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# Unemployment Increases

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
 Journal Staff Writer

The unemployment rate in the Bahamas has increased from 10 percent to 10.7 percent as of November 2018, a 0.7 percent increase.

Senior statisticians in The Department of Statistics say this increase is as a result of more Bahamians being added to the labour force, over 4,000 in total.

With more than 10,000 new jobs added to the economy, between May 2017 and November 2018, Cyrianna Winters,

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Acting Director of the Department of Statistics Leona Wilson addresses a press conference January 21, 2019 at the department's offices to release Labour Force Survey Preliminary Results, November 2018. (BIS Photo/Kristaan Ingraham)

## PLP SENATOR TELL GOVT "REVERSE COURSE"

BY LEAH COOPER  
 Journal Staff Writer

Former Cabinet Minister Fred Mitchell says the latest labour statistics are "indicative of the fact that unemployment in the Bahamas is worse".

Things, he said, are moving in the wrong direction, and this despite the signs and warnings the government continues to double down in what he called its "depressing menu of stop, review, cancel and cutback".

The results show a .7

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Former Cabinet Minister Fred Mitchell (File photo)

## Gov't Signs Contract On Japanese Vehicles

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT  
 Journal Staff Writer

The government of The Bahamas has signed a contract with EAA Company Limited-

Japanese car inspection company in hopes of eliminating the possibility of radioactive cars being imported to The Bahamas.

According to the Arawak Port

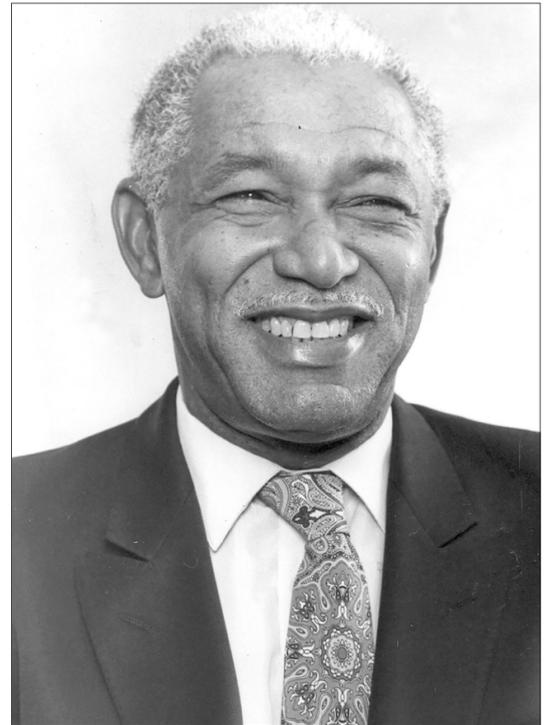
Development, in 2016, more than 11,000 passenger and commercial Japanese used cars were imported to The Bahamas.

A year later, this jumped to 18,459, while

the numbers fell to 17,191 in 2018, Labour Minister Dion Foulkes anticipates this will again increase this year.

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## Ervin Knowles Dies at 84



Former Cabinet Minister and Member of Parliament, Ervin Knowles (File photo)

Former Cabinet Minister and Member of Parliament, Ervin Knowles has passed away on Sunday at the age of 84 years.

A building contractor

and land developer, Mr. Knowles was first elected to Parliament in 1977 as a member of the Bahamian Democratic

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## BAMSI NEW BUSINESS MODEL

IN A BID to streamline operational costs and increase the economic sustainability of the Institute, the Bahamas Agriculture and Marine

Science Institute (BAMSI) is redefining its business model and will focus solely on the wholesale sector, a move which is expected to translate

into increased revenue by tens of thousands of dollars, a top official with BAMSI said. With the closure of its retail centre, though a popular spot for

Bahamians to purchase locally grown, organic produce, BAMSI will be able to strengthen its

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## UB'S PRESIDENT REFUTES FYRE FESTIVAL CLAIMS

BY LEAH COOPER  
 Journal Staff Writer

Netflix's documentary on the infamous Fyre Fest Fiasco in the Exumas had a lot of tongues awagging after show producers accused two former public officials and a University president of

corruption. Yesterday University of The Bahamas President Dr. Rodney Smith is seeking to clear his name from the discussion.

The documentary spoke of festival organiz-

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## Man arraigned on attempted murder charges

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
 Journal Staff Writer

Twenty-nine year old Darrell Bain, aka "Tallboy" and "Scaredem" of Dean

Street yesterday afternoon stood before Magistrate Ambrose Armbrister, accused of several charges stemming from

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# German Ambassador Designate Presented Letters of Credence to the Governor General



► Her Excellency, the Most Honourable Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General, received Letters of Credence from His Excellency Dr. Bernd von Munchow-Pohl, Ambassador-Designate of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, during a brief ceremony at Government House on Monday, January 21, 2019. (BIS Photos/Letisha Henderson)



## GERMAN AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE PAYS COURTESY CALL ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



► His Excellency Dr. Bernd von Munchow-Pohl, Ambassador-Designate of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, left, paid a courtesy call on Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Darren Henfield at the Ministry, January 21, 2019. (BIS Photo/Raymond A. Bethel, Sr.)

## Man arraigned on attempted murder

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plea.

two separate incidents.

In the first matter, Bain is alleged to be behind one count each of house breaking, armed robbery and garroting.

Reports are that on Wednesday June 27, 2018 in New Providence, Bain unlawfully entered the home of Blanche Moss.

To this, he pleaded not guilty.

It is alleged that on the same date and armed with a knife - robbed Moss of her \$3,000 vehicle.

There's the further allegation that he choked Moss in an attempt to render her unconscious.

For these counts he was not required to enter a

He was not granted bail.

Bain was instead remanded until March 8th, 2019 at 10am for presentation of VBI.

In the second matter, Bain was charged with attempted murder, armed robbery and garroting.

It is alleged that on Monday January 14, Bain attempted to cause the death of Lashantia Clarke.

On the same date, he reportedly robbed her of an iPhone and choked Clarke in an attempt to render her unconscious.

Bain was again not required to enter a plea, neither was he granted bail.

He can however apply to the Supreme court.

# THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS BRAND DOMINATES AT TOP U.S. SHOPPING MALL

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL –January 2019 –Over the period January 10 - February 7, The Islands Of The Bahamas brand is receiving high visibility in a heavily trafficked area of the Sawgrass Mall, South Florida, in what is being called a major brand takeover or mall domination.

Sawgrass Mall, a mega shopping complex located in the city of Sunrise, Florida, is reportedly the largest single-story shopping outlet in the U.S. and one of the largest shopping malls in the country. The mall boasts some 2.4 million square feet and attracts an annual traffic of 40 million shoppers.

Currently through February 7, Bahamas Banner images are hanging in the corridors of the Mall's Entry Two, Three and Four. Lit boxes with Bahamas images are located at ideal spots in the three entries and in the rotunda where the three entries merge, Bahamas images encircle the area providing a high visibility of the country's brand from all angles.

A Bahamas booth is located near to entrance two – beside the Tommy Hilfinger outlet –and

throughout the month is being manned by the staff of the Bahamas Tourist Office (BTO), Florida and its industry partners including Bahamasair, FRS Caribbean (Ferry to Bimini), Balearia Caribbean (Ferry to Freeport, Grand Bahama) hoteliers such as Abaco Beach Resort, and the country's Promotion Boards.

Busy shoppers in the world class mall, are stopping by the booth and having their questions on The Bahamas destination answered. According to members of the BTO marketing team, shoppers' questions are ranging from the ease of accessing Exuma, Bahamas - the home of the famous swimming pigs - to the best time and best means of transport to take a quick weekend jaunt to one of the many islands of The Bahamas. Shoppers are also being given the opportunity to win prizes including trips to The Bahamas.

Director of Sales for the Bahamas Tourist Office, Plantation, FL, Betty Bethel-Moss, has said about the promotional campaign: "This is a one of a kind and incredi-

ble opportunity for The Islands Of The Bahamas to be showcased at a venue that attracts such an impressive number of shoppers daily, translating into phenomenal visibility and massive exposure for our Islands."

Director Bethel-Moss also said that, "what makes the opportunity even more stupendous is the fact that during this major initiative, The Bahamas brand will be heavily exposed not only to local and national shoppers, but also to the astounding number of International visitors who are drawn to this Broward County attraction, during their South Florida visits."

The mall features some 375 name-brand outlets and off-price retail stores and 90 plus unique retailers not found elsewhere in South Florida, with 70 luxury outlets.

During the "takeover," team members from the Bahamas Tourist Office and the marketing partners are available at the booth, Wednesday through Sunday to provide shoppers with information on the Bahamas product.



► Phylia Shivers, Sr. Marketing Representative, Bahamas Tourist Office, Florida, engages with shoppers at The Bahamas Booth in Sawgrass Mall. (File photo)

# Gov't Signs Contract On Japanese Vehicles

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This according to the minister, makes The Bahamas what is best described as a dumping ground for unsafe vehicles from Japan and quite some time.

"Japan is a country that has suffered several nuclear accidents, the latest in 2011 in Fukushima and it is imperative that potentially radiated used vehicles are not allowed in The Bahamas.

"This Pre-inspection of Verification of Conformity program, specifically addresses this risk by including a mandatory requirement for radiation on every inspected vehicle," the Labour Minister said.

The government on Monday signed a contract with a Japanese based company - that is responsible for inspecting all vehicles for radiation along with other deficien-

cies.

This includes things like steering wheel alignment, braking force, exhaust, gas and pipe emissions, cooling and fuel systems, the engine, mileage meter, frame and vehicle body and warning lights.

"The contract will commence with an initial pilot program of one year. After the signing, today there will be a 90-day period to finalize the implementation process and public education.

"The cost of the inspection is \$150,000 which will be paid by exporters in Japan," Mr. Foulkes said.

The Minister nor any of the officials from the Department of Labour could confirm or deny if any radioactive cars have been imported to The Bahamas.

However, Director of the Bureau of Standards Renae Ferguson- Bufford



► Pictured is the Minister of Labour, Senator the Hon. Dion Foulkes at center addressing the contract signing with EAA Company Limited from Japan for the development and implementation of a Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) programme that would inspect all used vehicles being shipped from Japan prior to importation into The Bahamas. Also pictured from left to right are Dr. Renae F. Bufford, Director of BBSQ; Ms. Cecilia Strachan, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Mr. Lee Sayer, Vice President and Director of EAA Company Ltd. (File photo)

said she is hopeful that this new partnership would eliminate that risk.

"We don't have the testing facilities in place for that and we trust and pray that there isn't, but because we've been a

dumping ground for so long and we have not had standards in place to ensure conformance to such standards, we cannot answer that question.

"We trust that going forward, in the next three

months or so, that we will begin to ensure that tests for all of these specifications and that we will not have cars that are radiated entering the country moving forward," she said.

EAA is also contracted and approved by the regulatory standards bodies and agencies in Singapore, Mauritius, Tanzania, Zambia and Zanzibar to conduct such used vehicle inspections.

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ers dealing with the pressures of putting on the luxury event with rapidly depleting cashflow.

Event Producer Andy King indicated he had "the head of the Bahamian Tourism

Board, the Minister of Finance, and the head of the University of The Bahamas waiting for \$1 million dollars".

Dr. Smith categorically refuted these claims and added that that the University never involved with any contractual rela-

tions with event organizers.

In the face of such allegations, the President is now being advised on the appropriate legal action in this matter.

Meantime, Former Tourism Minister Obie Wilchcombe, in an inter-

view with the Guardian, said the organizers did not need the Ministry's approval, as the matter had already been received by local government officials.

The music festival was expected to rival that of California based

Coachella Music Festival.

Festival attendees were said to have pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars in hopes of receiving an exclusive, luxury experience only to meet on a remote island with little

to no running water, electricity, or food.

Fyre Festival Co-Founder Billy McFarland was found guilty in Manhattan, New York last year of defrauding investors of the festival and sentenced to six years in federal prison.



### MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND REVENUE REAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICE for 2019

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# Unemployment Increases

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Senior Statistician in the Department of Statistics explained that when compared to May 2018, employment rose 3.4 per cent.

"Employment rose by 2,305 in November when compared to May 2018 and reached about 211,000 persons.

"On a year-over-year basis, employment grew by 6,830 or 3.4 per cent. Meanwhile, the national unemployment rate rose to 10.7 per cent, up from 10.0 per cent in May, as the number of people looking for work increased," Mrs. Winters said.

However, in New Providence alone, the unemployment rate increased from 10.1 per cent to 11 per cent, while Grand Bahama and Abaco saw a decline in unemployment.

"Two of the three most populated islands that were surveyed experienced decreases in their unemployment rates, and one experienced an increase.

"At the time of the survey, the rate in Grand Bahama was 11.9 per cent; and in Abaco 7.7 per cent.

"Among the employed labour force, there were more men (110,280) than women (100,280).

However, in all the islands surveyed except Grand Bahama, men were fewer in numbers among the unemployed labour force," Mrs. Winters added.

Also, on the decline in the months leading to the survey were the number of discouraged workers, according to Mrs. Winters.

"In the six months to November, the number of discouraged workers in the country declined by 6.7 per cent. Notably, the number of discouraged workers fell by 9.1 per cent in New Providence and 9.8 percent in Grand Bahama.

"However, the number

of discouraged workers in Abaco increased by 7.9 per cent, partly offsetting the overall decline.

"Discouraged workers, according to the standard definition of the International Labour Organization (ILO), 'are persons without work and available for work, yet were not actively seeking work because they are not hopeful about their prospects of finding work', Mrs. Winters explained."

In a press release following the release of the statistics, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Peter Turnquest said the government's target is to provide a level of

growth that will rid the country of unemployment in a "sustained way.

"Our focus is on strengthening and expanding efforts to boost job growth, directly and indirectly, by investing in entrepreneurship, particularly for young Bahamians, as well as human resource development and other ways to stimulate growth in the private sector.

"Overall, we welcome news that the unemployment rate improved in Grand Bahama and Abaco, two of the largest population centres outside of New Providence.

"The numbers of discouraged workers also

decreased, pointing to greater confidence in economic prospects among job seekers.

"But, our target is a level of growth that will reduce unemployment in a sustained way, and will be felt evenly across the country, so the work must continue and intensify," Mr. Turnquest said.

According to the survey, "Employment gains were driven by private sector employees which increased by 3.8 percent to 135,135 persons when compared to May. Additionally, the number of self-employed persons stood at 32,475, an increase of 11.9 percent since May."

## Men Employed Over Women

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
Journal Staff Writer

Preliminary results from this year's statistics, reveal that men still dominate the work force over women.

From the Labour Force Report, as of November 2018 more men than women and more young men than young women are employed.

In fact, men outnumber women in the work force by almost 10,000.

According to the report, "women were more likely than men to be unemployed.

"Overall, the unemployment rate for women reached 11.3 percent in November, compared to 10.0 percent for men.

"Young women, those aged 15-24 and core-aged

women, those aged 25 to 54, were more likely to be unemployed than their male counterparts.

"Young women were more likely to be unemployed than young men, according to The Caribbean Development Bank's (CDB) report, as youth unemployment in the Caribbean is among the highest in the world, with the unemployment

rate for those aged 15 to 24 reaching 42.7 per cent.

According to the labour stats, "similar patterns persist in the Bahamas, as youth unemployment for women was highest recorded for all age groups.

"The unemployment rate for young women reached 24.1%, compared with 22.4 per cent for young men, 23.1 per cent

for both sexes" the report indicates.

However, also according to the report, there has been an increase in the number of women employed as of November 2018, compared to May 2018, albeit slightly, by just over 1,500. As such there was also an increase in the number of males employed during the same period of 2,690.

By contrast, men aged 55 years and over were slightly more likely to be unemployed when compared with women in their same age cohort.

Summarized, the Labour Force Report indicates that the rate of job growth is not adequate to absorb the growth of the labour force as school leavers join the labour market yearly.

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per cent increase in the number of unemployed Bahamian in comparison to May of last year, which indicated that employment increased by 4,525

persons or 2.2 per cent from 203,730 to 208,255.

The Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) Chairman is urging the Minnis Administration to reverse course before it inflicts more suffering on

Bahamians.

Senator Mitchell's comments are in response to the preliminary results from the November 2018 Labour Force Survey.

The most recent Labour Force Survey also showed

2,305 net new jobs were added to the Bahamian economy between May and November 2018.

A release from the ministry states, "While these gains are noteworthy, the rate of job growth is still not adequate to absorb the number of school leavers entering the labour market each year."

It added, "this accounted for a small increase in the overall unemployment rate from

10.0% to 10.7% in May of 2018. Notable, however, is that in the 18-month period since May of 2017 the economy added 10,400 net new jobs, largely in the private sector."

The ministry also plans to announce a package of direct financing instruments to get capital into the hands of Bahamian entrepreneurs and small businesses.

This, it said, will allow

for the creation of jobs and for opportunities for self-employment.

The Ministry of Labour stated, "an element of this will be a grant program targeted specifically at young Bahamians from disadvantaged backgrounds. These plans will give life to the government's \$25 million commitment to Bahamian entrepreneurship announced by the Prime Minister last year."

## Ervin Knowles Dies at 84

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Party, but resigned from the party in June 1978. He later became a member of the Progressive Liberal Party and was elected the Member of Parliament for the Cat Island constituency in the General Election of 1982.

In the June 19, 1987 General Election he retained his Cat Island seat. He was subsequently appointed Minister of Agriculture, Trade and Industry and Chairman of the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation. Mr. Knowles also served as chairman of both the Port Authority of New Providence and the Bahamas Electricity Corporation.

He resigned as Minister of Agriculture, Trade and Industry on

March 28, 1990, and as a Member of Parliament on November 20, 1991.

The former MP was appointed Bahamas Ambassador to the Republic of China (Taiwan) in February 1992.

He attended Eastern Junior and Senior Schools and Saint John's College in Nassau.

An Anglican, Mr. Knowles was married to the former Stella Symonette and they had three sons and three daughters.

Opposition Leader Philip Davis in a press statement said, "I am saddened to learn of the passing of a friend and colleague after a long and courageous battle against illness.

"He was known for his connection to Three Queen's Restaurant on Wulff Road. Mr.

Knowles was responsible for a number of construction and road projects in Cat Island and represented that Island with distinction from 1977, resigning in 1990. I was fortunate enough to succeed him upon his resignation in a bye election.

"Mr. Knowles was a son of the soil, a good man who loved The Bahamas and served it well.

"I remember his service to Cat Island as a businessman and investor and as the Member of Parliament.

I extend condolences on behalf of my wife Ann, the Deputy Leader Chester Cooper, Our Chairman Senator Fred Mitchell and the entire Parliamentary team and National General Council," said Mr. Davis.

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# Martin Luther King, Jr.

By: Rev'd Dr. Philip A Rahming

America celebrates the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, former Pastor and Civil Rights Leader on January 21th. Completing his studies in the North, he and his wife opted to return to the South to serve their people. They refused the grand offers to serve in the North that they may be located in the south to be readily available to accept and to serve. Dr. King was called to the pastorate of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. The church was known as the big folks church. Even before King got into his role as the new leader there, the Rosa Parks incident on the bus came up. Parks refused to get up out of a seat for white folks on the bus. That incident led into he Montgomery bus boycott. Martin Luther king was quickly elected to lead the boycott. He accepted the challenge quietly and got to work. The Rose Parks incident on the bus was in December, 1955. The writer met Rosa much later and asked her why she did not get up out of the seat. She looked at me and simply said: My feet were tired. Looking back, we can thank God for those tired feet of Rosa.

With Pastor King as leader the church had its role in the struggle of liberation for the black man in America. The role of the church beginning in the south was to become the liberative voice of the oppressed as well as the oppressor. For whereas the oppressed needs release from the oppressor, the oppressor needs liberation from that culture which made him treat the poor as sub-humans.

In early April, 1968 the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff in Atlanta delegated Dr. King to travel to Washington for the poor people's campaign and directed him to travel by

way of Memphis. King's stop in Memphis was to assist the garbage collectors who were demanding recognition of their union and a sixty (60c) cents per hour pay raise.

There at Memphis, king planned a series of rallies in the city. The first and only one was held on the evening of April 3, 1968 at Mason Street Temple. It was a rainy night in Memphis but some 2000 spirited followers were present. The time came when the civil right leader was to give his address. Dr. King entered the pulpit. He entered it that time for the last time. There, he said that it did not matter to him anymore, for He had gone to the mountain top and had seen the Promised Land. He said he would not get there with those who would, but he wished them to know they will get there. King said that He was happy and was not worrying about anything. He was not fearing any man. Then the Civil Rights Leader thundered out the words that his eyes had seen the coming of the glory of the Lord. The meeting eventually come to a close. The next day April 4th 1968 at 7:05pm Martin Luther King Jr. Pastor and Civil rights leader was pronounced dead by Dr. Jerry Francisco, Memphis coroner. The civil rights leader fell by an assassin's bullet.

As a child, daddy King said Martin would tell his wife and him that he wanted to be like Jesus. Sam Donaldson on his programme, Nightline interviewed king's father on August 25, 1963 some five years before the death of his son. Daddy King told Donaldson that his son would tell his father and mother that when he grew up he would change the world and that he wants to be like Jesus.

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## EDITORIAL

# World-Ready

There are scores of young Bahamians who are making their marks in the global community and who are making their families and their country proud.

One such Bahamian is young Casey M. Bethel. He is the 2017 Teacher of the Year in the State of Georgia in the United States. Williams got the award over 115,000 other teachers and was nominated for the Presidential Award of Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

Lessons he designed are published in The Journal of Chemical Education. He is now the Science Coordinator for his School district, coordinating curriculum, resources, and teacher professional development for 16 schools.

As a Scientist, he spent his first 5 years at the Center for Applied Genetic Technologies, and now conducts biochemistry research at Georgia Tech, hoping to find cures for Alzheimer's disease and inherited Glaucoma. His team's most recent findings were published in Nature-Chemistry Biology.

Appearing yesterday on the Love 97 Radio programme "Issues of the Day," Williams was highly motivational and encouraged students of the Bahamas not only to learn and use computers, but to go further and learn computer programming. He stressed the point that in order to compete on the global stage, Bahamians must embrace technology and ensure that it is taught in various facets in our schools. In this regard, our Ministry of Education must redouble efforts to ensure that all of our Primary School students as well as Secondary school students are in possession of Computer tablets and that these are not abused.

It was heartening to hear that Williams, although well established in the United States, wishes to contribute to the growth and development of the Bahamas. He spoke of returning to the local schools in New Providence where he received his early education; namely Palmdale Primary and Saint Augustine's College and was impressed on what he saw. This outstanding educator, a nephew of Father James Moultrie said our system of education in the Bahamas works well. However, students and parents in particular must take full advantage of the educational

offerings in our schools.

Williams is a good example of what a young Bahamian student is able to achieve if he or she has the proper parental guidance and is focused on higher education.

He is a graduate of Fort Valley State University and The University of Georgia, having earned a bachelor's degree in pre-medicine and a master's degree in plant genetics. He is one of The University of Georgia's top 40 Alumni under 40 and a member of the Fort Valley State Alumni Ring of Honour.

We have often stated that in every corner of The Bahamas, and all over the world, intelligence and energy are in good supply, but opportunity and effective organisations are not. As a result, people are denied the chance to live their lives to the fullest.

Because we live in an interdependent world, we cannot escape each other's problems. However, we must plan our future well and be driven by excellence.

Williams like many other Bahamians are taking full advantage of opportunities in the world, because they have the education and intelligence to compete with the brightest and best on the world stage. They are world class. This suggests that they are able to meet the highest standards anywhere in order to compete.

They are the role models of tens of thousands of young Bahamians who must look at the world from a new perspective. The young students of the Bahamas must be prepared to be world-ready to operate successfully beyond borders.

Thinkers specialise in concepts. Makers specialise in executional competence and traders specialise in connections. What distinguishes the world class from the merely good is the ability to be a global centre of thinking, making or trading.

World class is living up to and exceeding the highest standard set. When Donald Thomas, a young man out of Grand Bahama jumped 2.35 meters in the World Championships in Japan, he made all Bahamians proud. Now, all Bahamians must feel proud with the tremendous contributions that Casey Williams is making in the field on education and biochemistry in the United States.

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# BIG INCREASE IN NUMBERS FOR JUNIOR TENNIS



▶ Winterbotham IC Junior Series group assembled at the start of the event

A great sign for the future of Bahamian tennis is the large jump in young players from 20 to 35 participants at the Winterbotham IC Junior Series for the young 10's and 12's tennis players this last weekend. This is from the inaugural event last year to the same event this year.

In this first of the 2019 Series 35 most juniors played three matches in a Round Robin format on Saturday at The National Tennis Centre. Then with play offs for everyone on Sunday giving 4 or 5 matches in total. This was the first of

a series of four events which will be followed by events at The Leyton Hewitt Academy at Albany in March, The Racket Centre at Baha Mar in May and The YMCA Courts in Freeport in The Fall.

The concept is to increase this important development group and build camaraderie through competition that is not knock out so that they can all work together as friends to better all their games. The events are geared to both boys and girls as tennis is a unique sport that is played by

both and is a "Game for life" that can lead to College Tennis Scholarships. The event is designed to take place over a single weekend and the juniors are given lunch each day to keep them together and help make friends while developing their games.

The organisers are The International Tennis Club (IC) of The Bahamas who are a group of top players who are giving back to the game. There are 40 such clubs around the World ([www.ictennis.net](http://www.ictennis.net)) with many famous players as members such as Roger

Federer, Rafa Nadal and Rod Laver who has recently allowed his name to be added to the title for a series of International Junior Team Events the IC also organise worldwide on every continent.

At this first event of 2019 the Boys 10's winner was Miguel Smith with runner up Alec Hooper, the Girls 10's Winner Millie Beukes with runner up BreAnn Holgrave, The boys 12's winner Michael Major with runner up Jackson Mactaggart and the Girls 12's Winner BreAnn

Ferguson with runner up Saphire Ferguson. Additionally "The Charlie Farrington" Sportsmanship awards will be announced separately and presented at the start of the next event in The Winterbotham IC Junior Series at The Leyton Hewitt Academy at on 9th and 10th March.

Chief organiser, and IC Vice President, Neil Mactaggart said he was delighted with the turnout and the attitude of the young players who are developing well in to a good group of competitive friends who are embrac-

ing the IC encouragement of sportsmanship with its motto of "Hands across the net, friendship across the ocean". Neil further added that this Winterbotham IC Junior Series seems to be effectively reaching out to a wide cross section of our community which is another objective of the series.

At the prize presentation IC President, Kit Spencer, thanked Ivan Hooper of Winterbotham Trust for their sponsorship that makes this very successful series possible.

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# BAMSI GEARED FOR GAINING FINANCIAL STABILITY WITH NEW BUSINESS MODEL

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financial position going forward.

President of BAMSI and chairman of the Board Tennyson Wells said at the heart of BAMSI's change in outlook is the government's decision to introduce new core objectives that will position BAMSI to pay for itself over the long term. "Going forward, BAMSI's new focus will be strengthening the academic arm of the Institute so that it can fulfill its mandate to provide scientific research covering a wide cross section of areas, including soil science, fisheries,

produce and small ruminants, to the Bahamian farmer. As the recipient of cutting-edge research and innovative technologies, farmers be able to bring best quality produce to the Bahamian market on a more consistent basis."

Mr. Wells said the North Andros facility is also looking to grow the student population by tapping into regional and international markets and forming partnerships with international universities, and will continue to provide practical experience for students and farmers as well.

The new direction is a three-pronged approach

where whatever is grown on the BAMSI farm in North Andros will be used to feed students at the Institute. The students themselves will have played an important role in producing the food as they participate in farm skills and other practical training courses. The Institute is also preparing to expand its culinary department by introducing personnel with a background in vegetarian and organic food preparation in an effort to capitalize on the expanded menu.

The remaining produce will be sold directly to wholesalers, hotels and restaurants – and this is

where BAMSI expects to see an increase in its revenue. A critical component to this last element however, is consistency. BAMSI must be able to accurately predict the amount of produce that will be harvested and when.

Clifton Fernander, perishable buyer for Super Value said, "We are committed to buying local produce. If [BAMSI] can provide us with a listing of items that you will have either the week of or the week before so we can forecast, once [BAMSI] keeps it that way we will support." He said further that BAMSI's new focus,

which removes it from the retail sector and concentrates on the wholesale market and a business to business model, is a good idea, noting once the produce is able to get into grocery stores people will see good quality, locally grown produce being sold at a good price.

Speaking about Super Value's ability to purchase locally sourced items, Mr. Fernander said up until 2014 the mega-grocery chain had been able to purchase a higher quality produce item on a consistent basis. "I think the last five years we have not been getting the

quantities of different types of produce grown, and it has dwindled down to only a few. Since BAMSI came into play, they have taken the role of trying to produce different types of products other than the normal types such as tomatoes, cabbages, etc. BAMSI has expanded on the numbers of different types of produce grown here in the Bahamas, like broccoli, zucchini, cucumber, squash and cauliflower. I'd like to see them continue doing that. We have noticed that the quality of produce coming in through BAMSI is pretty good."

## Eleuthera Resident arraigned on ammunition charges

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
Journal Staff Writer

A young Bahamian, Mario Deveaux, yesterday afternoon stood before Magistrate, Ambrose Armbrister on a litany of

ammunition charges.

Deveaux, who was arrested in Rock Sound Eleuthera, was charged on one count each of possession of a prohibited weapon, possession of ammunition, possession

of ammunition with the intent to supply and possession of a component part of a firearm.

It's alleged that on Tuesday January 15th in Rock Sound, Deveaux - being concerned with oth-

ers - was found with a brown Austrian .45 pistol, not being a holder of a license to do so, one live .40 ammunition, 51 .45 ammunition with the intent to supply to another, and one black .45 mag-

azine – again not being the holder of a license to do so.

The accused pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

He was remanded to The Bahamas Department

of Corrections until March 14.

He was not granted bail.

Deveaux was represented by Attorney Taylor Storr.



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