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# Bishop Calls for Unity

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON  
 Journal Staff Writer

The nation's problems can only be solved through unity, according to Bahamas Christian Council President Bishop Delton Fernander, who called for The Bahamas to unite, as he believes Bahamians have developed a "vicious cycle of destroying each other."

"See unity is the only way we can stand Bahamas. We got to stop

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Bishop Delton Fernander

## PM Promises \$1 Million Arts Fund

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON  
 Journal Staff Writer

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis announced plans for the establishment of a \$1 million arts and cultural fund to ensure that Bahamian culture is passed on to future generations.

The prime minister made the announcement during his televised national independence address, as The Bahamas celebrates 46 years as an

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## 21 Receive National Honours Award

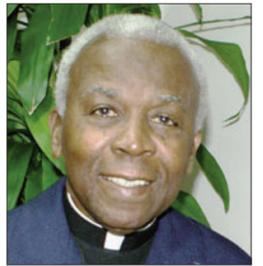
BY LEAH COOPER  
 Journal Staff Writer

Governor General CA Smith, as chancellor of the Societies of Honour established under the National Honours Act, 2016, in accordance with the advice of the prime minister, and the National Honours Advisory Committee, announced yesterday the recipients of the 2019 National Honours Award.

Companions received the Order of The Bahamas, which is conferred upon any citizen of The Bahamas who achieved outstanding distinction in the country and gave distinguished and exemplary service.

The Order of The Bahamas includes three ranks of membership, namely companion, officer, and member.

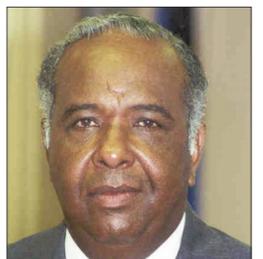
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Rt. Hon. Rev. Dr. Philip Rahming C.B.



Mr. Orville "Tommy" Turnquest, C.D.



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## DPM: Fiscal Consolidation Plan Reasonable

BY LEAH COOPER  
 Journal Staff Writer

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest yesterday

responded to comments made by former Minister of State for Finance Michael Halkitis, who expressed that the government's schedule for

reducing the country's deficit is "too aggressive".

Mr. Micheal Halkitis suggested in a local daily

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## 'Add Generators to Business Plans,' Says D'Aguilar

BY LEAH COOPER  
 Journal Staff Writer

Minister of Tourism Dionisio D'Aguilar suggested yesterday that business owners should consider adding standby generators to their business plans.

D'Aguilar made this suggestion while commenting on the recent string of load shedding exercises in the capital and its possible impact on the tourism industry.

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## GOVERNOR GENERAL AND PM ENJOY INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS



Governor General, His Excellency the Most Hon. Cornelius A. Smith and Mrs. Smith (at right in photo) and Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis and Mrs. Minnis chat as they prepare for an exciting night of events, July 9 at Clifford Park, leading up to the Flag Raising Ceremony on Independence morning, July 10, 2019 celebrating the 46th Anniversary of Bahamas Independence. (BIS Photo/Derek Smith)



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# Pharmachem's Layoffs Worries Wilchcombe

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT  
Journal Staff Writer

Former West End and Bimini MP Obie Wilchcombe wants answers from the government in the wake of Pharmachem parting ways with 32 Bahamians and 11 foreigners.

As Labour Director John Pinder has

explained, their contracts were set to expire in December.

However, Mr. Wilchcombe said this is definitely bad news for Grand Bahama, only further decreasing morale there.

"They have been sitting and waiting idly for a long time and they are very anxious for things to hap-

pen," he said.

"Now when you see companies like Pharmachem, which is supposed to be developing this incredible facility, that would play a major role in the global community and then of course they now fired Bahamians.

"However, they are going to continue their

progress, they claim. Then of course they say there is going to be a delay in opening the plant, so government should explain that.

"What does it mean? Are they taking advantage of the new legislation? The legislation that allows you to bring in individuals from other countries to work and they can work

without getting work permits and all the rest and it's going to be almost automatic.

"Are we seeing a situation where they are taking advantage? The government should tell the Bahamian people no."

According to Mr. Wilchcombe, having already laid off one group, the Grand Bahama

Shipyards is expected to have another similar exercise.

"Are we going to see more of that taking place? Are they taking advantage of the new laws that have been passed? If you're taking advantage of the new laws, it's going to hurt Bahamians," Mr.

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# 46th Independence Anniversary Celebrations in Grand Bahama

► FREEPORT, Grand Bahama, The Bahamas – Governor General His Excellency the Most Hon. Cornelius A. Smith and Mrs. Smith attended 46th Bahamas Independence Anniversary Celebrations in Grand Bahama on Monday evening, July 8, 2019 at Independence Park. Also in attendance were Prime Minister the Most Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance the Hon. Peter Turnquest, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the Hon. Carl Bethel, Minister of Social Services and Urban Development the Hon. Frankie Campbell, and Minister of Foreign Affairs the Hon. Darren Henfield – among a number of other senior officials. **BIS Photos/Lisa Davis**



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Further, in accordance with the provisions of Road Traffic Act Chapter 220, any person is entitled to object to the grant of any franchise, however a person who would wish to be heard as an objector should within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication lodge in writing, two (2) copies of his/her objection, setting out therein, all the grounds of his/her objection(s).

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23	Sean Fawkes Mason Edition Nassau Bahamas	10 Self Drive Cars
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25	Evanette Ferguson Colony Village Nassau Bahamas	6 Self Drive Cars
26	Carolyn Strachan Strachan Road Nassau Bahamas	2 Self Drive Cars
27	Rasheed Campbell Jubilee Gardens Nassau Bahamas	2 Self Drive Cars
28	Gregory Minnis Sr. West Bay Street Nassau Bahamas	4 Self Drive Cars
29	Etienne Taylor Hibiscus Way Nassau Bahamas	2 Self Drive Cars
30	Kieshen Walkes Dignity Gardens Nassau Bahamas	2 Self Drive Cars
31	Kyran Robinson Blue Hill Road Nassau Bahamas	6 Self Drive Cars

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# Man Charged with Montell Heights Shooting

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
Journal Staff Writer

The alleged shooter behind the mass shooting in Montell Heights, on June 30, was on Tuesday charged with 11 counts of firearm related charges.

The shooting which

took place on Ethel Street, Montell Heights early Sunday morning, left 17 people injured.

According to a police report, 14 persons were shot - 10 of the victims were women and four minors. The youngest police said was a 10-year-

old. Police also confirmed that there were no fatalities.

The 26-year-old male, Jeremiah Andrews, also known as Jeremiah Forbes, of Kendal Avenue, appeared before Magistrate Derence Rolle-Davis and was charged

with 11 counts of possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life.

It is alleged that on the date in question, Andrews, being concerned with another, did have in his possession a 9 mm pistol, with intent of endangering the life of 11 people con-

trary to section 33 of the Firearms Act.

Andrews, pleaded not guilty to all counts and was denied bail. However, the Magistrate informed him that he could apply for bail through the Supreme Court.

Andrews was represent-

ed by attorney Krystal Rolle.

He was subsequently remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections until September 10, when he returns for a Voluntary Bill of Indictment, which will fast track his case to the Supreme Court.

# Pharmachem's Layoffs Worries Wilchcombe

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Wilchcombe said.

"It goes back to history because it happened before in Grand Bahama

where we had foreigners from Malta working at the hotels and of course the Freeport Act was in place at the time.

"The then Leader of the Opposition Sir. Lynden

Pindling had to step in and get those people out of the town.

"Are we back to that now? Are we putting laws in place that's repeating history?"

That you are moving Bahamians on the side, bringing others in, calling them experts and the next thing you know you are increasing unemployment numbers and decreasing

our levels of hope and our love for our country because that's what's going on.

"People want to leave. They want to get out because they are saying

nothing is happening for me."

The last unemployment survey pegged the unemployment rate in Grand Bahama at nearly 12 percent.

# PLAITING OF THE MAYPOLE



► Officials and special invited guests watch as youngsters from various primary schools carry out the Plaiting of the Maypole, during the Cultural Show on Monday night, as a part of celebrations for the country's 46th Independence Anniversary.



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# Bishop Calls for Unity

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letting these people play tricks with us. It's time for us to unite, that we have to have a mindset of oneness," Bishop Fernander said during his sermon at the 46th Independence Ecumenical Service on Clifford Park.

"We've got to know that together we can, with God's help, restore this

land. God asked the question Bahamas, can these bones live again? I believe in 2019, God is asking that Ezekiel question and the answer comes back from Ezekiel, 'Oh Lord, you know.'"

According to Bishop Fernander, the country needs to unite because some Bahamians feel that they are not innovative enough to excel in the

country.

"It is just that we have become comfortable in destructive behaviour," he said. "We have a vicious cycle of destroying each other. In the national sense, we've allowed ourselves to become disconnected and scattered."

"A single identity rallies in people around a commonality and transcends your party, your

skin colour. It transcends what all you believe. The differences are minimized when we see ourselves as Bahamians and not in our camps and in our parties.

"Can I tell you that the success of all is the success of each of us? And the success of each of us, accumulatively lead to the success of all of us. It really doesn't matter

whether you are from Bimini or Inagua or any of the islands in between.

"You shouldn't be preferred because you wear red, yellow or green. You shouldn't be the person who gets the job just because you know your MP. That this is our land, and we ought to live with a sense that anybody, anytime can be great and be used by God."

According to Bishop Fernander, Bahamians can only experience change in the country if they make up their minds to get involved with God's process.

"We have to come out of our houses and come out of our tribes and be able to work together to solve our problems," he said. "God expects all of us to get involved."

# 21 Receive National Honours Award

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"Right Honourable" before their name and the placement of the letters "C.B." after their name.

Receiving this would be the author of the country's pledge, the Rt. Hon. Rev. Dr. Philip Rahming C.B.

Both the Rt. Honourable Timothy Gibson C.B., the writer of the national anthem, and the Rt. Honourable Rev.

Dr. Hervis Bain, the designer of the nation's coat of arms, will be awarded posthumously.

Next up is the Order of Distinction, which is awarded to persons recognized for their exemplary service provided to the country.

The Order of Distinction also includes three ranks of membership, which are companion, officer, or member.

A companion is entitled

to place the letters "C.D." after their name.

An officer is entitled to place the letters "O.D." after their name.

A member is also entitled to place the letters "D.M." after their name.

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- Mr. Edward "Dud"

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# Police Patrol during Load Shedding

BY BERTHONY McDERMOTT  
Journal Staff Writer

Police are working with Bahamas Power and Light to ensure high crime areas are adequately patrolled

during load shedding exercises.

The need for more police patrol came after BPL reluctantly released its load shedding schedule following fears that doing so

will lead to a spike in crime in certain communities.

"In these cases, the police clearly understand their responsibility," Minister of National Security

Marvin Dames said.

"They are working with BPL to ensure that they are able to address any outages, any concerns and to ensure too that they up their resources in areas that

they would need to."

BPL anticipates load shedding to continue throughout the brutal summer months.

The power giant recently purchased an additional five

megawatts rental generator that's expected here in the capital next week to help with the demand, according to BPL Public Relations Director Quincy Parker.

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