of 11 Deedes Cres. Bushland Beach, QLD 4818, Australia

and

Amanda Colleen Carrick, Divorced,
of 11 Deedes Cres. Bushland Beach, QLD 4818, Australia

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 11th day of September, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages



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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 35 Cumbury Croft, Sharn End, B34 6TU, United Kingdom

and

Sharon Elaine Daniel, Divorced,
of 13 Harold Road, Edgbaston, B16 9DN, United Kingdom

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URIAH MCPHEE STUDENTS VISIT GG



► Grade six students of Uriah McPhee Primary School paid a courtesy call upon Governor General Dame Marguerite Pindling at Government House on Monday, September 25, 2017. (BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson)

WSC Disappointed Over Release of Clients' Bills

BY ONIKE ARCHER
Journal Staff Writer

The Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC) expressed its disappointment over the release of a list containing the alleged outstanding bills of its customers.

In a statement yesterday, WSC said the list was neither officially nor formally released by the corporation and the corporation will not comment on the integrity of the information neither on its clients' accounts publically.

General Manager of WSC Glen Laville said the corporation takes very seriously the release of customers' information to the public.

"Those responsible for illegal disclosure of private records to the media will be dealt with severely once found. This action does not reflect the values of our organization or our commitment to our clients. We

sincerely apologize to our valued customers and assure them that this is not a practice that WSC engages in," Laville added.

Earlier this week, Davis & Co condemned the Tribune's headline which stated that the law firm owed \$22,603.33 to WSC.

The firm which is owned by Member of Parliament Philip Davis issued a statement in response, claiming that there is a dispute between the firm and WSC with regards to the exorbitant bills charged to the company.

"There exists a genuine commercial dispute with regards to the exorbitant bills charged to Davis & Co. The firm has written several times to the corporation and its lawyers with regards to the matter and in fact there have been several meetings with all parties with the intent of agreeing what is rightfully owed," the statement read.

Stephen Dillet Opens on Monday

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer

After being delayed for almost a month, students and staff of Stephen Dillet Primary will finally be returning to their school.

Acting Minister of Education Dion Foulkes confirmed that the school will open Monday, October 2.

Foulkes said teachers are to report to school on Friday to make their preparations.

The school was scheduled to open September 11, but renovations delayed the opening.

Foulkes said the school is 100 percent completed with

only minor work and clean up being done now.

"All major work is completed. We had a technical team along with myself visit the school on Monday and we're very pleased with the progress being made," Foulkes said.

He added that the prime minister is expected to do a follow up visit in the latter part of the week.

The students are currently using three satellite campuses in the interim.

Foulkes, who is acting on Minister of Education Jeffery Lloyd's behalf, said he cannot speak to the details concerning the students

expected to come from

Dominica. He did confirm that it was a topic in their Cabinet meeting yesterday and said the appropriate minister will make an announcement with respect to that as time progresses.

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis made the announcement on Sunday that Dominican students will be accepted into the Bahamas' school system.

Press secretary Anthony Newbold said the prime minister will make a comprehensive statement in the House of Assembly today on that offer to Dominica.

The Bahamas Agriculture & Marine Science Institute

WEEKLY PRICE REPORT

WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25th, 2017

Wholesale Crop	Weight	Size	BAMSI Price	USDA-AMS		Retail Weight	BAMSI Price	USDA-AMS	
				HIGH	LOW			HIGH	LOW
Banana	40lbs		18.00	20.00	20.00	1lb.	0.49	0.72	0.49
Papaya	10lbs		14.00	18.00	16.00	each	1.59	1.57	1.57
Habanero Green	8lbs		16.00	15.00	12.00	1lb.	2.50	1.88	1.50
Habanero Orange	8lbs		40.00	15.00	12.00	1lb.	5.50	1.88	1.50
Okra						1lb.	3.00	N/A	N/A

	Wholesale Prices Weight	
Abaco Big Bird	Per lb.	2.14
Whole Chicken	40lbs	28.36
Leg Quarters	40lbs	66.04

	Retail Prices Weight	
	1 lb	2.39
	10lbs	8.49
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Minister Outlines Key Ways to Improve Financial Services Sector

Minister of Financial Services Brent Symonette said more has to be done to improve the country's second industry.

While delivering the keynote address at the Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB) meeting held September 20, 2017 at the British Colonial Hilton, Minister Symonette outlined some of the government's objectives.

"Over the past few months as the new minister of financial services, I have recognized that there is a critical need to enable the financial services industry to operate more efficiently," said the minister.

And this efficiency, according to the minister, would be achieved if the government implemented several measures including resourcing and restructuring the government agencies that provide support.

Mr. Symonette said by allowing for a more "competitive" environment through legislative reform and the development of new products and services in an environment that is customer friendly, The Bahamas would have a comparative or superior edge to competing jurisdictions.

He also pointed to the easing of the immigration process so that it is more business friendly, timely and efficient in order to prevent the hindrance of operations as to allow options that make it feasible for investors to choose The Bahamas not only for business purposes, but also as a place to reside.

He said it is also of paramount importance a change takes place in the way that business is conducted in the country.

"It is clear that what we are doing is not enough. We cannot continue to do things the same way and expect different results. We have to open our minds and The Bahamas must find ways to open its doors to a global economy that allows professional exchanges that foster growth. And by this, I mean the exchange of legal expertise in certain areas like trust, arbitration, maritime and other financial services aspects. We must be forward thinking to open our economy so that we can advance ourselves. We must do this to survive," said Mr. Symonette.

He explained that there are many untapped opportunities out there and that the Ministry of Financial Services and Investments "is open" to listening to the voices of the private and public sectors in order to devise solutions to drive change and provide opportunities to grow the economy.

"My ministry has met with numerous entities over the past several months, and I can say that the universal challenge facing the industry has been centered heavily around the increased pressure from global regulatory bodies such as the OECD, the need to focus on the ease of doing business in The Bahamas and the enhancement and integration of government departments through advanced technology," said Mr. Symonette.

"We are listening very carefully and have identified areas deemed to be quick fixes or low lying fruits to which we have already begun to make improvements. It is time now to bring forth solutions instead of continuing to focus on the challenges."



► The audience listens during a meeting held by the Bahamas Financial Services Board, September 20, 2017 at the British Colonial Hilton. **(BIS Photos/Raymond A. Bethel, Sr.)**



► Minister of Financial Services, Trade & Industry and Immigration, the Hon. Brent Symonette, delivering the keynote address at a meeting held by the Bahamas Financial Services Board, September 20, 2017 at the British Colonial Hilton.



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UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

We covered the start of this war with articles describing the battle over easement rights, the mysterious burning of a home, the blocks to rebuilding, and countless questionable court filings. This series of articles asks the needed questions and presents the arguments in full.

The more individuals engage in sadistic acts against fashion mogul Peter Nygard to achieve their nefarious agenda, the more baffling this Clifton multi-million-dollar saga in The Bahamas is.

This Clifton saga has been going on for years now. Yet, there are still so many unanswered questions. Such as the following:

Why would hedge-fund billionaire Louis Moore Bacon block access and stop his neighbour from being able to enter his own property?

When you can't even display basic human courtesy, what does that say about you? How could you live next door to Peter Nygard, have befriended him, have spent time at his home and allowed your kids to play at his home and then turn around and do something as insidious as blocking him from entering his own property?

Why did the Lyford Cay executive and her cohorts plot so diligently to destroy Peter Nygard?

Life is precious. Relationships are precious. The greatest meaning and value in life comes from our loving one another and living together in harmony supporting each other. So, what drives these individuals involved in this saga to engage in such villainous acts? There was no report of anything Peter Nygard had done to any of them that would justify 'sinning in their souls' in their attempts to destroy him.

The most critical unanswered question is who burned down Peter Nygard's home on Nygard Cay, and why?

You would really have to be a degenerate to actually burn down someone's dream home that they have worked so hard to build.

And then, why would anyone attempt to prevent the Government of The Bahamas from granting permits to Peter Nygard to rebuild his home?

That's just plain wicked.

How could anyone seemingly form an organization and grant millions to launch unjust attacks and seek to destroy one man?

Doesn't that sound absolutely iniquitous, totally unjust, and downright insane? Who does that?

There is so much poverty in the world, so much suffering, and people would actually rather waste millions on lawyers and pseudo causes simply to destroy one individual? How despicable!

And what true citizen would seek to destroy their country's good name in an effort to

THE CLIFTON REVIEW

By P. J. Malone

The Clifton Review is a bi-weekly column that examines the question of the Clifton project along with the evolution of the war between two billionaires, the links to unsavory characters, the use of the courts for personal agendas, the involvement of the Government opposition party (the FNM), and the attacks on the Government of The Bahamas.

achieve their disgraceful agenda? Can you imagine the level of insensitivity and idiocy that that would take?

It's simply ludicrous!

Also, why would these individuals working through Save The Bays seek to assist Louis Bacon in fighting Peter Nygard in a way that contravenes United States Treasury regulations? Everybody knows you break United States laws at your own peril.

Then, as diabolical deeds go, this is most diabolical; you would really have to be depraved to pay criminals to say that someone plotted murder against you just so you can implicate that person. Why would anyone stoop to engage in such an abhorrent act?

Does anyone understand people that would do these kinds of things? We certainly don't!

Finally, why would Louis Moore Bacon go to such extremes to persecute Peter Nygard and attempt to stop him from living comfortably in his home? What does he want from Peter Nygard?

On her late night talk show, the late Joan Rivers used to always open her interview segment with special guests by asking, "Can we talk?"

So, along that vein, 'Can we speculate?'

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THEY DIE

This land's grisliest of news even now resonates in the canyons of our mind; begging to know how it could arise that we would have coming in new information which screams words to the effect that: Two youth-men - on the cusp of adolescence- had both been shot in the head execution style.

Lord God Almighty have mercy on us!

And so today, with all of this still on our mind on another day when other news speaks concerning how it came to be that another man [this time a man at a work-site] was hunted down, cornered and shot dead.

And with the report of another so-called 'senseless' murder; we listened in with the keenest of ears and we heard the plaintive WHY-CRY of a mother; and too, we heard the screeching-screaming heart-rending mourning-lament of any number of other women who also mourned the dead!

This they did even then—as they all commiserated with a mother and her daughters in the keening aftermath of a young man's bloody demise.

Sadly, this is now the new norm in places such as the ones where Death itself seems to have taken up semi-permanent residence.

This we continue to lament.

But yet we know it for a fact that lament as we might; lament no matter its intensity gets us nowhere in either a New York minute or for that matter in a fevered hurry!

And so it now goes, we need to know why things have gotten so far out of hand.

In this regard, then we ask as follows: When will we learn that love is truly the answer? When will we—as a people who should be united in service and in love with and to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas—decide to study war no more?

And so today, we not only beg—albeit rhetorically- to know certain answers to this or that deeply poignant question; but also we need to know that search as we might here, there and everywhere else, the answer is right there staring us in the face; this even as we face ourselves in this or that soul-mirror.

And so it now goes: The man and that woman in the mirror are the ones who are responsible either by omission or commission for our successes and for our myriad of failures.

As one honest soul out-there in cyber-space recently averred: "...The people in the Bahamas lack vision and have been found wanting for conscience. No matter what party is in Power, until the people come together for something greater than surface bull—, there's more where the murders are coming from. Our society, children and government are reflections of ourselves. The situation won't improve until we do; one by one..."

We wholeheartedly agree.

And yet even as we do so, we would wish to suggest that our failures are for the most part rooted in fateful policy-level school and education decisions made decades ago which year by year, month by dreadful month, day by day and of course at a frightfully high economic price played a commensurately high set of social costs.

At the core of this madness were decisions concerning among other things a near maniacal obsession with seeing to it that there was a school for everyone?

As decided, so was it done!

Alas! As things then stood; this led—inch by dread inch- to a situation where whilst schooling was universally available, education still came at a premium; provided as it was by foreign mercenary teachers.

Show them the money and they then proceeded to do their thing; and do it they did!

When they were done with their efforts, more and more of their students left school alienated from self; poorly socialized and in many cases, with their eyes bleeding red with hate!

And so, as we fast-forward to now with the same set of systems in the lead train, thousands of our youth are still leaving school with nary a clue as to how they can or will pay their way in the world.

And thus, the streets beckon!

And thus and thereafter, that scenario of dead men walking as one after the other, this or that youth man bites the dust—with his addled mind wreaking of ideation which once upon a time told him and convinced him that: He had but two choices—get rich quick or die trying!

And so it goes: THEY DIE long before they had a chance to really LIVE!

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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 --

Matthew Andrew Taylor, Single,
of 37 Middlecroft Road, Chesterfield, United States of America

and

Sarah Louise Widdowson, Single,
of 11 Belmont Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield, 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 6th day of September, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages



▶ St. Cecilia's Primary School students try on VR Goggles donated by ALIV. (Photos/Sherard Campbell)

ALIV Launches Schools Plus Program

• St. Cecilia's Receive Virtual Reality Goggles

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

ALIV mobile network officially launched a Schools Plus Program yesterday with

St. Cecilia's Catholic Primary School presenting the school with 40 virtual reality goggles (VRG).

Making the presentation to the Catholic Board of Education at St. Cecilia's School, the ALIV team expressed its desire to help educate Bahamian youth through technology.

Chief ALIV Business Developer Gravette Brown told the students that education and innovation is important for their team as they seek to fulfill the goal of putting Bahamian students on par with students all over the world.

"We are so happy to kick off formally what we consider a very important program for ALIV, which is our Schools Plus initiative here with the Catholic Board of Education, who is in so many ways the backbone of education universally for The Bahamas," Ms. Brown said.

"This program is very important to us as a company. It lines up very closely and very integrally with what we consider part of our pillars which is bringing innovation and technology to The Bahamas and to really ensuring that Bahamians and most importantly our youth, our students, have all access to all of the technology that students and people use everywhere else in the world."

Ms. Brown further told the students that "technology is the great equalizer" and that having technology in the classroom would put them among students all over the world.

"We want to ensure that every student even our students right here in St. Cecilia's has access to the same educational opportunities that any other child does anywhere else in the world, from the U.K to America to

West Africa, and if you have access you can see the world," Ms. Brown said.

Director of Catholic Education, Mrs. Claudette Rolle expressed gratitude to ALIV on behalf of the Catholic School Board, noting her excitement to the opportunities of integrating technology in the classroom.

"It is indeed a pleasure for me to express our gratitude to ALIV on behalf of the Catholic Board of Education for assisting us in our quest to integrate our curriculum with varying forms of technology.

"The VRG and the phone are perhaps two of the most inspiring ways and effective ways for us to be able to achieve this," Mrs. Rolle said.

"I am more than excited about the VR Goggles because it essentially allows our teachers and our scholars to engage in experiences that goes beyond the classroom and this is exactly what 21st century teaching and learning is all about.

"We endeavor to always have interactive experiences in our classroom, but more importantly our experiences are only effective if we can take them outside of the classroom.

"They are only effective if our teachers and scholars can see connection between what they do in the classroom and what they do out there."

Also present at the launch and presentation were Catholic Archbishop His Grace Rev Patrick Pinder who participated in the demonstration of the virtual device, Chief ALIV Officer Damian Blackburn, Principal of St. Cecilia Denise Louis, VP Marie Rodgers as well as computer technology teachers of St. Cecilia's.



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 --

Zachary Otto Arnold, Single,
of 12515 Waddell Creek RD SE, Olympia WA 98512, United States of America

and

Marie Yvonne Graham, Single,
of 1720 West Marine View Dr. #139, Everett WA 98201, 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 24th day of August, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages



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 --

Frederick Hewitson, Divorced,
of Calle Falua 9, Apt.1B, El Rincon, Los Cristianos, Tenerife 38650, Spain

and

Paula Carol O'Callaghan, Widowed,
of Calle Falua 9, Apt.1B, El Rincon, Los Cristianos, Tenerife 38650, Spain

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Dated this 6th day of September, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages



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 --

Glen John Back, Single,
of 16 Jesmond Mews, Hartlepool, England

and

Alexandra Emily Gibson, Single,
of 16 Jesmond Mews, Hartlepool, England

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Dated this 1st day of September, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages



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 --

Aaron Samuel Bailey, Divorced,
of 100 Anderson Street, Apartment 7411, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, United States of America

and

Cheryl Lynn Demko, Divorced,
of 100 Anderson Street, Apartment 7411, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, United States of America

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ACKLINS EVACUEES RETURN HOME



► The remaining evacuees of Hurricane Irma from Acklins were transported from the Kendal G.L. Isaacs Gymnasium to the Lynden Pindling International Airport on Monday, September 25, 2017 -- a few days after the 'All Clear' was given for Hurricane Maria. The evacuees were men, women, children and infants of all ages. The airlines used were Bahamasair, which carried 68 residents, and Flamingo Air, which carried 11 residents, all to return to Acklins. (BIS Photos/Derek Smith)



Heartbroken Grandmother Remembers 'EJ'

BY ONIKE ARCHER
Journal Staff Writer

Distraught grandmother
Marsha Murphy remembers

her eight-year-old grandson
as a well-mannered child
with a beautiful spirit.

Eight-year-old Eugene
Woodside, affectionately

called 'EJ' by his family, was
killed when a stray bullet
infiltrated the dark brown
wooden house behind his
grandmother's house in the

Chippingham area on
Monday evening.

Eugene was in his house
completing his homework at
the time of the shooting.

After hearing gunshots
outside her house, Ms.
Murphy faced the gruesome
scene of her grandson's
bloodied body lying in the
arms of his grieving mother,
who was wailing at the top of
her lungs.

"I only heard the gunshots
because I was in the house.
Then I heard a lady scream-
ing and then I came outside
to go over there to see what
went down and I saw he was
shot. EJ had gotten shot and
his mommy brought him out-
side to carry him to the car to
take him to the hospital," Ms.
Murphy told The Bahama
Journal yesterday.

Barely able to express her
state of mind during the pain,
Ms. Murphy said after she
realized what happened, she
started screaming.

Ms. Murphy said her
grandson had a beautiful
personality.

"That's one little boy, he's
a very nice little boy, any-
thing you tell him do, he
does it," she said.

According to Ms. Murphy,
the man who was also shot
on Monday ran through their
backyard trying to evade the
bullets.

"He came through the
back way and came running
through the yard. They didn't
even see no bullet where
the bullet went straight
through the house with their
daddy sitting right in the
front door and they duck and
run for cover," she said.

Although Ms. Murphy and
her family received a warm
welcome from neighbors,
she said violence cannot be
ignored.

Perplexed as to why
something like this would
happen to an innocent child,
Ms. Murphy still showed a
merciful heart.

"We understand that it is
an accident, but it is not fair
and he hasn't even started
life yet," Ms. Murphy said.

Rosebud Road, off
Farrington Road, where the
murder occurred, is known
as a crime riddled area.

Also expressing grief over
Eugene's death was Albury
Sayle Primary School
Principal Katherine Rose.



► Eight-year-old
Eugene Woodside

"I was devastated.
Eugene left school yesterday
(Monday) with his ice-cream
cone. He went with his best
friend across to Bamboo
Shack where he waited for
his grandmother. We didn't
know that yesterday would
be the last time that Eugene
would be with us," Ms. Rose
said.

She also described
Eugene's beautiful spirit.

"Little darling, little boy,
always wanted a hug, a beau-
tiful spirit. We know that he
may be absent from us, but
he is present with the Lord
with angels surrounding him
and I pray for encouragement
for his mother as she goes
through this trying time,"
Ms. Rose said.

Students and administra-
tive staff at Albury Sayle
Primary School were as
equally traumatized by the
senseless killing of Eugene.

Speaking with reporters,
Ms. Rose shared the school's
strategy to help with the
school's bereavement
through counseling for
teachers and students by pro-
viding 'special grieving'
counseling for everyone on
campus.

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