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"PEOPLE ARE HURTING"

Charities under seige

BY ONIKE ARCHER
Journal Staff Writer

In a stagnant economy, with a moratorium on hiring and the constant layoffs of workers have all been contributing factors to the hard economic times for many Bahamians. Due to this, local charities and shelters have all seen an increase in numbers of persons needing assistance, par-

ticularly this Christmas season.

"Over the last couple of years we've seen an increase in the amount of persons that have come to us for some type of assistance, whether its food, shelter or persons seeking jobs and counsel," Bishop Walter Hanchell of Great Commission Ministries told The Bahama Journal.

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Hopes for New Jobs Next Year

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer

Despite a number of layoffs in the private and public sectors leading up to the holiday season, Director of Labour Robert Farquharson said he is hopeful that new jobs will be created in the new year.

The Bank of the Bahamas, The Gaming Board, The Ministry of

Tourism, Resorts World Bimini and The Department Of Inland Revenue have all experienced cut backs.

Mr. Farquharson said the cut backs are a result of hard economic times.

He said they are however looking to help all of those persons find new employment.

"The Department of Labour along with The Ministry of Labour is looking to ensure that those persons receive

their entitlement that's laid out in their Employment Act and will ensure that those persons have access to the provisions of the National Insurance Board as it relates to unemployment benefits and also, we'll be using the resources of the labour department to see if we could have those persons re-employed in different industries and different capacities," Farquharson said.

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL MAKES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VISIT TO SOUTH BEACH HEALTH CENTRE



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Tornado Damages Abaco Airport

BY AMAJAH L KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

The Treasure Cay airport sustained some extensive damage after being hit by tornado activity over the weekend.

North Abaco administrator Tereece Bootle in an interview with The Journal confirmed the severe rain and wind caused some extensive damage to the facility.

"For the most part it is the exterior of the Treasure Cay Airport. Items such as some chairs, some tents that were outside, some vendor stalls, and the tarmac were affected.

"And some equipment was overturned," Ms. Bootle said.

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Human Rights Group Commends Symonette

BY AMAJAH L KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

Rights Bahamas has commended Minister of Immigration Brent Symonette for publicly recognizing that there was never any lawful basis for deporting

missing detainee Jean Rony Jean-Charles to Haiti.

Rights Bahamas said they consider the minister's statements to represent a huge step forward in terms of migrants rights in The Bahamas.

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CONSUMER COMMISSION WARNS SHOPPERS

BY ONIKE ARCHER
Journal Staff Writer

As persons spend their money on loved ones this Christmas season, some consumers often pay no attention to prices as they spend their money.

Chairman of The Consumer Protection Commission, Philip Beneby has offered some economic and effi-

cient holiday shopping tips, as this is the busiest time of the year for shoppers and retailers.

Addressing a Press Conference recently, Mr. Beneby encouraged consumers to shop on a budget. This, he said, reduces stress as this is a very stressful time of the year for consumers.

"With money being tight we want to recommend that you have a shopping

plan so that you can be precise in your spending.

"We also want to encourage you to make a shopping list and stick to it and set some spending limits," Mr. Beneby said.

He also informed the public that he wants to assure them of their 'shopping rights'.

"We want to ensure that the con-

sumer is knowledgeable of what their entitlements are and their rights. There are several rights that are very prevalent in respect to consumerism in The Bahamas.

"The right to safety, the right to be informed, the right to choose, the right to be heard, the right to satisfaction of basic needs and the right to redress," said Mr. Beneby.

Moreover, Mr. Beneby wants to motivate persons to shop locally and support Bahamian as this will stimulate the economy.

He also wants everybody to be aware of scams which are heightened and prevalent during this season, especially. Scams such as credit card frauds, online Ponzi schemes and stolen identity scams.

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“PEOPLE ARE HURTING”

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Bishop Hanchell says “the feeding programme has really increased. We have a couple hundred persons that come to us every day. We’ve observed that they come here from all over New Providence, not just in the inner city.

“People come here from the East, even some from the West, who have no jobs, no food in the house, no income and they need help.”

During the Christmas season Great Commission Ministries experiences an increase in people needing help. “This is the time when people really, really need help because this is a special time of the year, Christmas time, when people think

about their situation,” Bishop Hanchell explained. Although the government provides some financial allowances, Great Commission needs further funding, as they are underfunded, according to the Bishop.

“People are hurting and we need to be properly funded. We get help from the government and we appreciate that, but that needs to be increased. We need more help from the private sector.

“We do have some very faithful donors that support us and we are so every grateful and thankful for that,” the Bishop stated.

To aid in generating more funding for the charity, Bishop Hanchell informed the Bahama Journal of a

‘Live to Give’ programme he and his wife Elder Minalee Hanchell have launched.

“In this program, we are asking if everybody can give thirty dollars or one hundred dollars a month.

“Such donations can sustain us in helping the hundreds of persons that come to us every single day looking for some sort of help,” Mr. Hanchell added.

Mr. Hanchell said that Great Commission has an abundance of clothing as persons constantly donate clothing, but what is really needed is funds and food.

The Bahamas Red Cross has an annual operational budget of between five hundred thousand and five and fifty hundred thousand dollars.

“We get an annual grant from the government payable twice a year in the amount of thirty thousand dollars for each payment and that goes towards our meals on wheels as well as to provide assistance to our annual budget,” The Director General of The Bahamas Red Cross, Caroline Turnquest told The Bahama Journal.

The Red Cross has seen an increase this year as well of persons coming in for assistance with their daily living needs.

“Persons come in looking for assistance in food parcels, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and bed linen such as sheets and pillow cases; at this particular time mostly blankets.

Furthermore, Ms. Turnquest said the family islands need more assistance as well. She said her team will now start to focus their

financial endeavours on Grand Bahama and Abaco, because their fund raising initiatives are as lucrative as New Providence.

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As it is officially only several days removed from the end of the 2017 hurricane season, Ms. Bootle said that the rough weather did surprise some of the residents and local officials.

“Persons were not ware of the intensity of the impending weather; so going into the weekend, there was some level of deterioration in weather, but they were not expecting a level of tornadic activity.

“Not at all; that was not on their radar pretty much. They just expected some wind and rain, but not tornadic activity,” Ms. Bootle said.

Despite the damage done, airport operations have resumed as normal.

“The airport was already slated for extensive repairs and we await approval in that regard, but as it is it did not disable operations at the airport.

“The items had to be cleared away, the runway swept, but it did not delay operations,” Ms. Bootle said.

There were no reported injuries on the island.

Human Rights Group Commends Symonette

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“We ask him to go farther, and state clearly for the record that the practice of arbitrarily detaining Bahamian-born individuals under threat of deportation, until someone can produce proof of their birthplace, must also cease. Aside from violating their fundamental rights, the practice is also a vehicle for corruption, which sees the freedom of Bahamian-born individuals essentially ransomed in return for payments from their relatives.

“In light of the minister’s comments, we also call upon Director William Pratt to explain himself and

give a detailed account of the activities of his officers. While the minister has confirmed the rights Bahamian-born individuals, just last month, Director Pratt asserted that it is the official policy of his department to deport Bahamian-born children along with their parents. How many Citizens in Waiting have thus been illegally denied their birthright and sent to a country where they do not belong? Have any of them been rendered stateless as a result?

“Finally, we urge the minister to instruct all Immigration officers to immediately cease and desist from targeting Bahamian-born individuals;

order the immediate release from the Detention Center of all people who were born here; and step up efforts to clear the backlog of applications for citizenship.

The statement noted that the family of Jean Rony Jean-Charles are still anxiously awaiting news of his whereabouts and continue to fear for his safety and well-being. Although there have been two alleged sightings of someone fitting his description, these have not yet been confirmed by his legal team.

Any one who has any information about Jean Rony is asked to contact Rights Bahamas urgently.

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FAO Partners with Gov't

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

With more than 4,000 students in the public school sector going without lunch on a daily basis, and while Operating with a budget of \$3.29 million, The Ministry of Education, along with several other government agencies, including the Ministry of Agriculture, launched its National School Lunch Programme during a two-day workshop with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Assistant Director at the Ministry of Education, Sharmaine Sinclair, who is also responsible for Planning and Research, noted that the programme, born out of the Ministry of Social Services, is just one that is used to enhance the

“This program started some years back. Social Services would have been that qualifying agency that would have assessed the households.

“When it came over to education, it was in the context of another programme taking place and we were looking at other social safety net programs that would be in place. Since this is the main one for our school children, we are holding to that National School Lunch Programme,” Mrs. Sinclair said.

Adding that as a result of wanting better educated students, Mrs. Sinclair said that providing at least one meal will assist students in their learning process.

“Education being the lead on this project, it has become very important to us to ensure that students have access to quality education.

“We believe that providing a nutritious meal, at least one meal for the school day, will allow students, who would not ordinarily have wanted to come to school because they lack that meal, or because there was something that they had in their minds, that they ‘can’t go because I’m hungry’. This is the opportunity for us now to say to our students that we are at least going to provide that one meal, that you are able to access that opportunity that’s given for education in the country,” Mrs. Sinclair said.

Head of the FAO Mission, Najila Veloso said that the mission’s involvement is to ensure that it is known around the world that it is the rights of school aged children to have food on a daily basis.

“Our expectation is to share our experience in 13 Latin American

countries.

“Our idea is to strengthen the school feeding programs, in those countries, and The Bahamas for us is a good possibility to think about.

“In this mission our idea is to think about the actual situation in The Bahamas and to think about the future possibilities to improve the model that you have.

“Our idea is to share experiences to think about new concepts and not about money, but to think about the rights of students to have food all over the world,” Ms. Veloso said.

Public Health Nutritionist, Carmelta Barnes also weighed in on the launch and workshop, noting that a healthy diet is the aim for the National School Lunch Programme.

“The old saying goes, ‘you are what you eat’ and literally it is true.

We are made up of what we eat, and we want to ensure that our children are getting the required nutrients that they need.

“We are particularly focusing on the micro-nutrients, those are the vitamins and the minerals. We eat the big ones, we have the starches in the rice, the protein, the meat, but what is happening is we need those other smaller nutrients that actually helps to impact those bigger ones, in the way that improves health.

“That is what we are looking to do; to make sure that our children are eating healthy foods on a daily basis,” Ms. Barnes added.

The National School Lunch Programme born through the Ministry serves more than 4,000 students a day, including schools scattered throughout 10 Family Islands.

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Mr. Farquharson said he’s hopeful that the new year will bring new job opportunities.

These new job openings will come via Baha Mar that’s expected to hire another 2,000 persons next year, along with a number of other places in both New Providence and Grand Bahama.

“We know for a fact that in Grand Bahama the government of the Bahamas is in discussion with a group to reopen the Our Lucaya Hotel with a significant increase in employment as a result; once those negotiations have come to an end,” Farquharson said.

He added that the department is also working to provide new jobs.

“The Department of

Labour in conjunction with the Inter-American Development Bank in January 2018 will initiate the employability component of the Citizen Security And Justice Programme, where we hope to have at least 500 young people between 16 and 29 engage in a training programme and we’ll give them the skills while paying them a stipend and hopefully find employment for them upon completion,” Farquharson said.

Upon taking office, the government placed a freeze on hiring in the public sector and Farquharson said he has no word on when that moratorium will be lifted. However he said, they are working to assist the jobless gain employment.

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Parker-Edgecombe Cites Success of NEMA/CDEMA Partnership

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer

The success of regional countries and their various disaster management agencies in mitigating the effects of future disasters such as hurricanes while simultaneously building stronger, more resilient Caribbean countries, will largely depend upon continued regional cooperation and partnerships, Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe said recently.

Addressing the Gala Awards Dinner of the 10th Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Conference at Melia Nassau Beach resort, held as the final event of the weeklong conference in New Providence, Mrs. Parker-Edgecombe cited the partnership between The Bahamas' National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) as one such partnership that has yielded "great results."

"The efforts of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency continue to positively impact the region in the way we prepare for, and respond to disasters most notably hurricanes. Here on our shores, the National Emergency Management Agency likewise has demonstrated that it is capable of weathering many

storms and that as a result of partnerships with relevant stakeholders, much can be accomplished," Mrs. Parker-Edgecombe said.

"Only through strong partnerships will we all succeed as we continue to witness Mother Nature's wrath at strength levels stronger than yesteryear's. The partnership between CDEMA and NEMA is no different and throughout the years, has also yielded great results."

Parliamentary Secretary Parker-Edgecombe said the importance of regional conferences such as the 10th CDM cannot be emphasized enough.

"They are a must for our region if we are to remain abreast of the latest in disaster management inclusive of, but not limited to areas such as technology, infrastructure, communications and most importantly, human resources."

"This conference comes at a time in which we continue to rebuild following several storms which devastated our region this year, namely Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Rebuild we must. Resilient we are."

The Awards Dinner was used to recognize the contributions of the many hardworking and dedicated disaster managers in the region "who

have toiled in some of the most dangerous weather conditions to ensure the safety of others and property."

"To all of you receiving an award tonight, you must continue with your good works, nation by nation, community by community, we are all pursuing the same goal - a stronger and more resilient Caribbean," Parliamentary Secretary Parker-Edgecombe said.

"It cannot go without saying that all of you present here tonight are indeed the unsung heroes of our region and very much deserving of such recognition," Mrs. Parker-Edgecombe added.



Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, Responsible for Information and Communications, Mrs. Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe (at left) addressed the Gala Awards Dinner of the 10th Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Conference at Melia Nassau Beach resort, December 8, 2017. (BIS Photo/Kristaan Ingraham)

The Lundy Foundation Gives Back

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer

The Lundy foundation has given a special treat to the students of South Andros.

This past weekend, representatives of the foundation hosted the students of South Andros and Mangrove Cay High Schools to an evening at the carnival before their performance in the Junior Junkanoo parade.

Chief Executive Officer of the Lundy Foundation, Leon Lundy said as it is the holiday season approaches they thought this would be a great way to spread cheer and joy to the kids.

"A lot of the kids from the family island don't get to experience the carnival, so we thought it a great way from the foundation to give to the kids a special treat before the year ends," Lundy said.

He added that representatives of the foundation usually go down to South Andros for initiatives, but wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to give back.

"The Lundy Foundation has a mission to provide community service to the people in South Andros, where our family hails from. We want to support and encourage the people there. We came from there and have succeeded in our lives in Nassau, but that doesn't mean that we have forgotten where we came from. It is important to us to show the community, and especially the young people that you have to give back to the place where you come from," Lundy said.

The students and their chaperones were treated to free rides, with a free snack from the candy concession stand.

The 150 students came to New Providence for the junior Junkanoo parade.

The Lundy Foundation was formed in June 2017 as

an organization that promotes service and excellence in the South Andros commu-

nity.

It is made up of members of the family and descen-

dants of Harriet Lundy, who was born and raised there.



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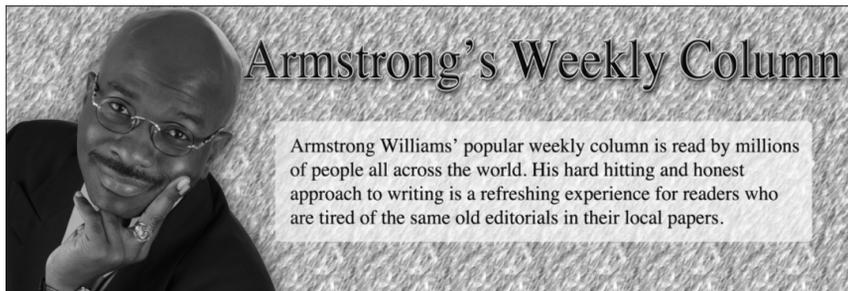

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Moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem is the Right Move

Sometimes it is hard to do the right thing, but that doesn't make it any less right. Such is the case with Donald Trump and his announcement today that the United States will be moving its Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

For far too many decades, both the United States and the rest of the world have played a silly game by pretending that Jerusalem is somehow not the legitimate capital of the state of Israel. Now that Donald Trump is in the White House he has done what Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama were unwilling to do: actually move the Embassy and thereby fulfill the will of the American people.

In 1995 Congress passed an historic law called the Jerusalem Embassy Act. That legislation codified American policy while outlining a series of crucial facts related to the Israeli capital. The bill noted that, "each sovereign nation, under international law may designate its own capital." It also recognized that since 1950 Jerusalem has been Israel's capital city, and observed that Israel's President, its Parliament, its Supreme Court and various government ministries were all located there.

The bill also noted that the holy city was divided from 1948-1967, but after its reunification in 1967 Israel has administered the entire city, while steadfastly guaranteeing full access to holy sites within the city for people of all faiths.

Every six months since the law was passed, Presidents have had the option of enacting a waiver to delay fulfilling America's promise to its people and to Israel. Successive Democratic and Republican Presidents have shirked their responsibilities, but at long last, President Trump will be ensuring that America does what is right.

It's fairly amazing that it took so long for this day to arrive. But as someone who has had the privilege to spend time with President Trump, it is anything but surprising. His dedication to standing with the Jewish state is undeniable and with this move he will firmly cement a legacy as the most pro-Israel president in American history.

President Trump was elected in order to challenge the status quo and not blindly follow where others have led. He captured the White House by pledging to chart a new course and to forge a new path enacting the policies that serve America first.

He is not a leader who will be swayed by the hyperbolic protestations of Arab rulers or the leaders in capitals across Europe who have been

more interested in cheerleading for the corrupt and inept Palestinian Authority than doing the right thing and standing at the side of Israel, a fellow democracy which champions the rule of law, accountability, a free press, human rights and a long list of other values that resonate with Americans and should resonate with other democracies worldwide.

I have read with interest the assessments by opponents of Israel and apologists for a Palestinian government that continues to incite its people to violence and pays out lifelong blood money payments to the families of terrorists who murder Israelis. They wring their hands and warn that America is setting the stage for a violent backlash by the Palestinians, which is actually pre-emptively excusing the Palestinian propensity to turn to terrorist violence and bloodshed as the preferred tactic for trying to coerce Israel.

The problem is that the Palestinians don't want to live in a peaceful state next to Israel. They want a state in place of Israel, and cling to the sick fantasy of eradicating the Jewish state. To achieve this they have enacted a systematic campaign to revise history and try to erase the undeniable Jewish connection and birthright to Jerusalem.

Gone are the days when America will continue to be held hostage by the threats of the Palestinians. After all, they have never needed a reason, real or imagined, to resort to threatening Israel and attacking its citizens. President Trump has boldly gone where no President has: calling the Palestinians' bluff. The President has put the world on notice that America will no longer pretend that Jerusalem is not Israel's capital just to placate the Palestinians and their supporters.

For the past 3,000 years there has been an uninterrupted Jewish presence in the city, which is the religious and cultural home for the Jewish people. This is an undeniable fact, just as it is an undeniable fact that Israel has been operating for 70 years with Jerusalem as its center of government.

The process of actually moving the U.S. Embassy is one that will take time to become a reality, but December 6 will be forever remembered as a watershed moment. For today is the day that a courageous President demonstrated the moral clarity to respect the will of American people across the political spectrum and to stand proudly beside a steadfast ally whose capital city is Jerusalem.

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ONE MAN DISAPPEARS

A man is detained and held at a Government-owned facility which provides guarded protection for people said to be held pending repatriation to their country.

Evidently, that matter concerning one is precisely the case concerning one Jean Rony Jean-Charles, a client of attorney Fred Smith whose disappearance has become a subject of concern and attention to agencies and peoples around the world --- and now: The family of Mr. Jean-Charles needs to know "where he is and if he is alive".

We too need some fact and law-based rallying points; so that we may sleep-walk and talk hours on end from one place to the other. Note also word to the effect that: News coming our way now report that Amnesty International is now weighing in on this and other related matters smacking not only of blatant abuse at the level of the state-bureaucracy, but also of the rankest of confusions at the level of certain highly relevant policy makers in the Minnis-led government.

Director of Immigration William Pratt... Mr. Jean Charles has been flown to Haiti. Mr. Pratt said Mr. Jean-Charles was sent to Port au Prince, Haiti on November 24 after not being able to prove he was in the country legally. We urge the Bahamian authorities to immediately grant Jean-Rony Jean-Charles unrestricted access to his lawyer, and to provide his family with immediate information about his whereabouts."

The Supreme Court this week gave the government until December 19th to produce Mr. Jean-Charles and provide evidence justifying his detention or be held in contempt of court.

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The government has been ordered to produce the body of the person in custody, which is Mr. Jean-Charles, and they have to justify the detention or release him... Two things have to happen, they are required to bring Mr. Jean-Charles and prove they had the right to hold him. If they do not comply with the writ they have to explain to the court with evidence what has happened to him..."

Based on the information available to Amnesty International, Jean Rony Jean-Charles is either in incommunicado detention, itself a form of ill-

treatment, and at risk of arbitrary expulsion, or has been expelled to a third country and is therefore at risk of statelessness.

If The Hon. Dr. Hubert A. Minnis is to be wise, he should beware the damage being done him and his brand-new team by any number of people who are hiding in plain sight.

By way, then, of criticism intended for this prime minister, his minister who sits with him around THE TABLE and on the part of any number of suitably qualified experts sent this way by people who are experts and who know the quantum of suffering now being put on the shoulders of so very many other suffering ones.

In this regard, then: We now know a lot about how Mr. William Pratt and his crew of state-paid operatives and how they operate when they pounce on this or that hard-working victim!

And since we do not wish to signal out any Immigration officer or any of the scores of men and women who daily search for and prepare any and all who believe are either here illegally for deportation to this or that country.

On occasion, these people blunder; and surely such is the nature of probability where on any given day some-body's luck runs out---and if good luck or anything else which can be conjured up by such magique; So let it be and offer is proffered and pondered---This they do when the chase for cash brings the bribe proffering ones in contact with people with money enough to pay the corrupted ones---and thus, our depiction of some in our midst harks back to those times when money would change hands.

To make a long story short---let us agree with that idea which suggests that far too many of our people now bear the stigmata of corruption and with a pile of plain-old mean, mean behavior.

And, there it goes as regards the show and tell and all concerning a man who may be here in this guise or regaled in this or that masking; and surely, the old man will find that already opened and where - as Ronnie Butler once declared: 'Everyone wan' go to heaven; but ain; no one wan' dead!

And thus, we insist: This country-leveling processing has cost us dearly!

Letter to the Editor

"SORRY DON'T EASE NO PAIN!"

DEAR EDITOR,

Say ya sorry and mean it!
Hubert Minnis having been placed under enormous pressure, coming from his own supporters and the wider country, especially the less fortunate, has forced him to confess his sins publicly. He did, now he should do penance.

After the the rank and file of the FNM, many of who are planning to take him down, one way or the other, has publicly express their disgust, he ran to church. God answers all prayers!

It is said that more than 5,000 people have been fired since May.

The inhumane destruction done to the lives of Bahamians at BAIC, Urban Renewal, Gaming Board and other government agencies are a clear indication that the FNM hate Bahamians, especially the maids, janitress, janitors, secretaries, handymen, clerical work-

ers.

Minnis made sure the foreign expatriates, consultants who live high-rise condominiums, paid for by the government, whose children get free education, and who get living allowances have been kept on the job.

Since May, the list of beggars has increased.

These despicable exercises are not accidents. He had the full support of every FNM Member of Parliament who are everywhere justifying his efforts. In fact some are literally gloating about the many Bahamians who are losing their jobs. They even think more poor people should go home.

Oh Lord, who will be next or what will be next in this destruction of The Bahamas as we once knew it.

But I am forced to iterate, it was Hubert Ingraham who said at the rally to "fire them from the hill to the valley!". Lord

help us.

Minnis displayed more compassion for Dominica than the regular Bahamian from over the hill from the same neighbourhood he said that he grew up in. He sent his friends and their families home, and all the PLP.

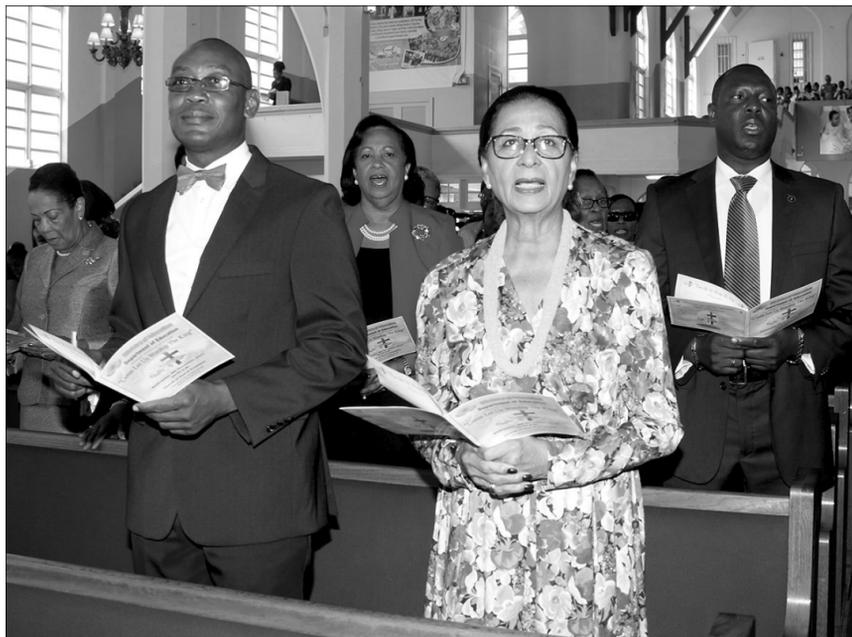
Saying you are sorry in one second, and going to Freeport with a police bus to humiliate the people who are already at a great disadvantage, proves that you are not genuine in your confession.

The janitress with several small children and no job does not believe you are sorry, they believe you are only saying it because you know that your Waterloo is nigh. Saying sorry simply does not ease anyone's pain.

"Look what you get when you tired of what you got!"

Sincerely,
Ivoine W. Ingraham





MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

The Ministry of Education held its Annual Festival of Carols under the theme, "Come Let Us Worship The King," featuring band, solo, dance, hand-bell, recorder, and choir selections, Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the Church of God of Prophecy, East Street. Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling attended, and Mr. Mark Humes, MP, brought remarks on behalf of the Minister of Education, encouraging the students to aim for their goals and not be deterred. (BIS Photos/Letisha Henderson)



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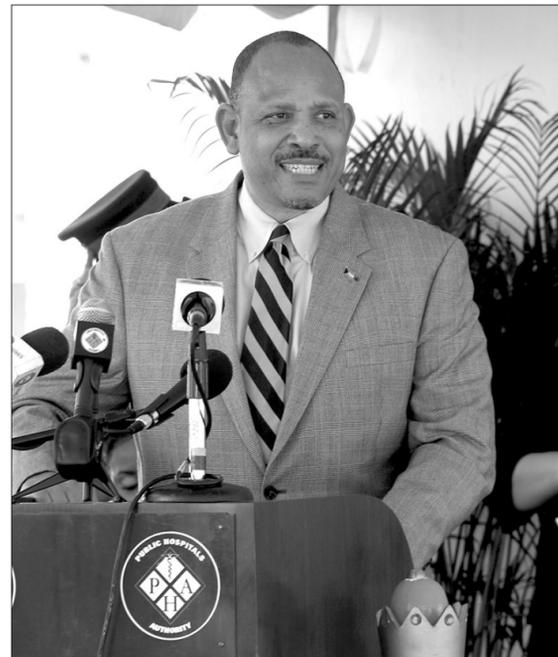
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"SHARING LOVE WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS" - THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ANNUAL TOUR OF SANDILANDS REHABILITATION CENTRE

► Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling along with Minister of Health Dr. the Hon. Duane Sands toured the Geriatrics section of Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre and gave remarks during the Governor General's Annual Visit under the theme, "Sharing Love With Grateful Hearts" on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. (BIS Photos/Letisha Henderson)



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 --

Samuel Evans Love, Single,
of 47 Regina Close, Worcester, WR2 4DF, United Kingdom

and

Philippa Jane Cheshire, Single,
of 47 Regina Close, Worcester, WR2 4DF, United Kingdom

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 December, 2017.

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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 --

Kenneth Hamilton, Divorced,
of 10 Lincoln St., Gateshead NE8 4EE, United Kingdom

and

Sheila Diana Knight, Widowed,
of 10 Lincoln St., Gateshead NE8 4EE, United Kingdom

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

Michael Cody Snare, Single,
of 37898 Mallast, Harrison Twp, MI 48045, United States of America

and

Emily Marion Mazure, Single,
of 37898 Mallast, Harrison Twp, MI 48045, United States of America

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

David Alan Ripley, Divorced,
of 413 Hamilton Road, Coogee, Western 6166, Australia

and

Cynthia Mosca, Single,
of 413 Hamilton Road, Coogee, Western 6166, Australia

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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 --

Christopher John Kelly, Single,
of 3a/725 Wellington Street, Perth, WA 6000, Australia

and

Hoi Yan Tang, Single,
of 55 Ma Tseuk Leng, San UK Ha, 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.

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