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BY AMAJAHN KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

Former Prime Minister Perry Christie has cautioned the Minnis' administration on creating legislation that could possibly divide the country. In a rare interview since Mr. Christie has been out of the public spotlight since resigning as Progressive Liberal Party leader in May, he offered some advice to the current administration in an area where he admitted he may have fell down.



► Former Prime Minister Perry Christie (Journal file photo)

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Head Of PMH Security Killed

BY AMAJAHN KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

The head of Princess Margaret Hospital's Security department became the country's latest traffic fatality yesterday afternoon.

While police have not released the identity of the victim, The Journal understands he is Alton Virgil, the head of security at PMH.

According to reports, shortly after 5:00am, police received a report of fatal accident at Golf Course Boulevard, Sea Breeze

Estates. When Officers arrived on the scene, they met the lifeless body of a male with injuries. He was pinned in a Self-Drive 2008 Nissan Cube.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Preliminary reports indicate, that the victim was driving on Golf Course Boulevard when he lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a concrete wall.

Officers from the RBPF Traffic Department are investigating.

POLICE PROBING PLANE CRASH

BY AMAJAHN KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

Police are investigating a plane crash that has left two persons injured.

Reports are that shortly before 10am on Sunday, police on Staniel Cay, Exuma, received a report that a plane had crashed at the airport.

Upon arrival at that location, Officers discovered that a 2004 (2) two seats open cockpit, Air Cam, experimental aircraft, registration N57BG had crashed into an eastern chain link fence as it attempted to land.

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PM Concerned Over Nation's Health

BY AMAJAHN KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis raised concerns over the state of the country's health over the weekend, namely diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.

His comments came during his address to the Former Hospitality Professionals Third Annual Awards Ceremony that was held at the Melia Cable Beach Resort Saturday evening.

"As a medical doctor and as Prime Minister, an area of deep concern for me is health

and wellness. I am particularly concerned with the high rates of non-communicable diseases such as hypertension and diabetes.

"I first ask you to work within your organization to promote testing and education among your members to help manage these diseases, which are robbing us of too many people. These diseases, and other health care concerns, are a financial burden on so many Bahamians, as well an extraordinary financial expense on the public health care system.

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



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▶ Royal Bahamas Defence Force Colour Party and Guard members march during the British Legion -- Bahamas Branch Remembrance Day Pre-Memorial Service, held at The Bahamas Veterans Cemetery, Infant View Road, on November 12, 2017. (BIS Photo / Eric Rose)



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

William Jarvis, Single,
of 49 Thompson Lane, Shipley BD17 7LX, United Kingdom

and

Cheryl Louise McMahon, Single,
of 33 Western Fold, Bradford BD6 2BU, United Kingdom

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Dated this 6th day of November, 2017.

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

Mark Thomas Niekamp, Divorced,
of 1918 Autumn Sage Dr., Dacula, GA 30019, United States of America

and

Shelly Marie Scordato, Divorced,
of 1918 Autumn Sage Dr., Dacula, GA 30019, United States of America

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James Donald Wobith, Single,
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and

Alia Grace Wesala, Single,
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Jose Antonio Kato Kobashigawa, Single,
of 14 Halycon Street, Point Cook Victoria 3030, Australia

and

Chandelle Elizabeth Macklin, Single,
of 14 Halycon Street, Point Cook Victoria 3030, Australia

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CHRISTIE WARNS FNM

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"The FNM must be very very careful about the extent in which they engage in policy or decision making that divides people and causes dislike and in some instances hatred.

"They must exercise the greatest care in this regard, because governance obliges you to be for me as a PLP, as you are for those that are FNMs. Make me feel like I count.

"To the extent that I may have failed to engender this in people, I have to accept that," Mr. Christie said.

Mr. Christie admonish a message of unity, saying the FNM should be trying to bring the country together, as opposed to dividing it.

"I would hope that my brothers and sisters who are now the government of The Bahamas understand that the role they have to play must be constantly trying to unify our people.

"They must make people understand that there are

issues that must be adopted and agreed to by all of us.

"They must create policies that would make Minnis, Hubert Ingraham, Perry Christie sit down in one room and agree on a course of action that is good for our country when those circumstances arise," Mr. Christie said.

Mr. Christie's comments came while he appeared on the Love 97 Radio Program "On Point" as he was one of several callers who spoke of the contributions of former parliamentarian Sir Arlington Butler who died on Thursday evening.

When Mr. Christie resigned as PLP Leader in May, he said that he accepted full responsibility for the party's defeat in the May 10th general elections.

He had been relatively out of the public eye until last month at the PLP Convention where he called for political discourse that's less coarse, defending himself against critics who have described him as delusional.

PM Concerned Over Nation's Health

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"If your organization is able to promote better health and wellness among your members, you will have provided a tremendous service to your country and to your members. I cannot stress this strongly enough. The high rate of diabetes in The Bahamas leads to other diseases such as kidney, and heart to name a few.

"By promoting health and wellness among your members, including testing for breast, colon and prostate cancer, you will help to save lives," Dr. Minnis said.

The 2016 report by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) estimates that nearly 70 per cent of the Bahamian population is overweight.

Police Probing Plane Crash

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The male pilot and his female passenger, both US Citizens, were treated at the local clinic for their injuries.

The passenger was dis-

charged. However, the pilot was flown into New Providence for further medical attention.

This matter was referred to the Department Civil Aviation for further investigation.



November 12, 2017 ALIV is pleased to announce that it has launched its SMART Innovation Strategy in Grand Bahama. The announcement was made on Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 ahead of the Grand Bahama Tech Summit held at the Grand Lucayan Resort in Grand Bahama last week.

Chief ALIV Officer (CAO) Damian Blackburn said businesses on the island have been created from zero, making it the best place to have the tech conference and make such a significant announcement.

"What has been achieved in Grand Bahama over the last 60 years is an incredible thing and Bahamians should be rightly proud of what's happened here in Freeport and widely in Grand Bahama. Therefore, I am extremely proud to announce Aliv's SMART Innovation Agenda which I believe will further aid in advancing a significant Public/Private Sector Partnership for advancing the Bahamas' competitive and comparative advantage with the use of technology. I deliberately chose this conference to announce this agenda and we

hope you all embrace it and we look forward over the next year to going on the journey with you."

Chief ALIV Business Developer Gravette Brown and Senior ALIV Business Developer Gershan Major are leading the agenda for ALIV.

The Phase One agenda which was initiated back in April with the formation of the Business Development team headed by Ms. Brown includes SMART Health, SMART Media, SMART Home, SMART Learning, SMART Culture, SMART Giving, SMART Metering/Eco Energy, SMART Resort and Smart Money. Each initiative pays specific technological attention to that sector by providing the most efficient and advanced automation. The agenda is supported by all teams within Aliv and has been cemented through Aliv's participation and sponsorship of the "Hack-It" hackathon, the historic University of Bahamas - Aliv partnership agreement and the deployment of bespoke products and services to the Bahamas' corporate partners.

Ms. Brown stated that Aliv's SMART agenda was central to her team's commercial and business development focus for the business.

"In 2017, technology can serve as the underpinning of every industry and commercial venture. It ensures that even in our small country we can remain internationally competitive. At Aliv, It is our mission to help our customers enhance their businesses and lives with tools and solutions that help them take part in the global conversation."

Mr. Major said the ALIV's SMART initiative is more exciting to him than a lot of the technological initiatives and telecommunications platforms he has already been involved in.

"We're excited that we're in Grand Bahama, we're excited to announce this agenda, we're looking forward to the next two days and we're hoping that many of you would participate."

Earlier this month, Minister of State for Grand Bahama Kwasi Thompson remarked on the GB Tech Summit noting that the summit is going to be much big-

ger than anticipated and has drawn a lot of international attention and interests from companies far and wide. Aliv invited several international technology partners to be a part of the conference and will serve on the investor panel of the inaugural Blue Marlin Technology Entrepreneurs venture competition.

The conference was held in Grand Bahama from November 9-10.

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Davis “Embarrassed” By Son’s Arrest

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

Opposition Leader Phillip “Brave” Davis said he felt a sense of embarrassment as

his son was arrested and appeared before the courts on a possession of an illegal firearm charge.

Philmore Davis, son of Mr. Davis along with Don

Davis, Matthew Davis and Laven Gibson were arraigned in the magistrate's court Friday on an unlawful possession of a firearm charge.

The men are accused of unlawfully possessing a .380 pistol, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Isaacs granted the men bail late Friday afternoon.

Responding to his son's arrest, the PLP leader in a statement said it is a very unfortunate event and is obviously causing his family considerable embarrassment and distress.

He added that he has confidence in the professionalism of the officers of the Royal Bahamas police force and the judicial system, and

as with any other citizen of the Bahamas, he would not expect his son to receive any special favor nor to be treated unfairly due to his relationship with him.

The says at the end of the day, the chips will fall where they may and no one is above the law, but he will continue to support his son and family.



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Men Wanted In Connection With BPL Fraud

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

Police are seeking the public's help in locating three men who are wanted in connection with the Bahamas Power and Light fraud investigations.

They are 34-year-old Reno Bethel a former employee of CIBC whose last known address was Tropical Gardens. He stands between 5 feet 7 and 5 feet 10 inches tall.

They are also searching for 21-year-old James Dean a former accounts manager at BPL whose last known address was golden gates number 2. He stands at 5 feet 9 inches tall with a medium build.

Thirty five year-old Che-Toussaint Chase, an attorney at law whose last known address was Fox Hill Road. He is described as being 5 feet 7 inches tall with a slim build.

Anyone with information of the whereabouts of these three men are asked to call the police immediately.

Two men were arraigned in a Magistrate's Court on Friday with a combined total of 22 counts of fraud related charges in connection with the Bahamas Power and Light Company Ltd.

Orvano Symonette, 27, and Anthony Strachan, 39, faced the charges before Magistrate Samuel McKinney. Neither is affiliated with BPL.

Body Found In Culmersville

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

Police are investigating after a partly decomposed body was discovered in the Culmersville sub-division on Friday night.

According to reports, shortly after 8pm, police were called to the area of Shady Tree Street and Carlita

Lane in Culmersville where the body of a male was discovered in an abandoned building. Foul play is not suspected at this time.

An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

Police are appealing to the general public for any information that can assist in this investigation.

We Cannot Forget

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.

Previously, we outlined how Save The Bays was using millions funded by a foreigner to engage in seemingly subversive acts in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Now that Save The Bays' associates have been successful in helping to oust the previous Government and successful in electing the Government of their choice, they appear to be reaping the rewards.

The appeal to a court case against Save The Bays was dropped by the new Government as soon as they came into power; and Save The Bays no longer has to be accountable as a non-profit organization spending the millions of dollars from a foreign national to be able to implement their nefarious schemes. In other words, it's all still a big secret to Bahamians even though any American citizen can request Save The Bays' financials and they will have to comply as a part of United States Treasury regulations for 501(c)(3)s.

So how did Save The Bays achieve their objective? By spending millions of dollars on advertisements against the Progressive Liberal Party before and during the elections, and they weren't even allowed to do that as a United States Treasury 501(c)(3) organization.

You see, Save The Bays established itself as an environmental group in The Bahamas and applied for United States Treasury 501(c)(3) status in order to be able to receive donations from United States citizens. However, Save The Bays Director and attorney, Fred Smith, later said that Save The Bays is a political organization.

Save The Bays has demonstrated the fact that they are a political organization by engaging in a number of political acts in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, which is in conflict with U.S. Treasury regulations.

According to Treasury regulations in the United States, organizations are not allowed to have both a 501(c)(3) status and engage in politics. Yet Save The Bays was and still is engaged in political action.

So, are they an environmental group or are they a political organization? Which is it really?

You have a political organization funded by a foreigner—this situation is already suspect; then when you look at Save The Bays' activities and core focus, it makes their dual agenda very clear to anyone looking.

Most of Save The Bays environmental

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.

attacks have been targeted at one individual—namely, fashion mogul Peter Nygard.

Save The Bays has attacked Mr. Nygard for doing things to protect his property that Save The Bays' Director and attorney, Fred Smith, did as well to protect his property. Save The Bays has also attacked Mr. Nygard for removing the sand that keeps piling up and blocking his boat in the harbor. Save The Bays has never once mentioned their funder's (hedge-fund billionaire Louis Bacon) dredging of sand without the proper approvals beforehand to create an entire marina at his home next door to Mr. Nygard.

Everyone knows that Louis Bacon has a personal vendetta against Mr. Nygard. So clearly, Save The Bays going after Peter Nygard in this way is personal and appears to be a part of Louis Bacon's agenda to destroy Peter Nygard.

The other part of Save The Bays' agenda appeared to have been to get rid of the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) Government. In addition to Save The Bays running countless ads against the PLP Government of The Bahamas, Save The Bays opposed the former PLP Government at every turn taking them to court on numerous farcical matters. Now they appear to have the new Government wrapped around their finger.

On a past Love 97 Issues of The Day radio show, a caller asserted, "At some point, a determination has to be made, particularly when they want to involve themselves in anti-government efforts, that if you are accepting money from someone who is not a citizen of this country to go and do things to effect political change, then you should have to declare yourself as an agent of a foreign organization."

Well, Save The Bays succeeded. We should be very concerned especially considering that Save The Bays has already got the Attorney General's office to drop one case against them and to stop the Registrar General's Department from holding Save The Bays accountable.

The facts of the situation point to very obvious conclusions.

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EDITORIAL

WANTED: MORE CIVICS EDUCATION

We have suggested and for sure, we have also railed as to how our people have become so very dependent on politicians; and where – if the truth be known – some of these now-sadder and wiser men and women are now busy tasting some of that bitter dependency fruit that comes packaged in with the successful seating of this or that deeply expectant parliamentarian.

We insist that they who would succeed can and shall do so once they understand the wisdom inherent in the notion that: Many hands make a burden light!

Nation-building requires no less than the best working together for the achievement of the common good.

This explains why – even in this forty fourth year of Independence – Bahamians could still find themselves mired in rowing about whether women should be treated as equals to men in all matters civic.

Simply put- Genuine nation-building requires the full participation of genuine nation-builders; and evidently, this type of engagement should be grounded in reason and in genuine love for this land and its' plethora of hyphenated Bahamians as in the case of so-called Haitian- Bahamians.

In truth and in fact, the level of political literacy in today's Bahamas is abysmally low – thus the tendency on the part of so many to fall back on name-calling, the spewing of jibes and no end of off the cuff flip-flopping and character assassination.

Clearly, then, this nascent tragedy is part and parcel of a wider national failure; one which implicates successive ruling regimes as regards their continuing litany of failure in the realm of civic education.

In addition, they have also failed in crucially important area of social studies, citizenship studies, political science and for sure they have also failed in particular in that kind of civic education that would prepare the so-called average citizen for his work ahead as a nation-builder.

This is precisely where we can and would suggest that, with such an education for more effective citizenship, Bahamians can and should be put in a position where they can learn how to be better citizens; how they can become better workers and [indeed] how they can become better mothers and fathers.

This and more like this can and should be taught and learned in our schools; in our civic asso-

ciations; in our unions and at the work-place.

Alas! The grass only seemed greener on the day after the elections results were announced—and so it now goes that the cry is now being raised: What have you done for ME lately!

One sure thing is certain: As the days weeks and months melt away, these cries will become more and more stridently-raucous; and the sugar-daddy express chugs along.

The truth of the matter is that this type of pay in exchange for votes as played by politician and citizen elector is counter-productive to the development of that kind of society where all who can do; and where they who cannot are helped to the greatest degree possible; and therefore it follows that we must – as a matter of the most urgent priority – hammer out a consensus that is based on having in place policies and practices which exclude no-one on any of the obvious personally – biased bases such as race, ethnicity, class, creed or disability.

In short, then: We should all be about the business of nation-building.

Interestingly, enough, there are very many Bahamians who do believe that such a clarion call is implicit in the current administration's election mantra that once cooed: IT'S THE PEOPLE'S TIME!

Here we are quite certain that: If it would, the Minnis regime can yet make a difference for the good as if they did also fervently believe that they could satisfy the people; and so the people now wait!

But yet, whilst the so-called might be minded to wait, there are any numbers of other entrepreneurially-minded Bahamians who know that, they can and must make their own sunshine.

This is precisely where the current administration can do a world of good to themselves and to the nation at large.

The same applies to the so-called 'man-in-the-street'.

Sad to say, this good will remain stymied so long as these people remain mired in their own ego-driven fantasies about wealth creation.

The fact of the matter is that, any great project [as presented on paper] can succeed; but yet experience teaches that in unity there is strength and divided we stand shall lead – as night follows day – to failure rampant and high on the hoof.

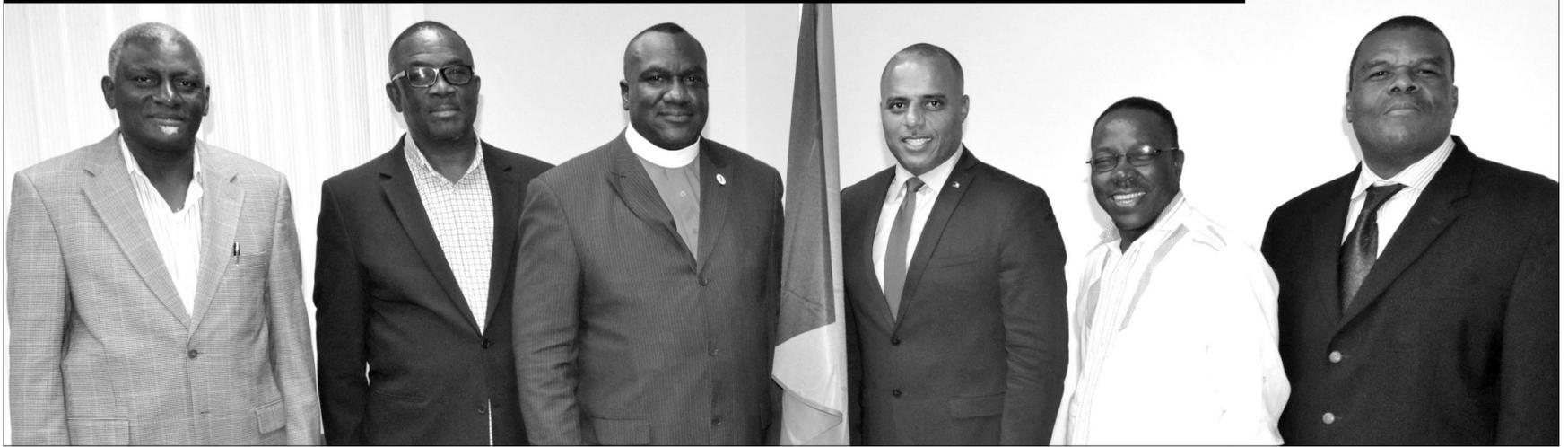
We can and must do better!

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▶ Commander of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Commodore Tellis Bethel (foreground) salutes fallen soldiers during the British Legion -- Bahamas Branch Remembrance Day Pre-Memorial Service, held at The Bahamas Veterans Cemetery, Infant View Road, on November 12, 2017. Also pictured with a wreath is Chairman of the British Legion -- Bahamas Branch Comrade Cephass Ferguson. (BIS Photo / Eric Rose)

BAHAMAS CHRISTIAN COUNCIL PAYS COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER DAMES



▶ Executives of the Bahamas Christian Council paid a courtesy call recently on Minister of National Security the Hon. Marvin Dames. Pictured (from left) Rev. Ronald Campbell, Bishop Gregory Minnis; President Bishop Delton Fernander; Minister Marvin Dames; Rev. Patrick Paul and Ministry of National Security Undersecretary Eugene Poitier. (BIS Photo/Eric Rose)

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and

Kelsey-Lynn Rossetti, Divorced,
of 180 Bridges Rd., Polk City, Florida 33868, United States of America

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Keith Roza, Divorced,
of 32 Foster Creek Dr., Newcastle Ont. L1B 1G2, Canada

and

June Mary Ellen Burke, Divorced,
of 32 Foster Creek Dr., Newcastle Ont. L1B 1G2, Canada

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Nikolay Nikolaevich Boykov, Divorced,
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and

Ekaterina Vladimirovna Romanova, Divorced,
of 109 Schorsa Str., apt 204, Yekaterinburg, 620144, Russian Federation

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Anthony Jay Nadeau, Single,
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and

Jennifer Lynn Simpson, Single,
of 710-H Greenridge Parkway, Brownsburg, IN 46112, United States of America

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Richard Louis Orsini, Widowed,
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and

Lauri Ann Owens, Divorced,
of 125 Yucca Place, Neptune Beach, FL 32266, United States of America

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Ministry Pushes Stay In School Campaign

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The Ministry of Education pushing its campaign to encourage students to stay in school in an effort to deter children from falling prey to violence and affiliating themselves with gangs.

At a special assembly recently at Uriah McPhee Primary School, Chief School Attendance Office, Anzlo Strachan said that through bringing the message to the primary school level first, it plants the seed for their future.

"We are trying to encourage kids to stay in school and to come to school early as well as come to school every day.

"We have had a problem in New Providence, in particular, where it appears as if a lot of kids do not take their education seriously and not even the parents to a certain extent. So, we decided to put our program into the primary school area because the young kids are a little bit more flexible than the older ones and instill the message into them.

"Plant a seed today that yes, school is very important," Mr. Strachan said.

Mr. Strachan stated that although it may be a stay in school campaign, there is an underlying message that the ministry hope will reach the students as well.

"We are also really looking at stemming this tide of violence, and with a good education there is no need to go out there and to rob, to gang bang and to do all the other things that they're doing.

"That is really the underlying goal behind the message of stay in school. It's really to prevent the violence that we have out there and that yes education isn't just important, but it is a means to an end," Mr. Strachan said.

During the special assembly, Mr. Strachan told the students at Uriah McPhee that although there may seem to be a good look to being a part of the 'in crowd' or 'gang banging', it is not the way to succeed in life.

"You know, selling drugs can get you killed. Yea [it] may look glamorous at the beginning but it is really not the way to go.

"Despite the fact that you may have friends and people in the neighborhood and sometimes even family members who tell you that no you cannot accomplish this, you need to really set a goal and each of us has a gift and school is the place where you can nurture that gift," Mr. Strachan said.

As to what he anticipates the campaign to achieve, Mr. Strachan said that the ultimate goal is to have students

know that education is important.

"I expect this campaign to really encourage kids to know that yes, education is significant.

"You just don't go to school for no reason [or] just to go to school because mummy or daddy said so, there is a means to an end," Mr. Strachan stressed.

Uriah McPhee school principal, Mrs. Loretta Smith said that the campaign was a good one. However, she noted that the difficulty with the school she has been the principal at for seven years is punctuality.

"Our attendance is not bad, but there are some children who are chronic persons who are absent and then we need to work on our punctuality.

"Reading is the first subject most of the time on the timetable, it's either reading or Math, and if children come to school 10 o'clock [or] 10:15, it really affects their academic progress, because by the time they come 10 o'clock [or] 10:15 reading is over, Math is over.

"Those are the key subjects if you learn how to read, you can almost master any other subject. So, what we are trying to do is pull up our academics and so we want our children to come to school and we also want them to come on time, so that they do not miss anything," Mrs. Smith said.

Mrs. Smith acknowledged however, that punctuality is not always the student's fault and had some advice for parents.

"Advice to parents: send your children to school or bring them to school every day. Make sure they are on time, properly dressed and fed.

"Make plans the night before, because what I find that parents know, we have many places that sell cheap breakfast. So parents are now just giving their children money to just buy the breakfast

"Children leave home late, so they can't stop to buy breakfast, because while you eating your breakfast and buying your breakfast school is going on.

"So, parents need to plan ahead of time so that they know either they are going to send them early so they can have sufficient time to purchase the breakfast and eat it or they are going to fix the breakfast at home so that they can come to school on time," Mrs. Smith suggested.

Endorsing the message during the campaign are Bahamian rappers Neil Cartwright aka 'Nassaw' and Jesna Dalmont aka 'Mr. Jay'.

The campaign is expected to make its way into the Junior High schools in the coming months.

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