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# Save Jobs, Baptist Leader Tells Gov't

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
 Journal Staff Writer

**"The moral and social fiber of the Bahamian society is coming apart at the seams".** This is the view of the Reverend Doctor William Thompson, President of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention. He also said that a "cloud of apathy" engulfs the Bahamian society.

During his address at the 83rd Annual Session

of the Convention, Dr. Thompson called on Bahamians to join together to embody nationhood. "Now is the time for every genuine full-blooded, able bodied Bahamian to be called upon in a concerted effort along with the government to rescue our nation from the morass or hopelessness and despair which pervade our land," Dr. Thompson said.

The Baptist leader said that the country has never been faced with so much uncertainty.

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► Reverend Doctor William Thompson, President of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention (Journal file photo)

## Country In A Gun Culture, Says Dames

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
 Journal Staff Writer

Minister of National Security Marvin Dames, said that "every time an officer pulls a trigger, he or she has to account for their actions and there will be no cover ups." Mr. Dames was responding to the recent police involved shooting off Sandy Lane on Sunday.

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► Minister of National Security Marvin Dames (Journal file photo)

## THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ATTENDS NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SUMMER CONCERT



► Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General (in the audience, near centre), as Patron of the National Symphony Orchestra attended the orchestra's Summer Concert in the Ballroom of Government House, entitled 'An Enchanting Evening of Music,' on Saturday. (BIS Photos/Patrick Hanna)

## Unionists Blast Morton Salt

BY TIA THOMPSON

Irate Trade Unionists say after being around for some 150 years, Morton salt slaps its employees and the labour board in the face with wage packages that do not even put a dent in a quarter of the company's resources.

Jennifer Brown, President of Bahamas Industrial Manufacturer and Workers Allied Union says the rates start of the wage package is 14 per cent increase in 2018, 15 per cent in 2019 and 16 per cent in

2020.

Mr. Obie Ferguson says that they are not at all surprised at the actions of Morton Bahamas, as every case that they have had against the company they have taken a lost.

The Union leader says, "the actions of Morton Bahamas are outright criminal. In addition to the poor wage increase, employees at Morton Bahamas are being discriminated against, picked on and hugely disrespected."

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## POLICE PROBE SPANISH CAY ROBBERY

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
 Journal Staff Writer

Police in Abaco need the public's assistance in finding the culprits who robbed a business establishment in Spanish Cay.

According to Police reports, on Sunday shortly after 10:00pm, two men, both reportedly

armed with firearms, entered a business establishment, approached two employees and stole an undetermined amount of cash before escaping.

Police are actively investigating this matter and are appealing to the general public who may have any information that can assist, to call them at

telephone numbers in Abaco at 367- 2560/367-3437, in Grand Bahama at 350-3107 and 911/919 or by calling the nearest police station.

Meanwhile, police in New Providence are investigating an attempted armed robbery.

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## Homicide Victim Found In Car

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
 Journal Staff Writer

New Providence Police are investigating yet another homicide.

The body of a male was found in a grey Hyundai car on Montgomery Avenue, off Carmichael Road with apparent gunshot wounds to the head and upper body.

There was also damage to the right passenger's door at the rear of the vehicle.

While police did not say exactly what

happened, or what was the motive, Chief Superintendent, Officer in charge of The Central Detective Unit, Solomon Cash said the victim appeared to be between his late 20's to early 30's.

He added that the lifeless man appeared to have been in the vehicle for some time based on the condition of the body.

According to Cash, shortly before 3pm yesterday, police received reports of the man's body lying in the vehicle.

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# Save Jobs, Baptist Leader Tells Gov't

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Recently the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recommended that the government reduce the civil service wage bill by tens of millions of dollars. To this Dr. Thompson said the Baptist association will keep a very close eye on to see what action the government takes.

However, he called on Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis to

help the Bahamian populace, by saving Bahamian jobs.

"We have read what the IMF has apparently recommended to the government; we will be looking very closely to what action our government would take. Mr. Prime Minister we appeal to you sir to make an effort to save the Bahamian jobs.

"If we continue to lose jobs, please tell us what can our young people look forward to upon

graduation from high school and college.

The church appeals to the government to take another look at its policy on terminating persons from the different government agencies," Dr. Thompson said.

Alluding to recent announcements of firings, particularly from government agencies, Dr. Thompson said that the government's first priority should be to seek ways to provide employ-

ment and not reduce it.

"The buzz on the street is that almost after every Cabinet meeting more and more persons are let go from their jobs. Many if not all of these persons have gotten mortgages and other loans because they had the ability of paying them back because they were employed by the state.

"The practice of Ministers of Government making these declarations of termination in the press

put the workers in an unenviable position. There must be a more humane way to deal with how we handle and treat the Bahamian workers," Dr. Thompson said.

Dr. Thompson was addressing scores of Baptist followers at the William Thompson Auditorium. The theme of the 83rd session is "Rebuilding, Rebranding, Renewing; Sub-topic: Counting the Cost".

## Country In A Gun Culture, Says Dames

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### COALITION TO SAVE CLIFTON

#### CHANGE OF VENUE

The Public Town Hall Meeting scheduled for BCPOU Hall on **Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 6 P.M.**, will now be held at the Bahamas Historical Society Hall on Shirley Street and Elizabeth Avenue, downtown.

Presenters will be Fred Smith, Q. C., Matt Aubry, and Lemarque Campbell and the Moderator will be Rev. Dr. C. B. Moss.

Apologies for any inconveniences caused.

He said that "if those officers acted in good faith in the execution of their duty, then they will be vindicated".

The former Deputy Commissioner of Police was responding to reporters before heading into Cabinet meeting on the latest shooting of a 22-year-old in the area off Mason's Addition.

"What we are faced with in this country is the fact that a vast majority of the crimes that occur on the streets of New Providence involve persons brandishing firearms.

"Well over 80 percent of the armed robberies and the homicides are firearms related. I'm not speaking to the

incident that would have occurred a few days ago that is currently under investigation. The officer or officers involved in that will have their day of accounting and if they did something outside of their scope of responsibility, then they will have to account before the coroners court on that particular matter," Mr. Dames said.

The Minister while acknowledging that the country is now in a gun culture, also acknowledged that there are things that law enforcement agencies can do to improve.

"No one likes the fact when someone loses their life; don't matter who it is. A life is a precious gift and we always have to be cognizant

of that.

"But we have to allow the process to run its course. Is there room for improvement? Absolutely. You always have to look at these incidents and say how can we improve, how can we get better?"

"That's what we have been doing since we came into power; that's why we introduced the man power audit; that's why we are introducing new training tools for Police Officers, Defence Force Officers, Prison Officers, Customs and Immigration Officers and so we are restructuring these organizations and these agencies as we move on. It's only been a year," he said.

Mr. Dames said that one improvement could include

body cameras, which were introduced to the police force sometime in February.

"Well you know we would have been running some testings on body cameras over the last few months. We have budgeted for body cameras in the upcoming fiscal period and it is expected that it will be introduced at that time. I will speak a little more on that during my budget communication," Mr. Dames said.

Since January, there has been eight police involved killings. In January, there were four police involved killings, three in New Providence and one in Abaco.

Two shootings occurred in February and two this month.



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Bidders or their designated representatives are invited to be present for the Tender opening on Tuesday June 5 2018 when the Tenders Board meets at 10:00 a.m.

The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

Financial Secretary



## CHTA PRESIDENT WELCOMES BARBADOS' FIRST FEMALE PRIME MINISTER

MIAMI - The resounding mandate that Barbados' first female prime minister earned from the electorate is a vote of confidence for women in leadership throughout the Caribbean, says Karolin Troubetzkoy, President of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA), as she congratulated incoming Barbadian Prime Minister Mia Mottley on her, and her party's, recent 30-0 victory at the polls.

Troubetzkoy, who on International Women's Day this year called for an acceleration of gender parity to help Caribbean women advance and unleash their potential, applauded the Barbadian public for its record of advancing women to the forefront of leadership.

"From the late Dame Nita Barrow to Dames Billie Miller and Sandra Mason, and now Prime Minister Mia Mottley, Barbados has a proud history of investing in and placing confidence in women in decision-making positions," said Troubetzkoy, who added that the Caribbean should be proud of this latest development.

St. Lucia-based Troubetzkoy, who has been a vocal advocate for women in leadership, will be succeeded as CHTA President by Patricia Affonso-Dass of Barbados, at CHTA's fourth Caribbean Hospitality Industry Exchange Forum (CHIEF), at the Hyatt Regency Miami from June 22 to 24.

One of CHIEF's general sessions, "Advancing a Culture of Inclusion", will examine how gender balance benefits the bottom line. "From a business perspective, policies and procedures, trainings and overall corporate culture need to be in place to allow for a more gender-balanced workplace," said Frank Comito, CHTA's Director General and CEO, who promised that delegates will hear from women on the front lines of hospitality who have risen through the industry and are now leading the progress towards a culture of inclusion.

Confirmed speakers for this session include Troubetzkoy; Joyce Destang, Owner of Bay Gardens Resorts in St. Lucia; Marie McKenzie, Vice President, Global Ports and Caribbean Government Relations, Carnival Corporation; and Lisa Rickards, CEO at Branson Centre of Entrepreneurship in Jamaica.

Professional development and a vibrant speed-networking session will feature again this year at CHIEF, which will also host Taste of the Caribbean, where the region's best chefs and their teams will compete. Taste of the Caribbean also offers insight and experience for food and beverage participants, who can learn the latest trends and techniques emerging from Caribbean kitchens.

Also returning to Miami this year will be CHTA's Caribbean305 event, where flavors from more than a dozen Caribbean nations will be simmering at the culinary and cultural celebration taking place on Miami's Jungle Island on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 8 p.m.

For further information, visit [www.chtachief.com](http://www.chtachief.com).

### About CHIEF

Produced by the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA), the Caribbean Hospitality Industry Exchange Forum (CHIEF) is the premier educational forum for Caribbean hospitality and tourism professionals. CHIEF is where hospitality industry leaders assemble to connect, learn best practices, share ideas, brainstorm creative solutions to current challenges and build relationships. With three educational tracks covering a multitude of relevant topics, from the sharing economy to sustainability, and interactive roundtable and speed networking sessions, this event addresses issues affecting all businesses. The forum attracts hoteliers, vendors, government officials and industry experts focused on a stronger, profitable and more sustainable industry. CHIEF is supported by host sponsors Interval International and JetBlue Getaways; platinum sponsors Adara, CaribbeanWE, Expedia, Figment Design, Marketplace Excellence, Mastercard, OBMI, STR and TravelZoo; and gold sponsors Caribbean Wedding Industry Awards, Flip.to, La Bottega, Oracle Hospitality, SportsArt Fitness, Travalliance Media/Vacation Agent, Travel Channel, Travel Relations, TravelClick, TravPro Mobile and TripMate. For additional information about CHIEF, visit [www.chtachief.com](http://www.chtachief.com) or call +1 305 443-3040.

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For further information, visit [www.caribbean-hotelandtourism.com](http://www.caribbean-hotelandtourism.com).

## Defence Force Takes Press on Tour of New Providence Coastline

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force organized a sea trip for interested media houses today. Two Defence Force patrol craft P-129 and P-45, coxswained by Petty Officer Brian Anderson and Sub Lieutenant Themo Berkley respectively, took 7 media representatives to get a first-hand view of the southern coastline of New Providence. The aim of the trip was to enable members of the Press to experience and appreciate one aspect of the many environments in which the Defence Force operates.

Accompanying the Press members were Captain Adrian Chriswell, who is the Acting Captain of Coral Harbour Base (as of 6 April 2018). He is responsible to the Commander Defence Force for the day-to-day management of all air, land and sea operations and supporting departments. Along with Captain Chriswell was Lieutenant Commander Carlon Bethel, the Squadron Commanding Officer with responsibility for all patrol craft operations.

On completion of a two-hour voyage on choppy seas, arrangements were made for media personnel to go on a land trek to various areas patrolled by Defence Force personnel along the southern coastline. However, the invitation was declined.

While at sea with the media crew, the Defence Force received reports of a sailing vessel with migrants on board near the Exuma chain. The vessel was later intercepted by another Defence Force vessel that was on patrol in the Exuma Cays.



► Media team interviewing Captain Adrian Chriswell, Acting Captain Coral Harbour during their tour of the coastline on board patrol craft P-129 on May 28, 2018. (RBDF Photo by Marine Seaman Wellington Ramsey)

## SPOTLIGHT ON BAIN GRANTS TOWN

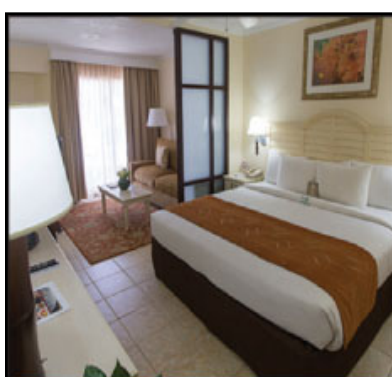
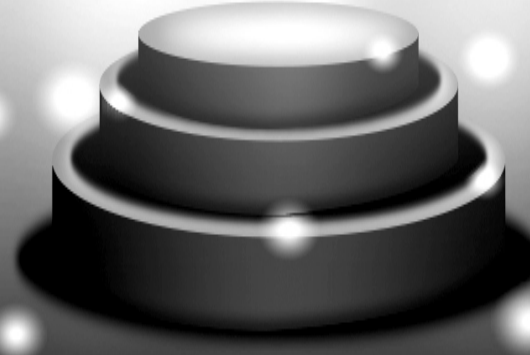
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► Executives of Sterling Global Financial met with Minister of Works Desmond Bannister and Director of Works Melanie Roach to review draft master plans that will transform a 13-acre site on Paradise Island into a mixed-use tropical urban landscape overlooking a renovated world-class Hurricane Hole marina and Nassau harbour. Pictured l-r: Stephen Tiller, Sterling President; Khaalis Rolle, Sterling Global Advisors Managing Director; Jonell Rigby, Sterling Global Financial In-house Counsel; Hon. Desmond Bannister, Minister of Public Works and Melanie Roach Director of Works.

# Sterling Global Execs

## Pay Working Courtesy Call on Works Minister, Director

Executives of Sterling Global Financial met with Minister of Works Desmond Bannister and Director of Works Melanie Roach May 8 to review draft master plans that will transform a 13-acre site on Paradise Island into a mixed-use tropical urban landscape with residential, retail, professional office space and dining overlooking a renovated world-class Hurricane Hole marina and Nassau harbour. The meeting with the Ministry was the first in a series that Sterling plans to schedule as part of a commitment to collaboration, environmental sensi-

tivity and consultation as it nears groundbreaking of the largest development on Paradise Island since Atlantis Phase IV. The 300,000 square foot, \$250 million project is expected to be built in three phases over a five-year period, a schedule that Sterling Global Advisors Managing Director and former Investments Minister, Khaalis Rolle called "very ambitious" and said would provide hundreds of construction-related jobs and dozens of entrepreneurial opportunities. "We are working extremely hard to deliver a first-class development where

you can live, work and be entertained," said Rolle. "I want to assure you that we will commit sufficient human and capital resources to ensure that this project is executed to world class standards. We will cut no corners in protecting the environment or in the quality of our construction." "Sterling has been working quietly in the background and quite possibly is the largest provider of both debt and equity funding for projects under construction in The Bahamas right now," said Tiller. "We have provided funding for One Cable Beach, The Marriott Courtyard

on West Bay Street, THIRTY SIX on Paradise Island, Beach House Villas, Matt Lowe Cay in Abaco, Sky Beach in Eleuthera, Ocean Terraces on West Bay Street and we are currently financing projects in London, Boston and Miami, but we are really excited about this project on Paradise Island because it is home for so many of us at Sterling." Both Minister of Works, Hon. Desmond Bannister and Director of Works, Melanie Roach encouraged Sterling to engage the Government and its agencies in discussions regarding its plans and

outlined some of the areas the company would have to satisfy regulatory requirements to receive approval to begin construction. Local Paradise Island residents have been greeting the plan that Bannister said "would make a difference" with great interest since it was introduced just over one month ago. The promise of new restaurants, shopping and residential options topped the list for several longtime residents. Sterling said the development that will include a mixed use, multi-story buildings with retail on the ground floor, office space on second

and residences with harbour and marina views on the top floor would not compete with Atlantis, but would complement the offerings. Sterling Global Financial is headquartered on East Bay Street in Nassau and also operates one of the oldest trust companies in the Cayman Islands. The company whose Chairman David Kosoy has partnered with the Bahamas Financial Services Board to promote The Bahamas as a secure and significant place in which to do business is also a leader in global blockchain asset management.

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# HE REFUSED TO JOIN THE 2008 RECESSION

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygard's Golden Jubilee detailing his rags to riches story and incredible business success over these past fifty years. The Clifton Review will take an inside look at how he did it.

When the recession hit in 2008, do you know who decided that they weren't going to be a part of it? Fashion mogul Peter Nygard. In fact, he took out a billboard ad near his New York headquarters in Time Square that read, "We decided not to join the recession. Our increase is over 25%".

Looking back at Nygard's fifty-year business history is quite revealing as to the secrets to his success.

His perspective on the 2008 recession is featured in an article by an award-winning Finnish reporter, Rita Tainola, writing on the Economy—"Business tycoon Peter Nygard has increased his net sales in the midst of the recession. He is, however, pessimistic about the worldwide recovery."

She begins by describing his surroundings that is indicative of anything but a recession: "Finnish-born multimillionaire Peter Nygard sits comfortably at the second floor of his new office building. Impressive looking building is located at the heart of Manhattan, on Times Square."

Reflecting Nygard's comments during the interview, she writes, "Who would have believed that a kid from Kallio district in Helsinki would some day sit in his office building on Times Square surrounded by New York fashion industry, Nygard muses.

"This businessman is doing fine while the rest of the world is coughing."

So how did Peter Nygard survive the recession and not fall prey to the interminable recession vines that choked a lot of other businesses?

Two things—actually, three if you count his ability to see ahead:

1. His uncanny intuitive ability
2. His decision not to join in
3. His taking action to make sure he didn't participate

Tainola's article presented this as it relates to his intuitive ability:

"Nygard has visions: the proof is his success during the recession. He predicted more than a year ago that the world economy will take a deep fall."

## 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.

If you recall, in previous articles we have talked about Nygard's uncanny intuitive ability being one of the secrets to his success. He perceives things that others don't see and makes business decisions based on that. His executives are continually amazed that nine times out of ten, he is right.

There are countless stories of him being a visionary and seeing ahead of the curve on a number of issues that could have derailed his company. This story is another example of that.

It is likely that Peter Nygard's belief that nothing is impossible made him decide that he wasn't going to participate in the recession. Imagine that? Just like his paternal grandfather, who had no legs and one arm due to diabetes, Nygard believes that you don't have to accept conditions as they are and simply give up.

It is extremely important to have the right mindset in everything that you do. If Nygard's grandfather had decided, 'well, I can't do anything', he wouldn't have done the farm work that needed to get done daily, and he wouldn't have hopped on his horse and buggy every week to take his wife's wares to town to sell.

Nygard's grandfather was never intimidated by any tasks and neither is Peter Nygard.

The thing we have observed about Nygard is that he always takes action on the information that he gets from his uncanny intuitive ability.

Tainola reports: "Nygard adapted to the circumstances and cut expenses by \$30 million within a month. Costs have been cut on a monthly basis since that.

"As a result Nygard sales have increased by more than 25 percent. Early part of 2009 has been the best in the history of the company."

So what can this combination of the ability to forecast, the right mindset, and taking action on your sense of what's coming do to help you experience continued growth and success in the midst of a recession?

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### EDITORIAL

# SEEDING HATE AND FEAR

First, these three bloody factoids: -- 1. Police shot and killed 11 people last year. 2. Eight people have been fatally shot by officers so far this year. 3. As of last year, there were some 28 police-related deaths that required an inquest.

Current legislation mandates all police-involved shootings are investigated by Her Majesty's Coroner.

Following that process, the matter would be transferred to Coroner's Court for a judicial inquest.

But yet sadder still is that reality where most right-thinking Bahamians and their grass-roots counter-parts are now losing confidence in a constabulary which is peppered through and through with men who are prepared to shoot and kill and who routinely coo that they did so because they were in fear for their lives.

In the mean-time, they inspire even more fear in the hearts of far too many troubled and challenged youth-men who know that they, too, can be shot dead by this or that armed and therefore dangerous police officer!

If the past is any guide to both present and future, the police will one fine day soon and very soon and thus [for whatever set of reasons known only to them] shoot and kill any number of other young black men.

And from what we hearsay, some of their brethren on the force will beat, torment and hurt any number of other suspects supposedly in the protective care of the state.

This is all so very sad! And thus, today, there is this very sad news-report to the effect that: -- Deangelo Evans is dead.

And therefore let it also be known that: -- Even as this youth-man's family, friends and other loved ones grieve his furious death by gun-fire from weapons wielded by certain police officers, we hear-say that Member of Parliament, Mr. Reece Chipman is calling for a full report on the investigation into the shooting death of Deangelo Evans in the Masons Addition area.

Chipman also insists that: -- The rise in police-involved shooting deaths across the country mandated the establishment of a

state-run organisation focused on evaluating the circumstances of serious crimes involving police. He said the organisation would outline the specifics of each case and submit a report on its findings...

We, too, now await that report. And for sure, then: -- Say what you like, police officers who -- as the legend now goes -- routinely put their lives on the line -- are precisely those officers who are the ones who are the dread ones who are apt to shoot and kill when they are [as they would have us all believe] in fear of their lives.

Therewith they shoot and thereby they kill! And thereafter, the coroner's jury call [invariably] is to the effect that what they were obliged to do should chalked up to as being, but one other bloody day another day when this or that young man finds himself disappeared by any number of blasts from the muzzle of a state-provided firearm!

In the most recent instance of this kind of police violence, the police say that as they searched for two so-called criminal wrongdoers they found such a pair [who as they say] matched the description of suspects involved in an earlier robbery.

And there with some more of the police driven story as to how one of the men produced a firearm.

And as per usual, the word in the wind speaks to how one man or the other brandished a weapon; and when -- as a direct result -- armed officers in fear for their lives, opened fire--and once the fire had stopped--one man had been shot dead!

But, whether sad, glad or not, the fact remains that something must be dreadfully out of whack when -- month in and month out -- police shoot and kill one youth-man or the other.

In truth, then: -- Whilst there may very well be a war now raging out-there/somewhere, it is as clear as day that the police are in command of maximum fire-power, state-granted authorization and a slew of time-tested super -- ready 'explanations', whenever they are called upon to explain away the killings they commit!

In sum, then, police who shoot and kill inspire and seed nothing but hate and fear!

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# MINISTER REVEALS PLANS FOR GENERAL POST OFFICE

BY LEAH COOPER  
Journal Staff Writer

Long suffering employees of the general post office could very well be working out of a new Gladstone Road post office by the end of the year.

The Minister of Transport with responsi-

bility for the East Hill Street Building, Frankie Campbell, announced yesterday that he received a notice of possession of a building in southwest New Providence.

Mr. Campbell said "all relevant ministries and agencies" are coming together to coordinate plans for the relocation.

He also said that he expects for the construction process to take place shortly after.

The minister acknowledged the struggle endured by the workers of the general post office.

He also assured them that "the light on the horizon is getting brighter every day".

Mr. Campbell said that the Department of Road Traffic will also look at existing bus routes to ensure that there is sufficient busing in the Gladstone Road area for

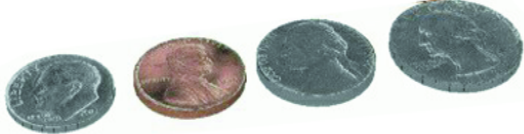
post office employees.

Those worried about losing the convenience of having a general post office in the center of town will also be covered.

Mr. Campbell said that a satellite station will be set up to ensure that downtown businesses and individuals living nearby will have the ability to access their mail.

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## Unionists Blast Morton Salt

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Mr. Ferguson says that the Trade Union Congress may not be in control of anything else, but they are in control of a strike, and although they would like to remain civil, they will do what they must in support of the union and

Morton Salt employees.

Mr. Ferguson says that Morton Bahamas pays the government of the Bahamas for nothing, not even power, as they have had their own electricity in Inagua, and he wishes for the government or Morton Salt to challenge him on this.

The TUC stresses that government intervention is needed in terms of underwriting costs of having matters properly heard before the Privy Council in London, England.

Under the advisement of the attorney, they hope to be successful.

## POLICE PROBE SPANISH CAY ROBBERY

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They are asking members of the public to come forth with any information they may have in solving Monday's attempted armed robbery.

According to reports, shortly after 6:00pm, a man armed with a firearm, entered a furniture store located in a shopping mall on Baillou Hill Road and demanded cash.

The man was unsuccessful and ran from the store. Investigations are ongoing.

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Police have also recovered 8.4lbs of dangerous drugs.

They say shortly after 10:00pm on Monday, Anti-Gang and Firearms Officers were on routine patrol on Dorsett Alley, Fox Hill, when they observed a man acting suspiciously.

Upon seeing the officers, the man dropped a bag and ran from the area.

Officers recovered the bag and discovered that it contained suspected marijuana.

## Homicide Victim Found In Car

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He was pronounced dead on the scene.

Cash revealed that at the time, police had not

received any reports of any apparent gun shots.

Police are appealing to members of the public, who live in the area or may have been passing, to contact the

police at 911/919.

Tuesday's murder comes on the heels of another, last Thursday. In that case, the victim of a home invasion, died in hospital.



## MINISTRY OF FINANCE

### PUBLIC TREASURY DEPARTMENT

The Treasurer of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is conducting a new vendor verification exercise to prepare for an upgrade to its digital payment processing system on **June 15**. This will affect all individuals and businesses providing goods and services to the Government.

It is very important for all vendors to participate in this verification exercise so they do not experience any discontinuation of payments. Failure to participate in the vendor verification process will result in the discontinuation of payments.

Vendors must **submit or confirm banking information and email contact information** with the Public Treasury. This must be done by completing a Vendor Verification Form, available online (Go to [www.bahamas.gov.bs](http://www.bahamas.gov.bs), go to Forms top left click on vendor verification form and download).

For the past three years, the Public Treasury has been transitioning away from the use of cheque payments and other manual processes. This year, the Treasury plans to eliminate cheque payments all together. Payments will be made by direct deposit. And as of **July 1**, **all notifications of payments will be sent by email**. This will allow vendors to receive immediate notification when payments are sent to their accounts.

#### Vendor Verification Process

1. Download Vendor Verification Form
2. Complete Form and Email to [controlssection@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:controlssection@bahamas.gov.bs)
3. Or Fax to 397-5098

Vendor verification forms can also be obtained at the Treasury Department in New Providence, Grand Bahama and Abaco or by request via email [controlssection@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:controlssection@bahamas.gov.bs), and hand delivered at the Public Treasury, East & North Streets (opposite the Police Head-quarters, East Street)

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For further details, please contact the Public Treasury Department at the following telephone numbers: 242-356-4219, 242-302-0534 or 242-302-0545 242-302-0525.

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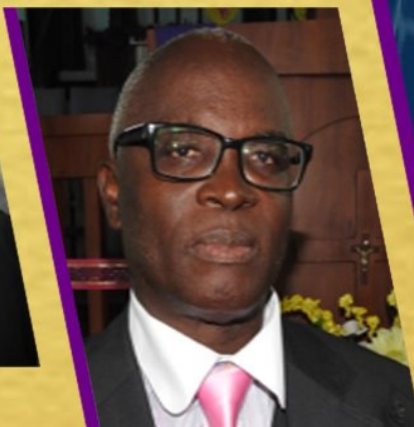
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# THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ATTENDS NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SUMMER CONCERT



► Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General (in the audience, near centre), as Patron of the National Symphony Orchestra attended the orchestra's Summer Concert in the Ballroom of Government House, entitled 'An Enchanting Evening of Music,' on Saturday. (BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)

## Gov't weighs options on NIB increase

### TEEN CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULTS

BY TIA THOMPSON

A 15-year-old male of Davis Street was arraigned yesterday in the magistrate's court on three counts of unlawful sexual intercourse. It is alleged that on Thursday 28th of April 2018 he had sexual intercourse with a 6-year-old female; again on Thursday 14th of May 2018, with a 10-year-old female and for a third time with another female age 11 on 25th of May 2018. There were eight witnesses on the dockets with the majority being police officers.

BY LEAH COOPER  
Journal Intern

The National Insurance Board (NIB) is weighing out their options as it relates to increasing contributions from nine per cent to 20 per cent, according to the Cabinet minister responsible, Brensil Rolle.

Mr. Rolle said that although this has been the position of the IDB and some sectors of NIB for quite some time, the gov-

ernment has not looked at a position for increasing or decreasing anything.

He said, "basically, what is happening is, benefits have increased, contributions have gone down, and that's a consideration that government has to at some point seriously look at. We're internally looking at it so as to provide an option for the government."

The cabinet minister also spoke on NIB's budget for the upcoming fiscal

year.

He said, "we're looking at the critical issues in NIB which includes its computerization and dealing with occupational health."

NIB has also implemented a V3 stabilization project which he said, received moderate results.

This project was a response to issues within the system back in March where hundreds of thousands of contributions were not processed.

The \$14 million project has employed 20 temporary workers to deal with the excessive backlog.

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*This notice appears in local papers online and in the printed version. The official publication date of this notice is considered the date that it is posted online.*

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Ministry of the Environment and Housing has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), to request competitive tenders from qualified companies to provide a cost-effective solution for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit (EER) at Anatol Rodgers High School, located on the island of New Providence in The Bahamas.

The goal of the EER is to decrease annual energy demand and improve comfort through the installation of energy conservation measures (ECM) and a rooftop solar PV array. Accordingly, Bidders are expected to design, supply and install the following ECMs:

- 250 kW-DC rooftop solar PV array;
- robust exterior lighting control system;
- vacancy sensors in all classrooms, computer labs, and lounges to control lights and ceiling fans;
- louver sensor interlock at gymnasium;
- programmable thermostats throughout the school;
- low-flow lavatory aerators;
- re-zone interior lighting system at entrance;
- re-organize refrigerant lines from condensing units; and
- commissioning new systems and retro-commissioning existing ones.

The successful bidder will be required to implement the project with a design-build contract that ensures a guarantee from the General Contractor to complete ECMs at an agreed schedule and budget, and will be responsible for the performance of all subcontractors.

Bidders are requested to acknowledge receipt of this RFP by responding via box.com to [minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs) and [rford.contractor@rmi.org](mailto:rford.contractor@rmi.org) by 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018, for receipt confirmation. All subsequent information regarding this RFP, including changes made to the document, addenda, responses to questions, and any notifications will be directed only to Bidders who acknowledge receipt of the RFP.

Mandatory site visits will be conducted during the week of 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. Updated site visit information will be emailed only to Bidders who complete the receipt confirmation and declare intention to attend the site visit.

All bidders are expected to request clarifications by 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018, and final responses to requests for clarification will be issued on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

Proposals are to be delivered electronically to [minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs) and [rford.contractor@rmi.org](mailto:rford.contractor@rmi.org) in English, and must be received on 13th July, 2018, by 23:59 hours (Daylight Saving Time).

Proposals will be evaluated based on the strength of the company and its project proposal, project costs and employment practices.

A detailed RFP can be downloaded from the official Bahamas Government Website at [www.bahamas.gov.bs](http://www.bahamas.gov.bs) from the Tender and Notice section. For additional information, Bidders can contact the Ministry of the Environment and Housing at telephone number 397-9450 or 322-6005/6 or at [minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs).