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INMATES FEEL DE-HUMANIZED

BY RANECHEA ELLIS
Journal Staff Writer

Some inmates imprisoned at Fox Hill in New Providence feel that their basic humanity is taken away from them in the environment in which they are kept. This was revealed in a study released by The University of the Bahamas (UB) yesterday.

The release of the findings of

a 2016 Study of Sentenced Inmates at the Department of Correctional Services came during a Symposium at the University's Performing Arts Centre.

Lead researcher William Fielding said the study investigated some 350 plus inmates both male and female during a period last year.

"An extensive survey form allowed us to investigate a number of issues such as prison health, the economy of the

prison, the use of drugs in the prison and we've been able to pull out the role of gangs in the lives of prisoners," he said.

"So we had a list and drew a random sample from that list. We didn't show favouritism, but we had to have a backup list as some of the people may have been released before we interviewed them and on the advice of correctional officers, there may have been certain people unsafe to interview."

The study was pushed by

Inter Development Bank (IDB) in order to establish its citizen and security project in various Caribbean islands.

Part of that project was to obtain sentenced prisoners perceptions on many aspects while incarcerated.

Mr. Fielding pointed out that the findings of the study were in no way 100 per cent accurate as the information was retrieved from inmates' perceptions.

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► Minister of Tourism, Dionisio D'Aguiar (Journal file photo)

PLANS TO GROW STOPOVER VISITORS

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer

The Minister of Tourism, Dionisio D'Aguiar said yesterday his ministry's primary goal is to increase the number of stopover passengers.

In his address in the House of Assembly D'Aguiar said stopover passengers spend about \$1,500 during their stay as opposed to cruise ship passengers who spend only \$69.

"One might ask, why are we providing millions in incentives to the cruise ship industry when the spending of their passengers pales in comparison to the passengers bought here by air," D'Aguiar said.

He added that the stop over visitor is more valuable and to facilitate the increase of stop over passengers a number of things will be done including having more hotel rooms via Bahamar and Atlantis Resorts.

"We are encouraged that Atlantis is slowly bringing the 600 rooms of the Coral Towers, which were closed on December 15, 2016 for a multi million renovation and upgrade back on stream. And Bahamar is slowly bringing its 2,300 rooms on stream," said D'Aguiar.

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GAMING BOARD SALARIES EXCESSIVE

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer

Tourism Minister Dionisio D'Aguiar said yesterday executives of the Bahamas Gaming Board were paid large amounts of money.

Speaking in the House of Assembly on a resolution to thank the Governor General for reading the speech from the Throne, Mr. D'Aguiar said when he came into office there were four individuals being paid in excess of \$200,000 per annum, after you factored in all their pay, bonuses, gratuities and allowances.

"There was one individual taking home in excess of \$150,000 and there were numerous other senior executives earning between \$80,000 and \$100,000 per annum," D'Aguiar said.

He added that shortly before and after the general elections the previous board and management were conducting a salary review and proposing some new salary scales. D'Aguiar said these findings were eye-popping as he, as a cabinet minister, only makes \$71,000.

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Health Minister Attends Official Dedication of New Centreville Medical Centre



► Pictured from left: Minister of Health, Dr. the Hon. Duane Sands helping Annie Marie Diggiss cut the ribbon to the Centre while Dr. Diggiss and Charlene McPhee look on. (BIS Photo/Raymond A. Bethel, Sr.)

"I'm Bahamian as Conch Salad," says Minister

BY RANECHEA ELLIS
Journal Staff Writer

Amidst public speculation of possessing two passports from two different countries, Transport and Local Government Minister Frankie Campbell during his contribution in The House yesterday

sought to dispel those rumors and with evidence on hand.

"While I am not at all in any way form or fashion ashamed or embarrassed of my heritage."

"I want to say to the good people of Southern Shores who I gave the privilege to serve that Frankie Alfred Campbell is as

Bahamian as conch salad," said the MP.

The concerns were raised while the minister was a guest on a local radio talk show on which he revealed that he held two passports.

Mr. Campbell took out his two passports in The House to show

those who could see.

"Having been appointed to The Bahamas Embassy in Port Au Prince in September of 2010," on the 26th day of September 2010, I was issued a diplomatic passport number ED0000143."

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ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED TO READ IN THE MORNING

DEDICATION OF NEWLY-REFURBISHED STEPHEN DILLET PRIMARY SCHOOL



► Minister of Education, Science and Technology, the Hon. Jeffrey Lloyd gave the keynote address on Monday at the Dedication of newly-refurbished Stephen Dillet Primary School. Addressing students, parents, administrators, teachers, other staff of Stephen Dillet Primary School, and senior Ministry of Education officials, Minister Lloyd said \$4 million was spent on the refurbishment which took place from June 1 to October 1, 2017. (BIS Photo/Derek Smith)

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With that said however, the perceptions of inmates and their accounts of what takes place still raised many important questions, especially as it relates to the deep structural failures.

"Although we're get-

ting prisoners perceptions, we have to remember that perception is reality for that person. So for example, the quotation about a prisoner saying he felt that his dignity was being taken away is a very profound statement," he said.

"You many not think

of it in terms of that, but if you feel your basic humanity is being taken away from you in the environment in which you are kept, that clearly can't be a good thing to be happening for someone who you want to be rehabilitated and to become a positive member of society when released."

Some of the statistics gathered, which have not been officially released as yet revealed that inmates joined gangs for sense of family as well as protection on the inside and outside of prison.

Many inmates felt strongly that once released, they would return to prison or be arrested again.

Further, when it came to drug use, drugs were used to help inmates cope with living conditions.

However, most startling for one student of all was the allegation or consensus from the inmates that prison officers were the ones responsible for providing inmates with access to drugs and other contraband.

"You have people who are guarding the prison and persons who are supposed to ensure the rules and regulations are kept (committing offences,) Shantique Durham said.

"Yet they are the ones entertaining it or giving them the drugs. I found that very alarming and interring at the same time."

Plans To Grow Stopover Visitors

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He said that his government is ready to create unique and innovative experiences that will bring stop-overs to the island.

He added that all investors, both Bahamian and non-Bahamian, who are now thinking of building hospitality related projects, should know that the government is extremely interested in creating employment opportunities for its people by expanding the tourism sector

"I challenge our local entrepre-

neurs to figure out ways to develop and create fun and innovative and interesting excursions to offer the 4.5 million cruisers that touchdown mostly in New Providence each year," D'Agulair said.

He said he will be creating a unit within his ministry to facilitate the negotiations between Bahamian companies and cruise lines.

The Ministry of Tourism also has a new public relations company, Weber Shanwick, that D'Agulair says is extremely familiar with and understands the com-

plexity of marketing a country with 16 different destinations.

"They have assigned young energetic dynamic individuals to our account to assist in strategy, digital content development, social media enhancement, paid and amplified messages on the web and the development of new concepts and ideas and analytics," D'Agulair said.

He added that as visitors have changed the way they shop, the Bahamas must change the way it does business.

GAMING BOARD SALARIES EXCESSIVE

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"The secretary was making \$192,500 and the deputy secretary \$121,000. And the next category of seven executives was to make \$110,000," D'Agulair said. He added that he had a chance to review the financial statements of the gaming houses and the profits reported were eye-popping.

"With the gaming houses being so cash rich and the government being so cash strapped not fulfilling its requests for social services and education, I am sure the Minister of Finance will be looking to

enhance his tax revenues from this sector," D'Agulair said.

He added that gaming houses continue to enjoy the benefits of being a cartel as there is a moratorium in place to prevent any new companies from entering the market.

D'Agulair said he is cautious about how the gaming houses are operating as banks in some islands as the movement of unregulated cash can set off an alarm somewhere in the world and put the Bahamas on a "black list".

"The gaming board will consult with the authorities at The Central Bank to determine how best to move forward on the issue to ensure that the gaming houses do not negatively impact the stability of our financial sector," D'Agulair said.

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 -

Craig Thomas Rogers, Single,
of 21 Kinsella Court, Kellyville, NSW 2155, Australia

and

Cathy Anne McGuiness, Single,
of 21 Kinsella Court, Kellyville, NSW 2155, 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 21st 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 -

Daniel Matthew Holloway, Divorced,
of 2307 NW 26 St., Cape Coral, FL 33993, United States of America

and

Karleen Kay Kudla, Single,
of 2307 NW 26 St., Cape Coral, FL 33993, United States of America

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Dated this 21st day of September, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages

"I'm Bahamian as Conch Salad," says Minister

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Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis confirmed the minister's response in a local daily on Monday.

He told the daily that what Mr. Campbell said was indeed true and said that people should stop trying to "spew venom and misinformation."

That special passport Mr. Campbell said is still valid and one he does not use or abuse, but rather keeps as a source of pride and accomplishment.

The second passport came courtesy of his appointment as a cabinet minister on May 15th.



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“TINY TOTS GETS A BIG BOOST FROM BTC”

• Company makes donation to school's library and provides a new computer

BTC has made a donation to the Tiny Tots Preschool which caters to just over sixty toddlers. The company provided funds for the preschool's library and also surprised the school with a brand new computer.

Manager for Public Relations, Indira Collie said, “This is perhaps the most impressionable time for toddlers. We believe that learning should be a limitless experience - fun, exciting and engaging! So, we

decided to make a donation to the preschool to build their library. When we met with the principal, she also told us that they were in need of a new computer, so came back and surprised her with the new computer.”

BTC has more than thirty adopted schools across the country.

ABOUT BTC: BTC is the first quad play provider in The Bahamas. The company offers a full suite of land-line, internet, mobile and television services allowing customers to stay connected throughout The Bahamas. BTC is deeply rooted in commu-

nity and supports a wide range of culture, youth, education and sporting initiatives. These include Junkanoo, Bahamas Junkanoo Carnival, IAAF/BTC World Relays and CARIFTA. BTC maintains a four year scholarship program with The University of The Bahamas and provides

funding for the University's endowment fund. Just recently, the company signed an agreement for the establishment of an Innovation Lab at the University. The company is jointly owned by Liberty Global and The Government of The Bahamas.

SHOOTING VICTIM DIES IN HOSPITAL

Police report that a man who was shot at Ida Street on Sunday 17th September 2017, died in hospital early yesterday morning.

According to reports, shortly before 6:00pm on Sunday 17th September 2017, the victim along with another male were driving in a vehicle on Ida Street, when they were approached by two male occupants of a gray Chrysler vehicle armed with a handgun, who shot the victim before speeding off. The victim was taken to hospital in serious condition where he was detained. The victim died in hospital shortly after 5:00am on 4th October 2017.

This incident is under active investigations.

POLICE SEIZE GUN AND DRUGS IN HOUSE RAID, 3 IN CUSTODY

Police Officers from the Southeastern Division took three adult males into custody following the seizure of a firearm and a quantity of dangerous drugs on Wednesday 4th October 2017.

According to reports, around 9:00am, Officers acting on intelligence executed a search warrant on a home located at Read Sea Road where they uncovered a 9 - millimeter Pistol with 6 rounds of ammunition and a quantity of marijuana. The three male occupants of the home were subsequently taken into custody.

Officers from the Firearm Tracing and Gang Investigations Unit seized an illegal gun off the streets of New Providence, shortly after 3:00pm on Thursday 3rd October 2017.

Police officers were conducting an operation in Fox Hill, when they search a premises in the Fox Hill area and uncovered a 9 - millimeter pistol with 4 live rounds of ammunition.

No one was arrested for this seizure.



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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		
Whole Chicken	Per lb.	2.14
Leg Quarters	40lbs	28.36
Wings	40lbs	66.04

Retail Prices Weight	
1 lb	2.39
10lbs	8.49
10lbs	19.24

Source: USDA-AMS Miami
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“TEXT FOR THE CURE”

• *BTC & The Cancer Society Think PINK for Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

Traditionally, the month of October has designated to enhance the awareness of breast cancer. For several years, BTC has joined with various groups and organizations to promote prevention methods and share the stories of those that have been touched by cancer over the years.

BTC has teamed up with the Cancer Society for a “Think Pink Text for the Cure” campaign. The campaign which kicks off on October 5th, gives the general public an opportunity to make a donation towards the fight against breast cancer.

Tammy Sands, from the Cancer Society said, “We thought this would be a good initiative to solicit the support of the Bahamian public and the public at large to make a donation to help us here at the Cancer Society. The Cancer Society is run from the support of the general public. We offer a special Cancer Caring Center which provides free accommodations for Bahamians travelling from the Family Islands. They stay with us while they are undergoing treatment free of charge. We also have twelve family island branches throughout the archi-

pelago of The Bahamas. We provide about twenty seven free clinics across the Family Islands providing pap smears for ladies and PSA testing for men.”

Manager for Public Relations, Indira Collie said, “BTC has been deeply involved with Cancer Awareness for years now. About a decade ago, we launched a special campaign called “I Connect with the fight against breast cancer”, where we partnered with the Sister/Sister Breast Cancer Support Group to raise the level of awareness in the country. Since then, annually, the compa-

ny participates in a number of cause-related initiatives. We have provided free mammograms for our customers and just a few weeks ago, we came on board again as the platinum sponsor for the Long Island Cancer Society Ball. We’re encouraging everyone to get involved. We all have been touched by the effects of cancer in one way or another. Just by sending a text message from your mobile phone, you can help to assist someone that is in need.”

The text for the cure campaign begins on October 5th and

runs through October 31st. To participate customers should send a text the word “PINK” to the number 5115. With each text, customers will donate \$1, and you can donate as many times as you like. All proceeds will go to The Cancer Society of The Bahamas.

BTC will be providing its text messaging platform to the Cancer Society, free of charge. Last month, BTC also worked in conjunction with NEMA for the “Each one Reach one” text to donate campaign to assist residents affected by Hurricane Irma.

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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.

The new Minnis Administration appears to be in cahoots with Save The Bays. The Attorney General's office seems to have dropped appeals on court matters favoring Save The Bays (STB) and acquiesced to STB's position withdrawing requests to hold them accountable.

Then, the new Attorney General, Carl Bethel, accused the former Administration of "overreach" with respect to Save The Bays and the new regulations for non-profit organizations.

In a Tribune article by Neil Hartnell, it reported this: "Carl Bethel effectively backed the position taken by the environmental activist group, also known as the Coalition to Protect Clifton, by agreeing that the Registrar General could only demand a non-profit organisation's financial records if it was suspected of involvement in terrorism financing."

Say what?! That's the same thing as saying we will wait until the fox is in the hen house before we investigate to see if he will eat the chickens. Ludicrous!

We are not suggesting that Save The Bays is a terrorist organization. It is the principle of the matter that we are concerned with.

Further more, the Government of The Bahamas cannot be that myopic or dense that they should only care about whether or not Save The Bays is a terrorist group. Save The Bays has given us plenty of evidence of questionable activities that merit greater scrutiny.

We act like a third world country when we don't care what organizations do that is questionable. We act like a third world country when an organization can run roughshod over a people and a government and not be monitored or held accountability.

How can this new Government of The Bahamas even think for a second that we should not care if Save The Bays engages in questionable activities and have suspicious 'goings-on'?

There are so many clues that indicate that they need to be reviewed. Here are just a few:

CLUE #1.

It has been reported that Save The Bays' chief funder is hedge-fund billionaire Louis Moore Bacon and that millions of dollars have allegedly been given to Save The Bays for supposed environmental projects, but there are no multi-million-dollar projects anywhere around the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

CLUE # 2.

Save The Bays registered themselves as a 501(c)3 organization in the United States so that they can receive tax-deductible

contributions from American donors. The United States Treasury Department rules state that all 501(c)3 organizations are required to make their financial information public through their tax returns and their exemption application for 501(c)3 status. But instead, Save The Bays has caused a constitutional crisis in their efforts to seek punishment for those Members of Parliament who disclosed their financial information, and who did so under parliamentary privilege; Save The Bays filed a lawsuit in which the judge ruled in their favor.

CLUE # 3.

Save The Bays singled out and victimized fashion mogul Peter Nygard for doing the same things on his private property that Save The Bays Director and attorney, Fred Smith did on his property and Louis Bacon did on his property. Save The Bays used millions in taxpayers' resources to promote the farce all to help their chief funder in his feud against Peter Nygard.

So instead of investigating all these activities and acting more like a first world country would, the new Government appears to be complicit with Save The Bays.

This new Government is ignoring these millions of dollars coming into the country from a foreign entity with no multi-million-dollar projects to show for it. This new Government turns around and drops the appeal concerning parliamentary privilege allowing this constitutional nebulosity to stand. And, this new Government is turning a blind eye to the millions of taxpayers' resources being spent on Save The Bays' personal agenda to destroy Peter Nygard.

Now the new Administration is trying to justify the refusal to hold Save The Bays accountable for its suspicious activities by attacking the previous Administration.

Does the Minnis Administration really want to be in cahoots with Save The Bays? How foolish!

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EDITORIAL

COMMUNITY NIXED

We have on any number of occasions lamented what we describe as a culture where selfishness, meanness and plain old nastiness now not only prevail but where there is evidence galore that they now flower.

Put otherwise, rank materialism mixed in with consumerism on the hoof now threaten those remnants of community which – as some of our elders know and remember so very well – marked that gone with the wind world they inhabited back in the day before yesterday when – as the word in the wind would shout: Nassau gone funky!

And thus the emergence of that cold space where cold cash became the only social nexus between men and women, boys and girls who were once neighbors, family and friends—and thus and therewith it any shared sense of the so-called 'common good'.

As we understand this concept, we assume that the common good consists primarily of having the social systems, institutions, and environments on which we all depend work in a manner that benefits all people.

Further research reveals that: "...The common good is a notion that originated over two thousand years ago in the writings of Plato, Aristotle, and Cicero. More recently, the contemporary ethicist, John Rawls, defined the common good as "certain general conditions that are...equally to everyone's advantage".

We can also note that: "The Catholic religious tradition, which has a long history of struggling to define and promote the common good, defines it as "the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment."

And thus the conclusion which suggests that human beings thrive in community and that by the same token, they suffer in silence when isolated and mistreated.

Put simply, then, people need people! And as Robert J. Samuelson recently wrote: "We face a choice between a society where people accept modest sacrifices for a common good or a more contentious society where group selfishly protect their own benefits."

Or as Daniel Callahan has also commented and argued to the effect that: Solving the current crisis in our health care system—rapidly rising costs and dwindling access—requires replacing the

current "ethic of individual rights" with an "ethic of the common good".

Here we hasten to add that whilst Callahan's reference is the United States of America, the principle he enunciates can and should be applied to situations such around the world!

Indeed, then: Appeals to the common good have also surfaced in discussions of business' social responsibilities, discussions of environmental pollution, discussions of our lack of investment in education, and discussions of the problems of crime and poverty.

What now exacerbates the problems that do arise when we abandon community and replace it with policies and behaviors which emphasize cut-throat competition and which also reward selfishness; we know that problems will surface.

As in all things human, what goes around comes around.

Karma [as they say] is real! In this regard, then, let it be known that: Here of late, it sure seems that whilst so very many people are talking and chatting their heads off, practically no one seems to be listening.

And sadder still, what passes for 'debate' is little more than either stand-up comedy or rancid idiocy turning more and more sour by the minute!

Evidently, much of this has to do with the extent to which that magnificent few amongst us who can and do understand the issues and problems that now bedevil us have been routinely silenced by either power or that mob which now finds its full-throated voice on and in this or that spot in cyber-space!

One aspect of this new phenomenon has to do with what seems a most pernicious species of empowerment as Every Man now has access to his own radio outlet; his own television complex and therefore his own voice – however shrill and however foolish!

Alas: Garbage in; Garbage out! Tragically, whilst this fake empowerment of the so-called man in the street continues pace, they who would govern now find themselves compelled to spend more and more time in answer to some of the newest of social commentators.

And thus, it necessarily follows that they who now govern or who would do the same are finding out that, they must also – at least on occasion – tune into the newest 'reporters' on the block!

Yet gain, Echo whispers: Garbage in; Garbage out!

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► Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Communication in the Office of the Prime Minister, Pakesia Parker-Edgcombe. (BIS Photo)

Parker-Edgcombe Speaks to the Role of ZNS and BIS

• Criticizes Abuses of Social Media

BY ROBYN ADDERLEY
Bahamas Information Services

FREEPORT, Grand Bahama – New legislation is needed for the abuses in communication, whether it is fake news or irresponsible use of social media, said Pakesia Parker-Edgcombe, Member of Parliament for West Grand Bahama and Bimini, on Wednesday,

October 4, 2017, during her contribution in the House of Assembly.

Mrs. Edgcombe made her remarks during the debate, in which she thanked the Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, for her Speech from the Throne.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Communication in

the Office of the Prime Minister said that she oversees Cinemas and Films, Radio and Television Broadcasting, Bahamas Information Services, Cable Television, Relations with the Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas, and Relations with BTC.

She stated that even though many strides have

been made at the Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas (BCB), there still remain many hurdles that are faced. “We are a democratic nation, and with democracy comes freedom. With that freedom, however Mr. Deputy Speaker, we must remain responsible.”

The BCB is where she started, noted Mrs. Edgcombe, and said it was good to her and played an integral role in where she is today. “So therefore, Mr. Deputy Speaker, keenly aware of the challenges that the BCB may still face, I take it personal when persons continue to lambast the corporation and the many talented workers that are there.”

Every entity has its difficulties, she added, and what exists today is as a result of many Members of Parliament having utilized ZNS as their personal public relations machine, the corporation thus following them at their whim.

She pointed out: “Mr. Deputy Speaker, let me remind this House that ZNS is a news organization, while Bahamas Information Services is the government’s PR machinery.”

“That means the professionals get to choose what they deem newsworthy and of national importance at ZNS – the professionals. So therefore, I appeal to my fellow Parliamentarians, let the staff of the BCB do their job without feeling that if they were to make a decision in the best interest of the organization, a pink slip will follow.

“I also advise my fellow colleagues that the Bahamas Information Services is the government’s PR machinery. Each Ministry is equipped with an Information Officer, all you need to know is the name of that person, and you will have your PR right intact. BIS is here for you, that is the PR machinery.”

Mrs. Edgcombe addressed what is a growing concern in the community. “Whether it be fake news or the irresponsible use of social media, Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is high time that further legislation is brought, necessary to curb the abuses in communication.” She added that she, along with her team, will work along that avenue.

Communication will lead the way in all the work that needs to be done; and even though little attention was given to this area in the Speech from the Throne, she thinks that this will change in the future.

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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 --

Rogério Tomanini, Divorced,
of 239, Gabriel Dos Santos Street, Sao Paulo/Sp, Brazil

and

Gabriela Arbex Buono, Divorced,
of 239, Gabriel Dos Santos Street, Sao Paulo/Sp, Brazil

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 20th day of September, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages

**DEDICATION OF NEWLY-REFURBISHED
STEPHEN DILLET PRIMARY SCHOOL**



► Minister of Education, Science and Technology, the Hon. Jeffrey Lloyd gave the keynote address on Monday at the Dedication of newly-refurbished Stephen Dillet Primary School. Addressing students, parents, administrators, teachers, other staff of Stephen Dillet Primary School, and senior Ministry of Education officials, Minister Lloyd said \$4 million was spent on the refurbishment which took place from June 1 to October 1, 2017. Thirty general classrooms, two pre-school classrooms, a Tuck Shop, a lunchtime area and offices are all among amendments and improvements made to the physical plant of the Wulff Road & Windsor Lane urban educational establishment. Fr. William Quiamjot dedicated the school through prayer. Minister Lloyd is pictured chatting with descendants of the late Stephen Dillet for whom the school is named. **(BIS Photos/Derek Smith)**



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

John Fortescue Hoare, Widowed,
of 21 Hampton Grove, Norwood, South, Australia

and

Diana Jane Sage, Divorced,
of 21 Hampton Grove, Norwood, South, 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 20th day of September, 2017.

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

Adam Michael Albert, Divorced,
of 417 Edna May Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128, United States of America

and

Michelle Lynn Gibbs, Divorced,
of 417 Edna May Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128, 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 19th day of September, 2017.

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**Innovation Needed
For Financial
Services Sector**

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

For years the Financial Services Sector has been on the decline, with hard and fast facts to support this, according to President of The Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants, Gowon Bowe, who said that to turn things around calls for innovation.

Appearing as a guest on Love 97's show "On Point", Mr. Bowe said that with the number of banks that have made transitions in recent years, there is a need for creativity.

"I think you can look at hard and fast numbers to see the decline in terms of those employed in the Financial Services Sector.

"We've seen a tremendous withdrawal of the private banks. So if you look at all the major names in the private banking industry, they have either downsized or they have consolidated with other institutions or they have completely left the Bahamas," Mr. Bowe said.

"What we have to be innovative. Think about the phone card industry that went from street vendors, to booths, to now franchise stores," he said.

Mr. Bowe specified a number of small businesses that started out as a one-person job but are now expanded operations.

"Then we look at the car wash industry that again was a person with a bucket and sponge, now with huts and expanded operations.

"We haven't taken that same creativity into Financial Services and say the wealthy are still being wealthy and getting wealthier

"They still need very specialized and very confidential treatment, they just are no longer anonymous. And what is the product that we as The Bahamas want to present to them to be that new innovative, but necessary instrument that we are selling?" Mr. Bowe asked.

When asked by the show's host what could be done to loosen the grip on money in the domestic market, reducing depend-

ency on foreign direct investment, Mr. Bowe said that pooling resources in the key.

"One basic word we fail to do is pooling.

"Persons look at the banking excess liquidity and forget that only way a bank has excess liquidity is by virtue of deposits that have been placed.

"Who are those deposits from? Bahamians.

"So, when you place your money into a banking institution and you are unwilling to get together, the three of us are here, [each with \$100,000], none of us are getting interest on our investments.

"Would it not make greater sense for us to say that in order to start an enterprise it would be easier if we had \$300,000 where would then actually be eligible to borrow money because we have a greater deposit towards the enterprise that we want to start?"

"We have three entrepreneurial minds that have ideas and can then formulate, each using his expertise, in terms of putting a business plan together, and then simply going to the bank and saying I would like to withdraw my money in order to do something," Mr. Bowe explained.

As to how things are shaping up for the country overall on the economic front, Mr. Bowe said he thinks the problem is sensationalism.

"I believe our problem is that we have lived by sensationalism. For so many years when bad news hits it becomes front news and when good news hits we over emphasize it like we have cured all ills.

"I think when we look at our economy, there are a few things we have to take into consideration. Our tourism product based on our natural asset has provided us a tremendous benefit over the years and our financial services of the past created some very talented individuals.

"What we have allowed is our complacency unfortunately to creep in," Mr. Bowe said.



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

Daniel Mathew Kruee, Single,
of 3059 Atherton Dr., Santa Clara, California 95051, United States of America

and

Daria Marie DeCair, Divorced,
of 3059 Atherton Dr., Santa Clara, California 95051, 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 28th 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 --

John Thomas Campbell, Divorced,
of 16 Ingleside Ave, Cranston, RI 02905, United States of America

and

Tisha Ann Glynn, Divorced,
of 32 Smith Rd., Harrisville, RI 02905, 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 27th day of September, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages