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'Govt Backtracks on Promises,' Says MP

BY RANECHEA ELLIS
Journal Staff Writer

Englerston Member of Parliament Glenys Hanna-Martin said yesterday that promises made by the Minnis administration in the Speech from the Throne and the reality of what has been fulfilled

is like "night and day." During her contribution in the House of Assembly yesterday, she deemed it glaring inconsistencies with the promises and a colossal back-track like she has never seen. "The great promises that I've outlined seemed to have fallen by the wayside now withering in the sun and we have seen Mr. Speaker colossal backtracking," she said.

"No free education with boarding at UB. No great economic injection for Englerston or Baintown or Centreville. VAT went from being a regressive tax to a highly positive tax, according to the same spokesman who is now the minister of finance. Now we are hearing talks of income tax."

While the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has

strongly suggested that the government introduce income tax, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest stood and stressed that there has been no discussion on its implementation.

However, Mr. Turnquest said he has not ruled it out. Mrs. Hanna-Martin also expressed concern over the \$7 million the Minnis admin-

istration borrowed right after taking office.

She charged that the country has yet to receive a real explanation for it.

Additionally, the minister brought up state owned enterprises, commonly referred to SOEs, Baha Mar and the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance.

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► Englerston Member of Parliament Glenys Hanna-Martin (Journal file photo)

Henfield: Reconsider Cost of Passports

BY RANECHEA ELLIS
Journal Staff Writer

Minister of Foreign Affairs Darren Henfield suggested that the cost of obtaining a passport should be reconsidered.

During his communication in the House of Assembly yesterday, Mr. Henfield pointed out that there still seems to be an issue when it comes to the cost of passports for Bahamians.

"We must consider now the cost of obtaining a passport. Right now to get a passport I believe its \$25 and \$50 respectively, for an adult and we must reconsider because of the attending costs to produce the passport," he said.

"We are now producing them in less than two weeks and this is tremendous. It's good for our country."

Also during yesterday's communication, Mr. Henfield said the country's collaboration and strengthening of relationships across borders are important and they are already taking place.

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► Minister of Foreign Affairs Darren Henfield (Journal file photo)

PM Weeps with Grieving Family

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer



► Yesterday Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis and his wife visited the home of Tonio and Kendera Woodside, parents of Eugene Woodside, the eight-year-old who was shot dead at his home on Rosebud Street, Chippingham on Monday. (Photo/Yontalay Bowe - OPM Media Services)

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis and his wife Patricia wept yesterday with the family of the eight-year-old boy who was fatality shot on Monday.

While visiting the home where eight-year-old Eugene Woodside was shot by a stray bullet on Monday night, Dr. Minnis and his wife consoled and wept with the Woodside family.

During the visit, Mrs. Minnis gave a heartfelt speech to all mothers.

Mrs. Minnis said she was visiting in her capacity as a mother, as she was heartbroken over the situation from the moment she read about in the newspapers.

"That morning, I said a prayer for the family and as a mother I am calling on all mothers because I really believe that mothers can stop this," Mrs. Minnis said.

She added that mothers must speak to their sons and should plan a day to wear black to mourn over what is happening in the country.

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Smooth Voting Process for BPSU

BY ONIKE ARCHER
Journal Staff Writer

The Bahamas Public Service Union (BPSU) held its election yesterday and The Bahama Journal understands that the process went smoothly.

Returning BPSU Officer Jamaal Dawkins, who oversaw polling division number six at The Department of Physical Planning, explained that the voting process was more seamless than it has been in

recent years.

He said there were no challenges or hiccups with the voting process.

"There was no challenge because of the amount of polls we have this time around. There is no hustle and bustle of persons crowding the various polling stations," Mr. Dawkins explained.

More than 3,500 persons registered to vote this year and because of the many different polling stations, it made it much easier for persons to cast their ballots.

In addition, voters had their choice of polling stations to vote unlike previous years where they were restricted to a particular voting station.

"They spread it out really good this year and they were able to vote at any poll (that's why they are using the ink), instead of 500 people or 1,000 people at one poll. They were able to vote anywhere," Mr. Dawkins said.

BPSU official results will be announced next week.

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PM Weeps with Grieving Family

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"Don't cry in your house and your heart, but let's come together and cry publicly to stop this!" Mrs. Minnis said.

Dr. Minnis used the emotions of the moment to convey a message to the entire Bahamas.

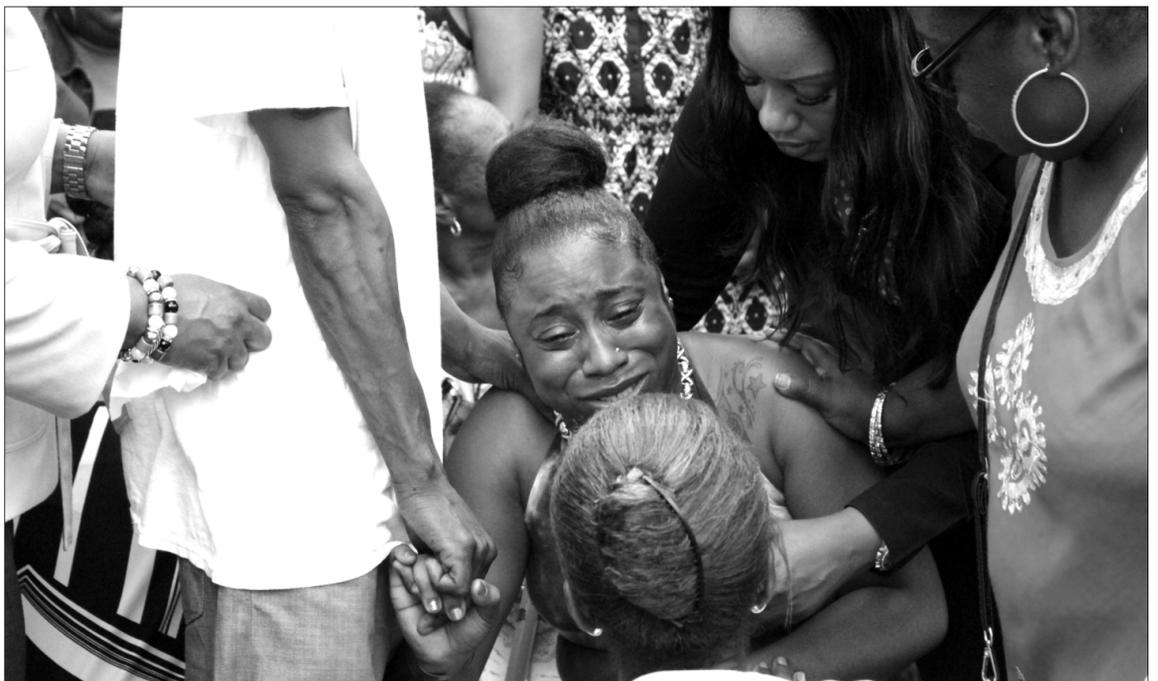
He said families and the citizens within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas have a responsibility to give whatever information they have to the police.

"These criminals live and sleep among us and sometimes one may close an eye to what is happening, but if they want to save this coun-

try just like we've worked together to deal with whatever impact we may have felt with the hurricanes coming, I think we must work together again to combat this hurricane of crime that's affecting our society," Dr. Minnis said.

He said all families must work together to save not only the lives of the future generation and the country's kids, but also work together to save this country.

The prime minister was concerned for the young boy's mother as she is pregnant and vowed that he would send medical personnel to care for her throughout her pregnancy.



► Kendera Woodside, mother of Eugene Woodside, mourns the loss of her son. (Photos/Sherard Campbell)



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and

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'Govt Backtracks on Promises,' Says MP

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"A decision was made that the government would not continue with that insurance policy because you're paying and you can't claim," she said.

"Now the insurance company then wrote to the new government and said come do business with me. Well, they did

business with them and what they did, they paid \$2.6 million for a premium and then they got a payout of \$397,598 and guess what the minister said? At least we get something."

As Mrs. Hanna-Martin told it, the past four months has been a truly transformative period, one that shifted from a great celebratory mode to an assault on the people.

Henfield: Reconsider Cost of Passports

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"Mr. Speaker, The Bahamas has representation by our honorary consuls in 28 countries around the world. These honorary consuls who perform services on a voluntary basis provide an additional source of representation for The Bahamas where embassies, consulates or high commissions are unavailable," he said.

"The main functions of the honorary counsels are to assist Bahamian nationals in distress who are travelling or living within their jurisdiction. In addition to attracting potential new investments for the country, Mr. Speaker they do an invaluable service."

Consuls like those mentioned, the minister said, play integral roles, especially during natural disasters like hurricanes.



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Murders Spark Revival of 'Peace on the Streets'

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer

Pastor, community activist and former gang member Carlos Reid said he will bring back the 'Peace on the Streets' initiative in light of the recent murders in the country.

Speaking moments after visiting the home and family of the eight-year-old boy who was fatally shot on Monday, Reid said the tragedy of the boy's murder was one of the hardest he's ever had to deal with.

"For a young boy to be in his house doing his homework and be fatality shot that has to touch all Bahamians. It's sad because he was not out there getting in problems or breaking in persons' homes. He was preparing himself to get an education and that bothered me as a father, a pastor and a citizen of the Bahamas," Reid said.

Reid added that this shooting has caused him and his team to rise up and intensify their efforts against crime.

"We have brought back a program that we had going on in the 90's called 'Peace on the Streets.' We are going to touch every community and school to echo the message that we need peace and unity," Reid said.

He added that it is ridiculous that nine adolescents were gunned down for the year.

Reid said in speaking with the father of the eight-year-old boy, he was lost for

words as it was difficult to fathom what he was feeling and express that in words.

He said the 'Peace on the Streets' program have started to touch communities on Wednesday nights and will be on Fowler Street Park next Wednesday to continue the message.

Along with the 'Peace on the Streets' program, Reid has helped to organize a team called the 'Violence Interpreters' that will visit with affected families to let them know that they're not alone.

Singer and producer Elnathan Corey Rolle, also known as DJ Counselor, was with Reid at the home of the eight-year-old boy and said he teamed up with 'Peace on the Streets' to do his part and invited every community to do their part in the fight against crime.

"Every mother, every big brother must do their part. Whatever is in your home that's going on illegally must be exposed," Rolle said.

He said it is a sad state that the country now has 'terrorists' using high powered weapons that can pierce through homes and kill persons.

"We all have a part to play. If your children are heading in the wrong direction, be proactive and call for help," Rolle said.

Rolle and Reid are appealing to the public to partner with them in the 'Peace on the Streets' program.

PM VISITS GRIEVING FAMILY



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Bahamas' Character Rides on its Response to Dominica Devastation

The quality of The Bahamas' character as a nation and its values are riding on how the country responds to the needs of Caribbean Community (CARICOM) partners such as Dominica which was devastated by both Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert A. Minnis said on Wednesday.

"We can either respond with humanitarian and Christian values, or we can close our hearts to those who are now experiencing tremendous suffering and

emergency needs," Prime Minister Minnis added.

"Charity, must begin at home, but charity never stops at the border of a country (and) is rooted in love and compassion and must extend to others beyond ourselves."

Delivering his communication to the House of Assembly on The Bahamas' proposed post Hurricanes Irma and Maria assistance to Dominica, Prime Minister Minnis said Dominica experi-

enced "an apocalypse" as a result of the two super storms.

Homes are flattened, buildings roofless, water pipes smashed and road infrastructure destroyed. The hospital is without power and schools have disappeared beneath the rubble. Additionally, crops have been uprooted and where there was green, there is now only dust and dirt.

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The Bahamas Agriculture & Marine Science Institute

WEEKLY PRICE REPORT

WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25th, 2017

Wholesale Crop	Weight	Size	BAMS Retail			USDA-AMS			
			BAMS Price	USDA-AMS HIGH	USDA-AMS LOW	BAMS Price	USDA-AMS HIGH	USDA-AMS 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	BAMS Retail Prices		
		Weight	Weight	
Abaco Big Bird	Per lb.	2.14	1 lb	2.39
Whole Chicken	40lbs	28.36	10lbs	8.49
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Presidential Hopefuls Promise to Transform BPSU

BY ONIKE ARCHER
Journal Staff Writer

All candidates vying for the position of president of the Bahamas Public Service Union (BPSU) made a promise to improve the union.

Candidates Dwayne Stevens of Team Restoration, Kimsley Ferguson of The Workers Team and Adelma Roach-Penn of Team CARE said if elected, they will introduce to the government their plans for the civil servants they will be representing.

Delegates of the three parties canvassed the country introducing the platforms they will implement if elected.

Team Restoration leader intends to make BPSU a viable and attractive entity for its members again, as he has noticed a decrease in membership interest.

"We have had a rapid

decline in membership simply because persons said the union was not attractive enough," Mr. Stevens said.

Mr. Stevens also pointed out what he would like to address first, should he win BPSU presidency.

He explained that minimum wage is a very important factor for his team.

"We want to address minimum wage. Minimum wage from 2002 has been \$150, which really doesn't allow the normal human being to access the things that are necessary for their survival, based on the consumer price index, food, clothing, shelter, medical care and education."

With an increase of minimum wage, Mr. Stevens believes it will place union members in a better state, so they can survive and progress and advance on their jobs and contribute to the well-being of their fami-

lies.

Spending over 30 years in the public service, Team CARE's leader Adelma Roach-Penn said there is a need for strategic planning and her team's vision is to improve the efficiency of

BPSU so that they may better serve the members and the public service.

Bringing her legal background to the union, she said, "We need to have persons who understand all the nuances so that we can bar-

gain for our workers, our members. We need to have as many persons as we can in the bargaining unit."

A little more tight-lipped was The Workers Team leader Kimsley Ferguson as he reserved his comments

pending the results.

However, he did share that he is a pastor and a community activist who works with youth groups and he hopes younger professionals become more interested in the union.

D'AGUILAR ATTENDS CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS



► Kimberly Wilson, contributor to Essence, The Grio and Travel and Leisure, interviews Minister of Tourism Dionisio D'Aguilar at the recent Congressional Black Caucus, in Washington, DC. (Photo/Ministry of Tourism)

Bahamas' Character Rides on its Response to Dominica Devastation

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The majority of the country's population of 75,000 citizens and residents are homeless, and many of the country's mountainous communities are not accessible by road. Reports suggest that 80 per cent of the buildings have either been destroyed or severely damaged.

Dominica's beautiful rainforest, which gave life to the island-nation's tourism industry, has been flattened and its agriculture destroyed. The majority of its fishing boats have been lost and the country literally cannot feed itself.

There is no running water, most of the electrical grid has been destroyed, public health is at risk of disease from stagnant water and dead animals, and those in need of dialysis are at-risk of dying because the hospital is without power.

Thus far, 15 persons have been confirmed dead as a result of the monster hurricanes with the death toll likely to rise.

"The desolation is beyond imagination," Prime Minister Minnis told House members. "I could only imagine how I would feel if The Bahamas was devastated in the same way and I had to travel overseas to ask for assistance if we were hit as hard by a monster category 5 hurricane," Prime Minister Minnis said.

"Imagine if 80 per cent of the buildings on New Providence were destroyed. Imagine if our electrical and telecommunications grids were destroyed. Imagine if most of the roads in New Providence were uprooted and if PMH (Princess Margaret Hospital) was without power.

"Imagine if every single government-operated school was destroyed and most police stations, clinics and government offices destroyed. Imagine if most people on Grand Bahama or New Providence became homeless overnight.

"So how should we respond to our Caribbean neighbour and CARICOM partner? We should respond the way we would want others to respond if we were in such dire need and desperation."

The prime minister said there have been many expressions of gratitude (in The Bahamas) about being spared the fury of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, two of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the Atlantic.

"If our expressions of gratitude do not translate into generosity towards those in dire need because of these killer storms, our gratitude to God is superficial at best. One cannot fully express gratitude to God, yet turn one's heart away from a neighbour in great need.

"As Caribbean neighbours, we share a similar history of overcoming colonialism and slavery. And we share a common destiny now also shaped by the reality of climate change and global warming.

"How should we respond? The character of our nation and our values are riding on how we respond."



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Fred Smith, President of the Grand Bahama Human Rights Association—aka Director and attorney for Save The Bays—really acts like a ‘wannabe’ prime minister. Why doesn’t he run for office then? Instead, he engages in these manipulative games to exert power over our duly elected Government representatives.

Fred Smith’s latest scheme involves the proposed Interception of Communications Bill. It has been suggested that the new Minnis Administration should let the Grand Bahama Human Rights Association take the lead on this proposed legislation, which has returned to the forefront of discussion after it failed with the previous Administration.

In a Tribune article Fred Smith has threatened that if Minnis doesn’t follow his, Smith’s, prescribed steps in the proposed legislation, they will fight it to the end. Here are the steps that Fred Smith wants:

The Government must produce a ‘white paper’ (a document outlining information on an issue) on the proposed bill.

The Government must discuss and consult with the public on the issue for a period of six months prior to the legislation.

Then the Government must produce a green paper—described as a report on policy proposals for debate and discussion.

Let us stipulate that, in and of themselves, these steps are not bad—a bit excessive, but not bad.

Here’s the thing though. The people of The Bahamas did not elect Fred Smith and the Grand Bahama Human Rights Association to govern The Bahamas. How dare they try to hold the Government hostage to do things as they would like. How dare they threaten the Government of The Bahamas if they don’t meet their demands.

Threatening the Government is the same thing as threatening the people of The Bahamas. It implies that you are against the will of the people who elected its representatives through a sound democratic process; and it sounds like a promise to subvert the will of the people to have the Minnis Administration govern on behalf of the Bahamian people.

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.

Besides, Fred Smith is one man with one opinion. He can make suggestions to the Government of The Bahamas like everyone else. But he doesn’t get to decide how the Government should function because the people of The Bahamas didn’t elect him to any office.

The legislation is described as being proposed in the ‘interest of national security’, explained as protecting The Bahamas from ‘threats of sabotage, espionage, terrorist acts, terrorism or subversion’.

Apparently, there is “clear advice” on this from Her Majesty’s Privy Council, which is probably why the New Free National Movement Administration sees fit to bring the proposed legislation back to the floor of the House of Assembly after the previous Progressive Liberal Party Government failed to get it enacted.

Former Attorney General Allyson Maynard-Gibson was quoted attesting to the need to heed the advice given: “as the excellent OAG consultants and advisors continue to say, the Bahamas cannot continue to ignore the clear advice of Her Majesty’s Privy Council. The Interception Communication’s Act is a necessary crime fighting tool and I hope that it is passed ASAP.”

Fred Smith has not been assigned the task of deciding what is best for our country. Furthermore, he is not privy to the information that our Government officials are privy to. Clearly there is some merit to the proposed legislation since the new Attorney General and the new Government is seeing fit to bring the issue back to the forefront after previously opposing it. Clearly they understand that campaigning is one thing, governing is another.

Fred Smith does not get to decide what’s best for Bahamians and what is not since he has already demonstrated on several occasions that he does not have the best interest of The Bahamas at heart when he marred our good name with international organizations.

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COMPLAINT CONCENTRATED

We live in times that are interesting not only for those now arriving; but as interesting for all those senior souls who can now do the ‘looking back thing as they reflect on how they have fared on this lee side of Jordan.

We would also surmise that they would be in a reflective mode as they look back on

Dreams they once upon a time had for a future that is so very much now; all of this as they search for the exit!

The sum of the matter, then, has to do with a reality where we find that amongst the facts that will always matter has to do with how practically anybody with a beef; anybody with a complaint; anybody with ideas about everything can – no matter the time of day – have their views broadcast to the world.

Whilst some of their ‘late-breaking news’ is nothing more than stuff and nonsense; there are those occasions when such new information can reach the level of work that does play a most valuable journalistic role.

But yet, there are all those other instances where both the purely ignorant; the viciously pernicious and any number of politically mischievous few can and do confuse the mass of our people.

It is this latter aspect of the matter at hand which today compels us to weigh in on some of the arrant nonsense that so very many now continue to spew as – at long last – there seems to be some traction with the Baha Mar ‘deal’.

And so it now goes that any number of so-called critics are busy conjuring up scare-stories concerning the concessions that would have been given to help put to bed this matter which means so much to so very many Bahamians.

One of the facts that now matter so very much in the field of politics – whether local, national or international – has to do with the extent to which certain political issues can and do cross-cut zones and systems.

Indeed, as we make this point we are constrained to remind the dear reader that in the lead-up to this country’s general elections, we had reason to reference what seemed the large role played in them by social media.

They who mastered social media won whilst they who tried to understand and/or measure the nature of this media-tsunami were washed away!

Indeed, then: One of the more interesting

facts that now matter in these deeply cynical times has to do with the extent to which a mass public is now being prepared to tune into all manner of artfully produced and delivered propaganda.

There is also an abundance of evidence coming in from the United States which suggests that politicians and parties can be packaged and delivered the same way some companies peddle supposedly ‘brand-new’ soap powder!

We would also suggest that: There is a supposition that the use of such a set of tactics may well explain not only the Free National Movement’s taciturn campaign; but also that strange set of efforts at campaigning proffered by the Progressive Liberal Party!

At the end of the day, the FNM won and the PLP lost; and even now, the shock waves continue!

In this regard, we assuredly agree and commiserate with Prime Minister Christie and his team as they do all they can to show and tell that there is nothing underhanded about the grant of any so-called ‘concessions’ needed to put Baha Mar back on track.

Evidently, some of the criticisms that now swirl about are rooted in a kind of nasty politics that is being played by some in Opposition who oppose, not on principle, but who clearly do what they do; say what they wish and who also on occasion spew the poorest nonsense as they pander to the anxieties and fears of some of our people.

At the top of this braying pack we find a Minnis-led crew which contends [with no evidence adduced] that: “...Mr. Christie’s announcement was “smoke and mirrors” and lacked detail...”

And perhaps without even either thinking or knowing that the Judiciary is an independent arm of Government and that, anyone can petition the Supreme Court for relief; this with particular reference to aspects of certain documents said to be have been sealed for a season.

As the prime minister so rightly contended: -There is “nothing secret” about Baha Mar and that lawyers have instructed him not to divulge relevant details because of the sensitivity of the matter and the amount of money being transacted among parties...”

Alas! This did not help the Christie regime.

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NO BETTER READING



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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

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



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

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 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

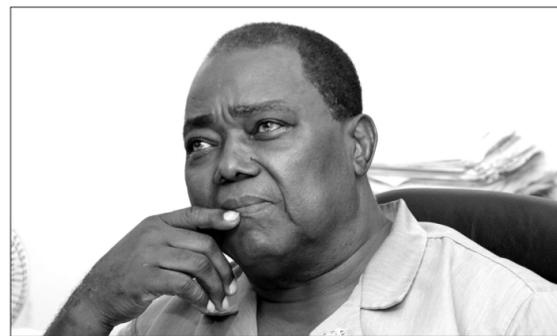
Cheryl Lynn Demko, Divorced,
of 100 Anderson Street, Apartment 7411, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, United States of America

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

Rotarian Celebrates 40 YEARS of Service



► Noted political enthusiast Reverend CB Moss **(Journal file photo)**

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Dedicated to the Rotary Club of West Nassau for 40 years, noted political enthusiast Reverend CB Moss was honored for his service by the Rotary Club during a luncheon at Poop Deck West on Thursday.

Rev. Moss, who also celebrated for 50 years of marriage, said his zeal for Rotary is to help those in need.

"I am so grateful to be here today to share this heartwarming experience with all of you, and I have always had the pleasure of realizing that instead of people thanking me, I should thank them," Rev. Moss said.

"I love Rotary. Rotary to me is a part of my life. I owe Rotary a lot. It has provided me opportunity to demonstrate what I was capable of doing and what I wanted to do.

"To me, it is the essence of freedom to say and do what exactly as I want to, within parameters of course, which means then that whatever I do, I don't do it for people, I benefit more than them.

"This club has given me far more than I could ever give this club, true relationships."

Although being honored for his years of service, Rev. Moss stated that he did not serve that length of time to be noticed or for recognition.

"My 40 years of attendance is not just for recognition because I don't care about recognition, but the 40 years of perfect attendance is a sign of my commitment to Rotary," Mr. Moss said.

Past presidents Rotary of West Nassau poured out accolades on Rev. Moss' behalf and hailed him as a man of enthusiasm and true leadership.

"CB Moss is a household name and is a man of very strong convictions," Past President Michael Hepburn said.

"His wife is full of stories about his character, his strong sense of commitment, his love of family, his dedication to God and his love for Bahamian people.

"It is his commitment and love of people that he installed in Commonwealth Bank that is still one of the cornerstones of that bank today, helping the small man.

"CB found it hard to turn down a needy person. For that he has earned the love and the loyalty of thousands of Bahamians.

"He is also a man of strong conviction."

Rev. Moss was the first to chair Hands Across The Bahamas, more than 20 years ago which raised more than \$500,000 that was used to fund the building of a detoxification unit that is on the grounds of the Sandilands Rehabilitation Center.



► Duncan Town, Ragged Island -- main street cleared of debris such as downed poles and electric wires. (RBDF Photo)



► Marines deployed to Ragged Island as part of restoration efforts. (RBDF Photo)

Restoration Efforts Moving 'Full Speed Ahead'

The pace towards recovery and the restoration of essential services for those Bahamian islands most impacted by Hurricane Irma

is moving full speed ahead, with agencies responsible for the restoration of electricity and other essential services, providing promising updates.

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert A. Minnis said the Government of The Bahamas is "committed" to restoring public infrastructure and providing social services where needed in the impacted areas.

Prime Minister Minnis reported in the House of Assembly on Wednesday that Bahamas Power and Light had informed the government that repairs have been completed in Acklins, Mayaguana, Crooked Island, Andros and Bimini while officials at the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) are reporting that broadband services throughout The Bahamas have been restored with some exceptions.

Broadband services have been restored at Mortimer's, Long Island, except for intermittent degraded services. Reports indicate, however, that replacement equipment has already been shipped to, and is onsite in, Long Island with full restoration scheduled.

Mobile services have been restored to Long Island and fully restored on Ragged Island. 3G service is being optimized on Ragged Island and will be completed by month's end. Fixed services have been restored on Bimini. Power issues are responsible for some degradation in service, however.

In Acklins, 53 per cent of mobile services have been restored. Teams are currently working on full restoration, which officials say should take place by early October. Fifteen customers are waiting for restoration of their mobile services on Long Cay. Early restoration is scheduled for early October as well.

The optimization of services in Mayaguana, Inagua, Crooked Island, Acklins

and Long Cay (MICAL) is ongoing, officials report.

Meanwhile, officials at the Water and Sewerage Corporation report that the only major damage to its assets in the storm-impacted areas was to the Ragged Island Desalination Plant.

A temporary plant was installed on Monday, September 25, 2017. The permanent plant is being refurbished and is scheduled to be in operation by the end of October.

Water infrastructure is operable in all districts and the corporation is working towards ensuring that all islands are equipped with standby generators.

Simultaneously, several key government agencies have been engaged in the "large-scale, clean-up" of Ragged Island – including the disposal of the rotting carcasses of dead animals, which could have posed significant public health hazards for the residents who remained on the island.

The teams comprise marines from the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, along with personnel from the Ministry of Health and other government agencies, who are clearing a path for teams from BTC and BPL to restore the basic utilities that are required for the long-term restoration of the island.

Prime Minister Minnis has promised to transform Ragged Island into a model for sustainable community by rebuilding it into the first "fully green island in the region."

The prime minister said this will be accomplished through the use renewable energy and smart technologies from solar energy, to sustainable water purification systems.

"Out of the devastation and the destruction, a new Ragged Island will emerge including stronger building codes, improved zoning, and strategies to mitigate against climate change and rising sea levels," Prime Minister Minnis pledged.

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